

Rotary Arts Minute 7/10/2023 Information provided by the



ART HOP



[Art Hop July 2023 - Celebrating Therapeutic Arts](#)

Friday, July 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm

FREE

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Various Locations

Art therapy promotes emotional growth through the creative process using a variety of art forms to unravel and heal from within. The therapeutic arts may include but are not limited to drawing, painting, mixed media, music, writing, sculpture, and movement. In July, we will focus on the theme of mental health and the idea of art as a therapeutic act. We will feature artists who work in the fields of mental health and art with a couple of these artists running interactive workshops throughout the evening. [Register to Participate today!](#) Participation is now free!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Stage Combat \(50+\)](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 4:30 pm

[Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#)

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

With a safety-first approach, Certified Teacher of Stage Combat, Steven Schwall, will teach the principles and techniques of theatrical violence. Participants will learn to combine the skill of combat with the nuances of acting to create fighting styles that support both character and story. Combat techniques covered will include acting to react, falling, punches, slaps, hair pulling and live sound effects.

This section is reserved for students aged 50+

Dates: July 12, 19, and 26, 2023

Tuition: \$62



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Dates: July 12, 19, and 26, 2023

Tuition: \$99



[Audition Workshop: All of Us: A Celebration of BIPOC Voices](#)

Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium](#), 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Academy of Theatre Arts is pleased to be able to offer free Audition Workshops for each production of the season. Audition workshops are led by the production's artistic team, using the same materials that will be used at the audition. Time is built into the workshop for participants to receive personalized tips and feedback. Registration will open about two months prior to each workshop. Before registration opens, dates may change based upon staff availability. (Workshops listed in a faded font – are not yet open for registration.)

*The workshops cover the performers audition only – they might include information about crew opportunities but will not include instruction about these volunteer areas.

When: Saturday, July 15, 2:00 – 3:30pm

FILM & VIDEO



[Dirty Dancing \(1987 Film\) — Presented by Moxie Media](#)

Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 8:00 pm

All seating is GA for this PG-13 rated event.

\$12.50 Advance ticket price

\$15 Week of screening price

\$10 Student pricing available

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

Doors: 7:00 PM | Show: 8:00 PM

Moxie Media Group is bringing a special screening of the classic 1987 film DIRTY DANCING to the historic Kalamazoo State Theatre on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Baby (Jennifer Grey) is one listless summer away from the Peace Corps. Hoping to enjoy her youth while it lasts, she's disappointed when her summer plans deposit her at a sleepy resort in the Catskills with her parents. Her luck turns around, however, when the resort's dance instructor, Johnny (Patrick Swayze), enlists Baby as his new partner, and the two fall in love. Baby's father forbids her from seeing Johnny, but she's determined to help him perform the last big dance of the summer.

ABOUT MOXIE MEDIA:

Moxie Media Group is the publisher of Moxie Magazine and the promoter of the Moxie Women's Expo.

MUSIC



[Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-Ins](#)

Wednesdays, May 03, 2023 - Sep 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by Gilmore Car Museum at [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition from May through September! It is FREE to bring your collector car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. On good weather nights, the fun starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm, with both George & Sally's authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. With live music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you and your family won't forget! So, plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories.

*Museum members receive early entry at 4:30pm.

General:

Cruise-Ins run every Wednesday from May through September, 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

With the exception of the Blue Moon Diner, the Grill, and the Gilmore Bar, all other Museum buildings are CLOSED during Cruise-Ins. If inclement weather is predicted, the Cruise-In will still take place, but scheduled cruise time will be shortened to 7:00pm.

Type of Cars:

Limited to show field cars only (classics, muscle, antique, special interest, hot rods, etc).

Parking:

Within the museum grounds there will be designated areas for parking. Each lot will be filled on a "first here" basis – no reserved or special parking.

Food Service:

The Grill will be open – serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips.

George & Sally’s Blue Moon Diner – serving regular diner menu items.

The Gilmore Bar – serving beer, wine, and spirits.

If inclement weather is predicted, the Grill will NOT be open. Regular menu items will be available in the Diner from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Talent Schedule:

July 12 – The Iconix – Iconic melodies from the 60’s, 70’s & 80’s

July 19 – Mama’s Hot Sauce – Scorchabilly – mixing modern Rockabilly and Rock & Roll

July 26 – Glad All Over – Fun ‘60’s focused Rock & Pop

August 2 – Zion Lion – Reggae band

August 9 – Retrovibe – Classic Rock, British Invasion & Blues

August 16 – Rock Island Ramblers – Country

August 23 – Michigan Freedom Rockers – 50’s & ‘60’s Rock

August 30 – Hoot Owls – Folk Trio

September 6 –The Skeletones – R & B Motown Dance Band

September 13 – His Boy Elroy – Country

September 20 – So Long Bella Donna

September 27 – Chris Karl – Contemporary Rock



[Richland Area Community Center - Farmer's Market Concerts](#)

Wednesdays, June 14, 2023 - July 26, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Richland Area Community Center](#) at [Richland Area Community Center](#), 9400 E. CD Avenue, Richland, MI 49083

Grab your lawn chair and a blanket and head on down to the farmers market. We have a great line up of live music this summer!

July 12 – LaSoulful Rock

July 26 Crescendo Fiddlers



[Vicksburg - Burg Days of Summer](#)

Wednesdays, June 14, 2023 - August 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at Oswald Park, 109 N Main St, Vicksburg, MI 49097

This summer, we’re bringing fun and festivities to downtown Vicksburg with the first ever BURG Days of Summer! Join us for family friendly activities, live music in the streets, food trucks and more! Whether you’re

visiting from out-of-town or are a Vicksburg resident, there's plenty of entertainment in our safe and walkable village to fill your day.

Oswalt Park in the heart of downtown Vicksburg with a Social District

Variety of retail shops, restaurants, and nightlife

Clark Park gazebo and observation deck overlooking a flowing stream

Vicksburg's Main and Prairie Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic on event days. Parking can be found in municipal lots marked around downtown. If any BURG Days of Summer events must be cancelled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, announcements will be published on the Village of Vicksburg social platforms.

Performers

July 12th Main St: Out of Favor Boys – Blues/Funk/Soul

Featuring funky rhythms, searing guitar and blazing saxophone lines the quintet brings incredible energy to every show they play. The OOFB put on a show sure to be enjoyed by contemporary and traditional blues and funk lovers and anyone who appreciates great live music.

Prairie St: Michael & Sophie McIntosh – Top 40

Michael is a gifted vocalist and guitarist who was part of one of Michigan's most popular bands... 'Drop 35' for many years. His material &B, Motown, pop, classic rock, and much more.

July 19th Main St: Special Guest – Classic Rock

Special Guest play classic rock from the early 60's to the mid 80's and lots of Bob Seger's hits. Power trio featuring guitar, bass, drums & vocals from the S.W. Michigan area. Three members from Night Move Bob Segar Tribute band featuring Night Movers lead vocalist Jack Parkhurst on vocals.

Prairie St: Pinter Whitnick – 80's & 90's

Based out of Detroit, Michigan this husband and wife duo play a full-band sound with rich harmonies as they bring familiar favorites to life.

July 26th Main St: The Mickey's – Americana/Folk/Alt Country

Jammie Award Winners. The Mickey's have enjoyed global press and radio exposure in support of Find Our Way and Walk Along – resulting in impressive radio success and two European tours. Identical twins, Amy Sherman and Julie Peebles front the compelling musical force.

Prairie St: Ada LeAnn – Top 40's

Josie's Awards Single of the Year

Based out of Battle Creek, a semi-finalist for NBC Song Contest, Ada plays many of her own songs, such as "Young Love", along with performing Top 40s

August 2nd Main St: The Skeletones – R&B/Blues/Soul/Motown

Brings a searing brand of high energy, yet soulful music to the local music scene and have taken their show throughout the Midwest.

Prairie St: Hurricane – Reggae

Hailing from the exotic isle of Dominica Cleve Hurricane Jean Jacques will be performing his solo gig bringing a true Caribbean vibe with Reggae, Soca, Calypso a little Jazz, Top 40 and Blues.

August 9th Main St: Rusty and the Nails – Classic Rock and Blues

Fun Classic rock and blues featuring covers and original songs. Musical influences and songs performed are: The Beatles, Jethro Tull, REM, Tom Petty, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Lynyrd Skynyrd and much more!

Prairie St: Tom Askey – Old Hank's Son

Tom Askey is a retired professional hockey player who has found a second career writing and performing music. Throughout his playing career, Askey worked on his passion for playing guitar and singing in his spare

time. Tom performed at local bars and events in every city he played in while honing his skills and stage presence.

August 16th Main St: Three of a Kind – Pop Classics

Three of a Kind is a collection of 3 diversely experienced musicians who pride themselves on intense 3-part harmonies and very eclectic mix of pop classics. They will dazzle the audience with their musical interpretation, energy, and diverse style.

Prairie St: Greg Cordes – Blue and Rock

As a small-town Lawton, MI-based singer/songwriter, Greg Cordes, has 40 years of musical experience. Greg's unique country style voice mixed with a clear tone of blues and rock has been entertaining audiences for 16 years.



[Steve Kamerling @ Brick + Brine](#)

Fridays, Jan 13, 2023 - Aug 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Free Admission.

Presented by [Arts Council Member Artist](#) at Brick + Brine, 100 W Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Come enjoy an evening at Brick + Brine restaurant. Steve will be performing everything from jazz standards to pop tunes with a twist on an archtop guitar and vocals. Enjoy an appetizer, dinner, or just a drink while listening to many of your favorite tunes.

THEATRE



[RENT](#)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 22, 2023 - July 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Special Preview Performance (6/22/23): \$25

Thursdays: \$40-\$44

Friday-Sunday: \$45-\$49

Student Tickets \$15 All Performances

General Rush: \$10 All Performances*

**Begins 1 hour prior to curtain. Must be present at the box office. Subject to seating availability.*

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

No day but today! *RENT* comes to Farmers Alley Theatre this June and July.

Based loosely on Puccini's *La Boheme*, Jonathan Larson's *RENT* is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. It follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

This innovative production is directed by **Trey Ellett**. Last seen at Farmers Alley Theatre as Dan in our acclaimed 2013 production of *Next to Normal*, Trey has a long history with *RENT*. From playing Mark during the original Broadway run and directing several productions across the world to his work with original director Michael Greif, this is a show Trey knows very well. The Farmers Alley Theatre production stars Equity professional actors **Logan Farine** as Roger, **Chris Minor** as Collins, and **David Nacio** as Angel. Several Farmers Alley Favorites return as well including **Jason Koch** (*Bright Star*) as Mark, with **Teddy Huff** (*A Swinging Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett*) and **Michael Davis Arnold** (*A Year with Frog and Toad*) in the ensemble. Newcomers include **Mariangeli Collado** as Mimi, **Stephanie Reuning-Scherer** as Maureen, **Oluchi Nwaokorie** as Joanne, and **Kemar Williams** as Benny. The ensemble is rounded out by **Alexis Aponte**, **Travon Moore**, **Jack Ford-Teich**, and **Brittany Allen**, with **Jalen Xavier** and **Kailin Kenerly** as swings.



[Center Stage Theater Presents Meredith Willson's The Music Man](#)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – July 7, 2023 - July 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Adults – \$15.00

Seniors – Age 60+ – \$12.00

Students – \$12.00

Child – Age 3-12 – \$12.00

(Ages 2 & under free if not occupying a seat)

Friday, July 7, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 8, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 2:00 pm

Friday, July 14, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – 2:00 pm * Sensory Friendly Performance *

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 16, 2023 – 2:00 pm

All performances will take place at

Comstock Community Auditorium

2107 N. 26th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Presented by [Center Stage Theatre](#) at [Comstock Community Auditorium](#), 2107 N. 26th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

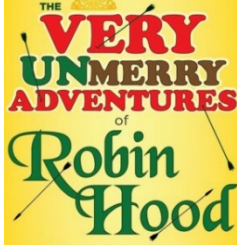
The classic musical, “The Music Man,” tells the story of a charismatic con man named Harold Hill who dupes the unsuspecting residents of a small Midwestern town. Harold poses as a boys’ band organizer and leader, selling instruments and uniforms to the townsfolk and promising to train their children to become talented musicians.

But here’s the catch: Harold has no musical talent whatsoever and has no intention of actually teaching anyone how to play. He plans to take the money and skip town before anyone realizes he’s a fraud.

Enter Marian, a prim and proper librarian who sees right through Harold’s scheme. But when he helps her younger brother overcome his speech impediment, Marian begins to see Harold in a different light.

As the plot thickens, Harold risks getting caught in order to win Marian’s heart. Along the way, we get to enjoy some of the most beloved songs in musical theater history, including “Seventy-Six Trombones” and “Till There Was You.”

“The Music Man” is a heartwarming tale of love, redemption, and the power of music to bring people together.



[The Very UnMerry Adventures of Robin Hood - Kindleberger Summer Festival of the Performing Arts](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Jul 12, 2023 - Jul 16, 2023 at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kindleberger Arts Commission](#) at [The Stage at Kindleberger Park](#), 300 Maple Street, Parchment, MI 49004

The Kindleberger Summer Festival Youth Play has valiantly opened the 6-day festival since the year 1990. We are excited to continue this community tradition with the presentation of the 2023 youth production, THE VERY, UnMERRY ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD, directed by Connor Klock! Come along with us on this very merry, rollicking fun adventure in Parchment's beautiful municipal park!

Sherwood Forest is scheduled to be chopped down by the Sheriff of Nottingham and only our beloved Robin Hood and his crew of merry men can stop him! But it will take more than an archery contest to save Sherwood and it seems not everything is going as planned...

PERFORMANCE DATES @The Stage at Kindleberger Park

Wed-Fri, July 12-14 at 5:30

Festival Day, Saturday, July 15 at 3:30

Sunday, July 16 at 3:30

Join us for one or five performances of a FREE family show for kids and adults alike! Lawn seating, bring chair or blanket. Pack the perfect picnic, or purchase from food vendors on site to serve dinner or snacks for your pleasure!

Entrance to Kindleberger Park is at the corner of Park Ave and Hubbard St.

**No rain site for Stage performances.



[GREASE - Kindleberger Summer Festival of the Performing Arts](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kindleberger Arts Commission](#) at [The Stage at Kindleberger Park](#), 300 Maple Street, Parchment, MI 49004

The Kindleberger Arts is excited to announce our Family Musical for the 2023 Kindleberger Summer Festival of the Performing Arts! Directed by Ken Holda, we proudly present one of the world's most popular musical hits,

the nostalgic, record breaking GREASE! Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals, along with innumerable school and community productions place Grease among the world's most popular musicals!

PERFORMANCE DATE @ The Stage at Kindleberger Park

Wed, July 12 – Fri, July 14 at 7 pm

Festival Day, Sat, July 15 at 5pm

Sun, July 16 at 5 pm

Join us for one or five FREE performances of top-notch outdoor theatre entertainment! Lawn seating, bring chair or blanket. Pack the perfect picnic, or purchase from food vendors on site to serve dinner or snacks for your pleasure!

Entrance to Kindleberger Park is at the corner of Park Ave. and Hubbard St.

**No rain site for Stage performances.



[Exception To The Rule](#)

Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 13, 2023 - Jul 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at [Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre \(formerly Epic Theatre\)](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 205, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

How do you make it through detention? In the worst high school in the city, six Black students are stuck in Room 111. They flirt. They fight. They tease. Should they follow the rules and stay put, or find an escape? Are the walls keeping them in, or are stronger forces at play?

VISUAL ARTS



[Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with special guest artist Renae Baumgart](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 1:00 pm

\$5/KNC Member, \$10/Non-Member

Register or drop in.

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

Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with special guest artist Renae Baumgart

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

This month we welcome: **Renae Baumgart, Rip Studio**

Learn how this local artist creates unique pieces by free hand ripping repurposed wallpaper.

Fee: \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member. Register or drop in.