

Rotary Arts Minute 10/9/2023 Information provided by the



[Tomorrow is the LAST DAY for Community Arts Awards nominations](#)

Nominations for the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK)'s 2023 Community Arts Awards are being accepted now through October 10, 2023. Nominations can be submitted online through the ACGK website at <https://www.kalamazooarts.org>. Award categories include the Community Medal of Arts, Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service, Adam F. Carter Young Artist Award, Business Arts Award, Epic Award, and Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Award. The Community Arts Awards will be announced on Oct. 31, 2023, and honorees will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm at the Gull Lake Center for Fine Arts.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Crescendo Fiddlers - Fiddle Club](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Director [Joanna Steinhauser](#) teaches folk fiddle music, which includes fiddle tunes from the folk music traditions of New England, Appalachia, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, and China. In addition to weekly classes, the Crescendo Fiddlers perform throughout the summer at regional folk music festivals, community events, and farmers' markets. Two to three years of playing experience is usually required.

FILM & VIDEO



[The Nightmare Before Christmas \(1993 Film\)](#)

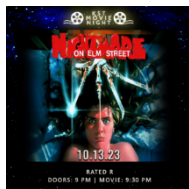
Friday, October 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Doors: 6:00pm | Show: 7:00pm

One of our favorite holiday traditions moves to a new month at the Kalamazoo State Theatre! Join the pumpkin king and all his friends for a screening of the hit 1993 film **The Nightmare Before Christmas** at the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** Friday, October 13th! *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is rated PG. Parental Guidance is strongly advised.

Come early to participate in a special activity presented by **Colors and Cocktails!** Come dressed as your favorite Halloween Town character and you could win a prize in our costume contest! Take part in the pre-show trivia for even more chances to win! Plus, as always, we'll have a signature drink to help celebrate the occasion. We are proud to be partnering with MRC artWorks for this event. One dollar for every ticket sold will be donated to MRC artWorks.



[A Nightmare On Elm Street \(1984 Film\) — Late Show](#)

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Doors: 9:00pm | Show: 9:30pm

A new tradition begins! Put the kids to bed, dress up as your favorite movie monster, and join us for a late night screening of the 1984 film *A Nightmare On Elm Street* at the historic Kalamazoo State Theatre Friday, October 13th! *A Nightmare On Elm Street* is rated R. Viewer discretion is strongly advised.

Come dressed as your favorite Halloween characters and you could win a prize in our costume contest! Take part in the pre-show trivia for even more chances to win! Plus, as always, we'll have a signature drink to help celebrate the occasion.



[The Rocky Horror Picture Show \(1975 Film\) Enhanced by WMU Musical Theatre Students and Presented by OutFront Kalamazoo](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

VIP Pre-Party: 6:15-7:45PM | Doors: 8:00pm | Show: 9:00pm

Let's do the time warp again! **OutFront Kalamazoo** presents the **Rocky Horror Picture Show** *enhanced* movie experience at the **Kalamazoo State Theatre** on Saturday, October 14. This 1975 musical horror comedy film will come to life with a live shadow cast (that's actors acting in front of the screen during the film) performed by the WMU Department of Theatre! *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is rated R. Viewer discretion is advised. Come as a spectator or give yourself over to absolute pleasure by upgrading to the full VIP experience! Join Brad, Janet, Frank N. Furter, Riff Raff, Magenta, Columbia, and Eddie in the Kalamazoo State Theatre "Castle"! Playing continuously since its release in 1975, Rocky Horror is the longest running movie in history. The Rocky Horror Picture Show was the first—and is still the best—interactive movie experience!

****PLEASE NOTE: This event is not a musical. This event will feature the 1975 film with a shadow cast performing (i.e. lipsync/dancing/acting) on stage/in the pit along with the movie below the screen.**



[Creative Wilderness: Photography Walk with Jim Triezenberg](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors Photography Walk w/Jim Triezenberg

Guest artists and authors meet to share their work, talk about their process and help guide artmaking.

This month we welcome: **Photography Walk with Jim Triezenberg** Enjoy the fall colors along the Beech Maple Trail and pick up some pointers for using your smartphone and DSLR cameras.

Fee: \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member. Register or drop in.

FREE EVENTS

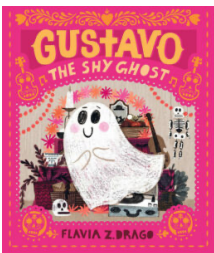


[How the Teatro Olimpico and the Drottningholm Slottsteater “Perform” their Pasts](#)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm

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

Is it possible for audiences to be transported to the theatrical past? Dr. Ed Menta joins us to explore this question and more, taking a closer look into the history and architectural design of the Teatro Olimpico (Vicenza) and the Drottningholm Slottsteater (Stockholm). His talk will analyze how these theatres “perform” their pasts, examining how their distinctive features employ motion and space; the presence of their silent ghost audiences; their similarities as one-room theatres; the “democratic nature” of their auditoriums; and the use of trompe l’oeil in their construction. From 1986-2018, Professor Emeritus Ed Menta taught Directing, Theatre History, and Playwriting at Kalamazoo College, directing/producing more than 100 plays for the college’s Festival Playhouse. Menta’s articles have appeared in multiple journals, including Theatre Topics, Theatre Research International, Shakespeare Bulletin, and The Baseball Research Journal. He is also the co-founder, composer, and guitarist of the Kalamazoo blues band, BlueBack.



[Art Detectives: Gustavo the Shy Ghost](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10:30 am

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

Gustavo the shy ghost needs some encouragement to show off his talents at the Día de los Muertos party! We'll discover how Gustavo learns to be brave with our friends from El Concilio. This Art Detectives story will be read in both English and Spanish. We will learn about Día de los Muertos and create papel picado and paper marigolds. The KIA will open an ofrenda at this event.

MUSIC



[Kommuna Lux](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Presented by Connecting Chords Music Festival at [Bell's Eccentric Cafe](#) 355 E. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

“In Odesa, people find togetherness. In Odesa, all will laugh and sing.” Ukraine’s [Kommuna Lux](#) validates these words from an old poem, performing their own style called “Odesa Gangsta Folk” – thrilling klezmer music and common gangster folk songs from their hometown, all with a dose of rocket fuel. Self-described as “a group of talented and energetic musicians who like to create unforgettable musical experiences for their audience. Our goal is not just sound, but real emotions and unforgettable impressions from our music.” In addition to the band’s presence on the largest festivals in Ukraine such as the Koktebel Jazz Festival, Kyiv Klezmer Fest, Atlas Weekend or Woodstock Ukraine, the band has also received cheering applause from the audiences in the United States and all over the world. Since the beginning of the Russian aggression in Ukraine, Kommuna Lux has collected donations at all their concerts to support humanitarian causes. They honor their hometown and Ukraine’s heroes with a brilliant sound and spectacular concert!



[Fry Street Quartet](#)

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Fontana](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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The remarkable [Fry Street Quartet](#) is a multi-faceted ensemble taking chamber music in new directions. Since securing the Grand Prize at the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, the quartet has reached audiences from Carnegie Hall to London, and Sarajevo to Jerusalem, exploring the medium of the string quartet and its life-affirming potential with “profound understanding ... depth of expression, and stunning technical astuteness” (*Deseret Morning News*).



[Casting Crowns 20th Anniversary Tour](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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

Multi-platinum-selling Grammy winners Casting Crowns will take their powerful live performances on the road this fall with The Casting Crowns 20th Anniversary Tour: A Live Symphony Experience. Featuring hit songs from the band's current chart-topping *Healer* album ("Scars In Heaven," "Crazy People"), concert-goers will also experience a night of worship like no other celebrating an incredible 20-year repertoire of songs like "Only Jesus," "Nobody," "Praise You In This Storm," "East To West" and many more. For the first time ever, Casting Crowns will be joined by a live symphony on this special anniversary tour. With more than 12 million albums sold and multiple Grammy, Dove and American Music Awards to their name, Casting Crowns might be best known for their fan-favorite live concert events – and The Casting Crowns 20th Anniversary Tour promises to be no different.

THEATRE



[Intimate Apparel](#)

Thursday-Sunday, October 6-15, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

General Admission tickets are \$21, Senior tickets are \$19, Student tickets are \$10, and WMU Student tickets are \$7. Student and WMU Student tickets require the patron to bring their student ID when they check in at the performance. Our box office hours are Tuesday-Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. as well as an hour and a half before each performance. You can always leave a message, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Season passes and tickets are always available [online](#). Email: theatre-info@wmich.edu

Intimate Apparel follows the story of Esther, a black seamstress who lives in a boarding house for women and sews intimate apparel for clients who range from wealthy white patrons to prostitutes. She remains, lonely and longing for a husband and a future. Her plan is to find the right man and use the money she's saved to open a beauty parlor where black women will be treated as royally as the white women she sews for. She begins to receive beautiful letters from a lonesome Caribbean man named George, who convinces Esther to get married, sight unseen. When George arrives in New York, however, he turns out not to be the man his letters painted him to be. Deeply wounded by the betrayal, but somehow unbroken, Esther returns to the boarding house determined to use her gifted hands and her sewing machine to refashion her dreams.



All of Us: A Celebration of BIPOC Voices

Friday-Sunday, Oct 6-15, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [The Parish Theatre](#), 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Civic Youth Theatre presents All of Us: A Celebration of BIPOC Voices in the Parish Theatre, October 6-15, 2023 (Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00pm)

Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200435185>

All tickets are \$10. For more information and group sale rates, please call our box office at 269-343-1313.

Venue: Parish Theatre, 405 W Lovell St., Kalamazoo, Mi 49007.

VISUAL ARTS



"Anima and Animus" sculpture exhibit by Patti Opel

Monday-Friday, September 11, 2023 - October 19, 2023

Presented by [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Opel’s exhibit, titled “Anima and Animus,” features 11 large-scale, wall-hung sculptures and will run from Sept. 11 through Oct. 19 in the KCC Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center’s Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays. A gallery talk and closing reception – also free and open to the public – will be held with the artist on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the gallery. The gallery talk, part of the College’s continuing DeVries Lecture Series, will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. The closing reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.



Weight and Whimsy: Chinese Language in Contemporary Art

Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm

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

The most distinctive feature of Chinese visual culture is the written language. Chinese people gave up robes for Western suits, Mao jackets, and jeans. Hutong houses are being replaced with steel and glass towers. But the written language is impervious to Westernization. Dr. Alfreda Murck will discuss four contemporary artists —

Wang Fangyu, Qiu Zhijie, Zhang Huan, and Xu Bing — who feature Chinese characters in their art. Their works are not calligraphy per se, but are rather critical and witty commentaries on politics, culture, China's long history, and on the language itself. Dr. Murck holds a Ph.D. in Art History from Princeton University. Her research centers on classical Chinese painting. An internationally recognized curator, educator, and scholar, she has served in key positions in both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Palace Museum in Beijing, and she has also taught Chinese art history at Columbia University.