

Rotary Arts Minute for 6/2/2025 Information provided by the

FREE EVENTS



[Art on the Mall 2025](#)

Friday & Saturday, June 6 – June 7, 2025 (Friday 12 – 8 pm and Saturday 9 am-5 pm)
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, MI

For 38 years, the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo has presented this outdoor artistic extravaganza featuring over 60 local and regional artists showcasing original paintings, jewelry, garden art, pottery, art demonstrations, and live entertainment! This free, two-day arts-filled adventure is part of downtown Kalamazoo's official JumpstART to summer celebration which features several popular outdoor events including the Do-Dah Parade,

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair, Kalamazoo Pride, and Concerts in the Park! Sponsored by Metro Toyota, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, and the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Art on the Mall is located on the downtown Kalamazoo Mall from Michigan Avenue to South Street, and South Street just past the Kalamazoo Public Library to Farmers Alley. The Metro Toyota entertainment stage at Art on the Mall features live performances from various music genres and periods. From solo performers to full bands, there is truly something for everyone. The stage is located on the corner of the Kalamazoo Mall and South Street in front of the Acrisure building, and this year features:

Friday 6/6

1:00-1:45 pm	Aurora & Antheia
2:15-3:00 pm	Bluesy Suzy
3:30-4:15 pm	Ray Bro
5:45-6:30 pm	Ballet Folklorico de Mi Terra & Corazon y Alma
7:00-8:00 pm	The Plural Nouns

Saturday 6/7

1:00-2:00 pm	Michigan Hiryu Daiko
2:30-3:30 pm	Payton&Annabelle
4:00-5:00 pm	Dylan Tolbert



[Free Thursdays at the KIA](#)

Thursdays in 2025 at 11:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI

Enjoy free general admission and extended hours until 8pm on Thursdays, thanks to generous support provided by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program and the Efroymsen Family Fund.

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[Makers Meetup - Kalamazoo](#)

Sundays, March 24 - July 27, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot, LLC](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

The Makers Meetup – Kalamazoo will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-4:30 pm. You will have a chance to introduce yourself and a maker-related topic, then mingle and participate in a group activity. Bring a project if you have one you'd like to share. You are invited to come down and see who is in your network. Connect on Discord <https://discord.gg/mT86YZXm33>. Looking forward to seeing you there! P.S. If you would like to join remotely, please connect to the Kzoo Makers voice chat on Discord.



[Gallery Gathering: Family Exploration of An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Explore the magical world of JooYoung Choi's immersive installation, An Infinite Constellation of Love, on view in the Joy Light Gallery. This special Gallery Gathering is designed especially for young museumgoers and their caregivers. Gallery stools will be available. After the Gallery Gathering, stay for Family Night activities, and make your own artwork inspired by the exhibition! [Gallery Gatherings](#) are short, lightly-moderated conversations about selected artworks from ongoing exhibitions. Chairs and gallery stools are available for guests. This program is free, but preregistration is encouraged.



[Family Night at the KIA](#)

Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Bring the whole family for an exciting evening of art exploration and creativity! Discover JooYoung Choi's vibrant exhibition, An Infinite Constellation of Love, where her imaginative world and playful characters celebrate diversity and the power of community connections.

Start the night off with a family-friendly Gallery Gathering from 5:30 to 6:00pm. From 6:00 to 8:00pm drop in and explore the galleries and let JooYoung's colorful exhibit spark your creativity as you make your own unique artwork.

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74th Annual KIA Arts Fair

JunE 6 - 7, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Summer begins with the 74th Annual Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair in historic Bronson Park in beautiful downtown Kalamazoo. This two-day, juried art show draws 15,000+ visitors to the park and features 130+ fine artists from across

Michigan and the country showcasing their jaw dropping creations of usable and decorative art to feature, wear and use. You are sure to find something unique shopping the wide selection of fine artists working in a variety of mediums and forms. The fun continues Friday and Saturday with shopping, live entertainment, kids’ activities, artist demonstrations from the Kirk Newman Art School, food truck fair, and FREE admission to KIA galleries. The KIA is proud to celebrate and be a part of this JumpstART Summer weekend featuring not only the KIA Arts Fair but also Art on the Mall, the Do Dah Parade and Kalamazoo Pride. There is something for everyone in Bronson Park and beyond!

FILM & VIDEO



Harry Potter and The Chamber Secrets™ in Concert

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Miller Auditorium](#) and [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

This concert features the film Harry Potter and the Chambers of Secrets™ in high-definition, on a giant screen, while the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra performs John Williams’ unforgettable score. Relive every magical moment as the music brings life to a story that has enchanted the world.



Opening Day: Leo Villareal: Interstellar

Friday, June 6, 2025 at 11:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Leo Villareal: Interstellar invites viewers into the immersive digital worlds of Leo Villareal, where code, celestial bodies, and humanity converge into a fusion of art and technology. This exhibition showcases a collection of works by Villareal from the last five years, underlining his pioneering role in the realm of digital art in the 21st century. By creating atmospheric artworks and environments where space and light collide, Villareal instills a sense of awe and wonder, offering intimate moments for both personal and collective reflection. The artist’s use of light and code serves as both media and symbols that represent knowledge, discovery, and the spark of consciousness within the intricate web

of the cosmos. The works on view will encourage viewers to consider the paradoxes of the universe—the vastness and intricacies of the cosmos against the fleeting nature of our existence. The exhibition will inspire visitors to imagine the possibilities that new technologies provide for humanity’s advancement and perhaps even its preservation. Leo Villareal’s works convey the tension that exists between these congruent and at times opposing forces, while asking viewers to reflect on their place within the grand, enigmatic expanse of the universe. Ultimately, *Leo Villareal: Interstellar* builds a shared journey through the known and the unknown.

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MUSIC



An Evening with Yo-Yo Ma

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Julian Kuerti, Conductor

Yo-Yo Ma, Cello

ABOUT THE CONCERT

Join us for a mesmerizing evening of music as the Kalamazoo Symphony welcomes legendary musician Yo-Yo Ma to the stage.

This once-in-a decade opportunity comes to Kalamazoo for one night only.

PROGRAM

Felix Mendelssohn | Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | Symphony No. 41 in C major, "Jupiter"

Edward Elgar | Cello Concerto in E minor



Geezer Beat for Dancing Feet

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Duke and The Loose Cannons](#) at Shakespeare's Pub, 241 E Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Life-craft musicians Duke and The Loose Cannons will serve up grooviness while Shakespeare's Pub serves up tastiness. Open to music lovers young and old.



Concerts in the Park: KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND

Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo Concert Band was founded in 1961 to provide area musicians with continued symphonic band experiences after high school and college. The group consists of adult players from all walks of life, professional and musical abilities. We are committed to providing lifelong musicianship to members, educational and cultural experiences to the community, and a program that is open to all ages and free to the public. Concerts in the Park is a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, with support from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and the City of Kalamazoo. It is one of Kalamazoo's long-standing traditions, typically offered on Sunday afternoons in

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June, July, and August in Bronson Park, delivering a unique offering, unlike any other. Each concert is free and is friendly for the entire family. Bring chairs or blankets for your comfort!

There is not a rain site for Concerts in the Park. If inclement weather is expected the concert may be canceled by 2 pm on that same day.

ONLINE/STREAMING



[Virtual - Coloring Party for Stress Relief](#)

Mondays, May 19 – August 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot, LLC](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Welcome to our Coloring Party for Stress Relief! Join us on Zoom for a fun and relaxing event. Unleash your creativity and unwind with some coloring therapy. Whether you're a coloring pro or just starting out, everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite coloring utensils, meet new friends, and enjoy a chill evening of coloring. Let your stress melt away as you focus on filling in beautiful designs. Don't miss out on

this opportunity to relax, BREATHE, and recharge. Join the Serendipity Spot "Coloring Party" tier at https://www.patreon.com/c/serendipity_spot and get in for free each month plus receive a bonus coloring page. See you there!

THEATRE

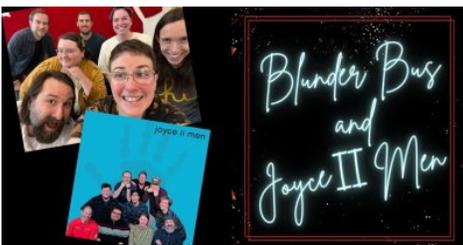


[Ride the Cyclone](#)

May 29 - June 15, 2025

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

In this hilarious and outlandish story, the poor choir students who died on that roller coaster, awake in limbo, and a mechanical fortune teller invites each to tell a story to win a prize like no other — the chance to return to life. This popular musical is a funny, moving look at what makes a life well-lived. The music is electric and eclectic featuring many genres like pop, glam rock, rap and traditional Broadway. The show has also become a cultural phenomenon, with millions of videos created across TikTok and Instagram. With this regional premiere, *Ride The Cyclone* is a 90-minute thrill ride you won't soon forget.



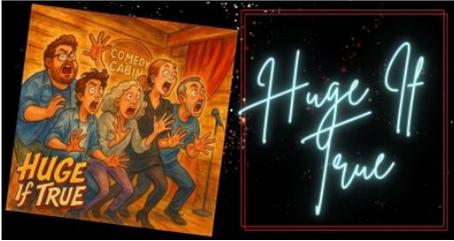
[Blunder Bus & Joyce II Men Improv Comedy](#)

Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre](#) at [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Blunder Bus High-energy games and fun characters are front and center with Blunder Bus as they find the hilarity in everyday life! This team performed double duty at last year's Fest and they'll bring 200% this year. *Honk Honk* Joyce II Men Joyce II Men is a Kalamazoo-based improv comedy troupe founded in 2019. Besides the Crawlspace, some of their favorite performance venues have been a nursing home, a dog park, and a haunted cornfield. Known for their quick wit, ability to think on their feet, and willingness to take risks, they also tend to bouts of poor judgment, leading to hilarious results.

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[Huge If True Improv Comedy](#)

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre](#) at [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Huge If True is an improv crew from Janesville, WI bringing their own kind of long form to the Midwest. From made up towns to sincere songs, Huge if True blends fun and comedy with sincerity and heart. @hugeiftrueimprov

Show Date: June 7

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p

Intended for mature audiences.

VISUAL ARTS



[An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

February 22 – June 15, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The KIA's centennial celebration continues with An Infinite Constellation of Love, opening in the Joy Light Gallery on February 22, 2025. This one-of-a-kind exhibition invites visitors to journey into the dazzling and boundless world of JooYoung Choi's artistry. Visitors are invited to engage with Choi's interdisciplinary universe of videos, sculptures, paintings, and site-specific installations. Inspired by science fiction, fantasy, social justice, and Choi's personal history, viewers can experience the artist's fantastical realm filled with a cast of characters where art and storytelling converge to spark dialogue around identity, belonging, trauma, and resilience. Through her vibrant imagery and playful sculptures, Choi embraces the beauty of our differences and celebrates the power of connection within diverse communities. At the heart of this exhibition is a profound exploration of family, reimagined beyond the confines of a traditional "family tree." In An Infinite Constellation of Love, Choi invites viewers to consider family as an ever-expanding constellation of relationships—defined not by biology alone but also by shared care, support, and love in all its forms. Born in Seoul, South Korea in 1982, JooYoung Choi immigrated in 1983 through adoption to Concord, New Hampshire. While completing her BFA at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Choi returned to South Korea and reunited with her birth family, an experience that shaped her understanding of family and belonging. Since graduating with an MFA in 2012 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Choi has exhibited in numerous venues, including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR; Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY; The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX; and The Crow Museum of Asian Art, Dallas, TX, among many others. Choi's artistic practice uses painting, video art, sculpture, animation, puppetry, music, and installations to create an expansive imaginary world called "The Cosmic Womb." Her work has been featured by PBS Digital Studios, YTN (Korean Global News Network), the LA Times, and the Huffington Post. She has received many grants and awards, including support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Artadia, and has participated in numerous artist residencies to expand her artistic vision. JooYoung Choi is represented by Inman Gallery in Houston, TX.

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To enhance your experience, the KIA encourages visitors and members to reserve tickets in advance. JooYoung Choi will also present an artist talk on March 20 and lead a family workshop on March 22. Space is limited, and registration is required for all programs.

Exhibition dates: February 22, 2025 – June 15, 2025

[View events in connection with this exhibition.](#)



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June 7 - September 21, 2025 at 11:00 am

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