

# Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, August 30, 2021

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ART HOP – SPECIAL SECTION ON STOPS



## [Art Hop - September 2021](#)

Friday  
Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm  
at Unknown

Join us for Art Hop downtown Kalamazoo on Friday, September 3rd from 5-8 PM. The event is free to the public. Individual artists, arts organizations, and small businesses can apply online to show their work. Visit the new art hop site to get the [digital brochure!](#) Sign in for complete access.

For complete information on Art Hop, visit the [program page](#).  
Need a paper copy of the brochure for September – open and print the

PDF – [ART HOP SEPTEMBER 2021](#)



## [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 1: Crescendo Violinists](#)

Friday  
Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm  
Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [Epic Center First Floor](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Crescendo Academy of Music presents student violinists accompanied by their teachers.



## [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 2: Dave Elhart](#)

Friday  
Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm  
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

David's art style is said to be engaging. No titles are provided. You, the viewer, provide the title from what you see and feel. Like music, art is an emotional experience.



## [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 3: Artxt Tyler, Mr. Jon JC, David Raznick, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#)

Friday  
Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm  
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Epic Center - 2nd Floor Atrium](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tyler is an artist that works in many mediums, acrylic, watercolor, digital and takes on many different subject matters. He is also influenced mostly by the world around him.

<https://www.facebook.com/artxt Tyler>  
<https://www.instagram.com/artxt Tyler>

<https://etsy.com/shop/artxt Tyler>

Jonathan Clark creates stunning digital pieces based on entertainment. And some that personal and poignant.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100034491372087>  
<https://www.instagram.com/mrjonjc/>

David Raznick creates art to facilitate people's imagination and encourage them to create art themselves.

Founded in 2011, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WMU offers high quality non-credit programs for mature adults in the greater Kalamazoo community. This volunteer organization, with support from WMUx, works with WMU emeriti, faculty and staff to offer courses and trips year-round.

OLLI at WMU is proud to have created a community of lifelong learners in Kalamazoo and looks forward to continued growth as it creates more and more diverse learning experiences for its members.



#### [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 4: KJB Artistry, Julia Hope Art](#)

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Epic Center: Lower Level](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kylie Brown creates stunning candles with crystals and herbs. She also paints and makes lighter holders out of clay.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/KyliesArtcamp?ref=seller-platform-mcnav>

Julia Vanderelzen is a multifaceted multimedia artist. Her main focuses are in fluid art, pottery and photography. Her inspiration comes from the places in nature she's traveled to, as well as the both inner and outer galaxies she's "traveled" to. By approaching her work with positive intention, and mindfulness, she is able to encapsulate a part of her soul into every piece, leaving each one special and unique.

[Http://Facebook.com/juliahopeart](http://Facebook.com/juliahopeart)

[Http://Instagram.com/juliahopeart](http://Instagram.com/juliahopeart)

[Http://Juliahopeart.com](http://Juliahopeart.com)



#### [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 5: Other Curiosities](#)

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Other Curiosities](#) at [Bee Joyful Shop](#), 243 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dabbling in the more obscure things in life Other Curiosities/Valarie Birch creates one of a kind bone/nature works and much more!

<https://othercuriosities.com>

[https://linktr.ee/other\\_curiosities](https://linktr.ee/other_curiosities)



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 6: Joel Mabus, Connecting Chords Music Festival, Michigan Festival of Sacred Music](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Michigan Festival of Sacred Music](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W. South St.,

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Joel Mabus Artist Statement and Links

“Joel Mabus is a free-ranging fretboard genius and funny, deep songwriter whose warm voice, sly humor, and musicianship sweep audiences along for the ride.

<http://www.joelmabus.com/>

Connecting Chords Music Festival Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/connectingchordsfest/>

<https://www.instagram.com/connectingchordsfest/>

Michigan Festival of Sacred Music Link:

<https://www.mfsm.us/>



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 7: Jace Slater](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Colors & Cocktails](#) at [Colors & Cocktails](#), 326 W Kalamazoo Avenue, Studio 309, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

[www.colors-and-cocktails.com](http://www.colors-and-cocktails.com)

[www.facebook.com/colorsandcocktails](http://www.facebook.com/colorsandcocktails)

[www.instagram.com/colorsandcocktails](http://www.instagram.com/colorsandcocktails)

Jace Slater is a local, 6 year old painter. His favorite type of painting is the paint pouring technique on canvas. He uses acrylic paint and different items to make different designs such as apple cutters, rings, little cups, and mini strainers. Jace loves to show and do paintings with his family and friends. He doesn't have a certain style, he likes to pick fun colors and go with the flow. Enjoy Jace's art work at the Colors & Cocktails gallery during the month of September.



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 8: Janet Meulman, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Michael Parker](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Kalamazoo Defender](#), 151 S Rose St, Ste. 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo Defender Links:

<https://www.kalamazoodefender.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-Defender-1037471396438750>

Michael Parker Artist Statement:

Michael Parker looks to challenge himself as an artist by expanding his horizons and tapping into the vastness of his creative energy that coincides in his DNA. His aim is to create something that connects the viewer to the universe while also altering the consciousness of those who seek knowledge as ancient as the beginning of time.

Anthony Fitzpatrick Artist Statement:

The work Anthony Fitzpatrick presents involves movement and colors, from things he has listened to and formed shapes and movement of objects. The colors and contrast attract people to think of different emotions – all of which he hopes are positive.

Janet Meulman Artist Statement:

Someone asked Janet Meulman why she likes to paint. She loved art in school and brought it to her home decorating in marbelizing furniture and walls. This year she actually painted a beach scene on three sides of her yard shed. She fell in love with the different artistic views she saw when she visited a couple of museums when she was in Paris. She was just in awe of what could be done, and they all had different reactions from different people. It totally floored her how it could change how you were feeling at the moment and dreamed of later.



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 9: Corinn Rutkoski](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [The Spirit of Kalamazoo](#), 166 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Corinn Rutkoski is a Kalamazoo-based artist and ecologist who creates relief prints and mixed media collages inspired by Michigan flora and the mysteries of the natural world.

[https://www.instagram.com/\\_worldswithinworlds\\_/](https://www.instagram.com/_worldswithinworlds_/)



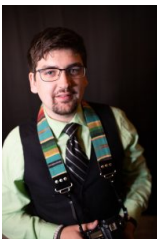
**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 10: Ken Morgan](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [City Centre Market and Deli](#), 125 S. Kalamazoo Mall Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Ken Morgan has been performing as a woodwind and recording artist (flutes, saxophones, clarinet) for over 60 years. Ken has performed in symphony orchestras, jazz groups, World music ensembles, and has been called on to back up well known artists & touring shows such as Louis Armstrong, Henry Mancini, Aretha Franklin, the Broadway Beatles tribute group Rain, the Houston Opera Company's Porgy & Bess, to name just a few.



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 11: Patrick Rodgers](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [V & A Bootery](#), 202 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

“Your own true north”

V&A Bootery Link

www.vabootery.com



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 12: Community Photographers](#)**

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Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

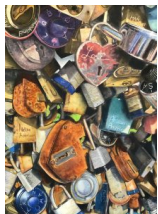
Presented by [Center for New Media](#) at [Kalamazoo Valley Center for New Media & Arcus Gallery](#), 100 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

This exhibit features photography by Kalamazoo Valley Community College students and community members.

<https://www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits>

<https://facebook.com/KalamazooValley/CNM>

<https://instagram.com/centerfornewmedia>



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 13: Tracy Klinesteker](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Honor Credit Union](#), 148 E Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tracy Klinesteker's paintings celebrate her joy of color with realistic interpretation.

<https://tracy-klinesteker.format.com/work>



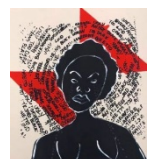
**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 14: Glass Art Kalamazoo](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#) at [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

On display in our gallery will be a retrospective of work created by our Summer Glass Camp 2021 students. Come check out the awesome work of these creative kids! We will also have our signature glass blowing show in the hot shop, our Journey Beads volunteers demonstrating in the flame shop, and a hands-on project available in our fusing studio. Art Hop is back at Glass Art Kalamazoo!



**[Art Hop September 2021 Stop 16: Shaquona Espinoza and Josh Ford](#)**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [BeadVenture](#) at [Beadventure](#), 320 E Michigan , Suite 101, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Shaquona Espinoza is an artist born and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Art has always been a part of her life, but it wasn't until 2018 that she started painting with acrylic paints on canvas. She would focus on the simplicity and beauty of nature and with time she decided to paint faces that brought familiarity into her life.

Knowing that her artwork/gift isn't just for her, but for others to love and enjoy, keeps her motivated to be creative and challenge herself. She tends to create artwork that challenges her perception of reality. She wants her art to make people feel good.

Shaquona's artwork has been showcased at Elements, the WMU Office for Sustainability, the Epic Center, the Black Arts and Cultural Center, Center for New Media at KVCC, Channel 8 News and virtually during Juneteenth- curated by Soul Artistry LLC, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts during the West Michigan Area Art Show, Public Media Network, the Kalamazoo Defenders, and virtually- curated by the Black Arts and Cultural Center.

Shaquona is a permanent vendor at BeadVenture, a nonprofit program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. Her artwork is available for purchase in the cooperative space she shares with other local artists and handmade vendors who support the mission of teaching youth the art and culture of crafting and the entrepreneurial skills to sell their work.

Josh Ford recently moved from Ohio to Michigan. His art style is abstract and cartoon, pieces that make you think and a statement about social issues. He uses a large variety of paint mediums.



### [Art Hop September 2021 Stop 17: Caitlin Brooks, Austin Rounds, Kaley Miller](#)

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [The Arc Community](#)

[Advocates](#), 814 S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The Arc Community Advocates Links:

<https://www.communityadvocates.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheArcCommunityAdvocates>

Austin Rounds:

Austin Rounds is a nineteen year old artist who has used his art as an outlet and a way to express himself when the world around him may feel off kilter, beautiful, and even challenging. Being autistic has not always been easy, but it is a part of who Austin is, and only adds to his creativity. Austin Rounds is currently finishing art projects as the main illustrator for an upcoming book, Michigan Monsters and Macabre Series Two (schedule to be published fall 2021) by Wicked Harvest Books. He continues to work on commissioned pieces of art, and enjoys working with a variety of styles and mediums. Enjoy the marvelously creative and unbridled art of Austin Rounds.

<https://www.facebook.com/austin.rounds.18>

<https://www.instagram.com/austinroundsgallery/?fbclid=IwAR2I677RS7YV97UVoDDnaGX2GKts5wLFaeGaqZxKcAksLVs0jJXW8HpxrXc>

Kaley Miller:

Kaley is a young woman whose passion is painting and working with color. With support from her family and friends she started a small business re-purposing small household items by painting and waxing them with chalk paint. She takes items found at estate and garage sales, cleans them, repairs (with help) and paints. She especially likes to paint and decorate mason jars. No two items are exactly alike. You can find her selling at community events or private parties.

[https://www.facebook.com/kaleysartstudio/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/kaleysartstudio/about/?ref=page_internal)

Caitlin Brooks:

Caitlin Brooks hails from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist with big passion for rock, blues, soul, jazz, and a bouquet of many related sub-genres.

<https://www.YouTube.com/user/CaitlinBrooksMusic>

[https://www.facebook.com/caitlinbrooksmusic/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/caitlinbrooksmusic/?ref=page_internal)



## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### [Canine Carnival](#)

Saturday

Sep 04, 2021 at 11:00 am, 02:00 pm

\$5 ticket per dog

Tickets can be purchased at [mypark.portagemi.gov](http://mypark.portagemi.gov).

Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at [South Westnedge Park](#), 1101 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI

Celebrate your canine companions with a carnival dedicated just to them! Play enrichment games, take silly photos, and have a waggin' good time. Dog park rules apply. In an effort to include all canines; Careful Canine Hours are reserved for dogs that exhibit anxious behaviors around other dogs and crowds of people. There are extra guidelines in place to keep all dogs, handlers, and volunteers safe. A ticket is required for entry and must be purchased in advance at [mypark.portagemi.gov](http://mypark.portagemi.gov). To participate in Careful Canine Hours, pre-registration is required.



### [ARTbreak: Local Sustainability](#)

Tuesday

Sep 07, 2021 at 12:00 pm

Free Admission

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

Have you wanted to learn more about how you can lessen your environmental impact? Chris Dilley and Ben Brown from Kalamazoo's People's Food Co-op

have some tips for everyday ways to tread more lightly on the planet. Topics will range from transportation and homemaking to, of course, food! This ARTbreak is in connection with Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination, which explores a natural world affected by humanity.



### [Water Color Classes with Kay Severson](#)

Tuesday

Sep 07, 2021 - Oct 12, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Cost is \$70 for five Tuesday evenings in September/October of basic instruction.

Registration forms are available from the email below. Completed forms and payment should be sent to:

Watercolor Painting Class/Westminster Presbyterian Church 1515 Helen Ave. Portage MI 49002. Checks should be made out to Kay Severson.

Presented by [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#), 1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Kay has been watercolor painting for 17 years, and teaching watercolor classes for the past 5 years. She has art and education as undergrad majors and studied watercolor painting with nationally known watercolor artists Frankie Wheeler, Sterling Edwards, Ann Painter, and Don Marek. She has had work accepted into juried Art shows and received awards, as well as having done commissioned pieces. Her work is available at the **Art on the Town Gallery** in Pentwater, MI.

Kay says, “I feel strongly that students who are interested in Art, and particularly in watercolor need to be exposed to the variety of materials and techniques available, and then have the opportunity to explore and decide for themselves what kind of result they wish to produce. Many Art teachers present students with a very narrow, mainly personal viewpoint with the expectation that the students’ work will look like that of the teacher. My goal is for students to be confident in their ability and vision to explore on their own and create independently.”



### [Impasto! Plein Air](#)

Tuesday

Sep 07, 2021 - Sep 14, 2021 at 01:00 pm

No advance registration needed. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per session, cash or check only please.

Drop ins are welcome.

Presented by [Blue Dart Art](#) at Fred Russ Forest, 20379 Marcellus Highway, Decatur, Decatur, MI 49045

Impasto! Plein Air, Tuesdays – September 7, and September 14, 1pm – 3pm

Fred Russ Forest, 20379 Marcellus Highway, Decatur, Mi, 29045, West Entrance

Using Impasto, a very thick, blended way to paint, students will depict a view of nature from the beauty that they see around them. Working outside in the fresh air or “Plein Air, the class will use acrylic paints on canvas. Beginning and advanced artists are invited to join in and enjoy painting in this rather fast, Expressionistic / Impressionistic Style. Students should bring their own acrylic paints, brushes, and canvas. Each participant will work on an original, individual composition. The teacher will begin the class with a brief demonstration.

The suggested donation is \$15.00 per class. Drop ins of all ages are welcome.

## FREE EVENTS



### [Project Show 'n Tell - Virtual Edition #12](#)

Thursday

Sep 02, 2021 at 07:00 pm

Tickets are free and available until 6pm on the day of the event through the Eventbrite link.

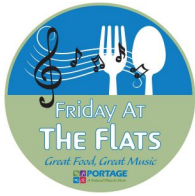
Presented by [Serendipity Spot](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

CALLING ALL CREATORS!!! If you are a crafter, hobbyist, artist, business owner, knitter, do it yourself-er, maker, foodie, and other categories not named, we want to know what you are working on! We know you are making things. Here is a chance to take a turn to share or just sit and learn.

Moderated by Stacy Belinsky (Serendipity Spot/Kzoo Makers) and co-hosted with Christopher Kaminsky (Lakeshore Fab Lab).

\*\*\*\*UPDATED 2/1/2021\*\*\*\* Stay an additional hangout time after the presentations and chat with the group for 30 minutes or until 9pm, whichever is earlier.





### [Friday At The Flats](#)

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 04:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at [Celery Flats - Amphitheatre](#), 7335 Garden Lane , Portage, MI 49081

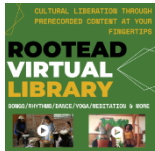
We are bringing the taste of Portage to you! Friday at the Flats returns to the Celery Flats Pavilion in 2021. Join us on the first Friday of the month for dinner and experience a wide range of food trucks and live music. Seating is limited, but lawn space is plentiful, so bring a blanket or chair. Connect with your loved ones at Celery Flats through food and fun.

While at the event, join the Friday at the Flats Community Food Drive! All items must be sealed, undamaged, unexpired, non-perishable or canned food. Some examples of current needs are: jelly/jam, cereal, canned soups, boxed meals (e.g. Hamburger Helper), shelf-stable powdered milk, baking mixes (e.g. Jiffy or Bisquick), shelf-stable tortillas, granola bars or microwavable foods (like rice in a bag). Donations can be dropped off at the donation bin at the Portage Parks & Recreation tent throughout the event.

Special thanks to our event sponsor: the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

- » Fridays, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, 4 – 8 PM
- » Celery Flats Pavilion (7335 Garden Lane)
- » FREE Admission

## KIDS & FAMILY



### [Rotead Virtual Library](#)

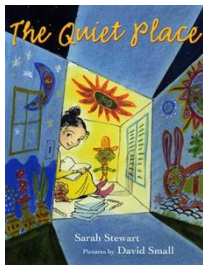
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Nov 16, 2020 - Nov 16, 2021 at 01:00 am, 01:00 pm

Presented by [Rotead](#) at [Rotead](#), 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

The Rotead Virtual Library is available through the Rotead Collective. Content can be accessed through web browser on a Desktop or Computer. You can also download the app on your Mobile Device to have the content available at your fingertips. Download the app and become a part of the Rotead Collective!

## LITERATURE & POETRY



### [Art Detectives](#)

Saturday

Sep 11, 2021 at 10:30 am

Free Admission

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

Do you have a special place where you can enjoy the quiet? Arty Mouse will read *The Quiet Place* by author Sarah Stewart and illustrator David Small, a book about a little girl whose family emigrates from Mexico to the USA. This is not an Art Detectives to miss as participants will be

joined by David Small and Sarah Stewart! Children will have the chance to hear from the author and illustrator and then see original illustrations in the KIA Interactive Gallery!

## MUSIC



### [Backyard Broadway](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Jun 01, 2021 - Sep 30, 2021 at 07:00 pm

Follow [this link](#) to choose a date & time to inquire about the potential performance you're interested in. Someone will be in touch to discuss logistics

and pricing.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at Your backyard!

Farmers Alley Theatre is offering a very special series this summer called BACKYARD BROADWAY which will bring entertainment to theatre lovers in Michigan!

We're all missing the **magic** of seeing & hearing a **live performance in person**, so since indoor events are not possible right now due to health/safety concerns, we're bringing BROADWAY to the people! Featuring artists like Jeremy Koch, Whitney Weiner, Este'Fan Kizer and more!

BACKYARD BROADWAY is a fabulously entertaining musical revue of Broadway Hits past and present from shows like Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen, West Side Story and more, presented in a special private performance for musical theatre lovers and up to 15 of their friends right in their own backyard! We offer this series to businesses too so we want everyone to know about it.

**BACKYARD BROADWAY is available June 1 – September 30.**



### [Beats on Bates - Jazz & Creative Institute and the Kalamazoo Music School Student Ensemble Concert](#)

Wednesday  
Sep 01, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership](#) at [Bates Alley](#), Bates Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Beats on Bates returns to downtown Kalamazoo in Bates Alley this summer! Presented by the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership as a part of the Summertime Live series, Beats on Bates will run on select Wednesdays, June through September. All concerts are from 5:30 – 8:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) and are free to attend.

Bates Alley is part of the downtown Commons Area. So, indulge in a meal and some drinks, and enjoy the musical stylings under the beautiful lights of Bates Alley.

Bates Alley is located between Pitcher & Portage Street.

To view the complete Beats on Bates and Summertime Live schedule, visit: [www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/](http://www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/).



### **Joel Mabus**

Friday

Sep 03, 2021 at 07:30 pm

Free admission

Presented by [Michigan Festival of Sacred Music](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W. South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The [Connecting Chords Music Festival](#) is proud to present folk singer/songwriter **Joel Mabus** on **Friday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Bronson Park Rotary Stage in downtown Kalamazoo.

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Joel Mabus is a maverick in the folk music world. An award-winning singer, he defies any easy pigeonhole. By turns, he picks a mountain banjo to accompany an ancient ballad, sings a witty song about modern life, plays a sweet Irish melody on guitar, swings a hot jazz number, and then reaches deep for a soulful expression of values in a troubled world.

He tops it all with a flatpicked fiddle tune or old ukulele song — all skillfully blended into a seamless flow. One fan said, “It’s music from the heart that hits you right between the eyes.”

A mainstay on the folk circuit these past 40 years, Joel has 27 albums to his credit; the latest is “Time & Truth”.

This event is free to the public. Donations will be accepted.

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Produced by the [Michigan Festival of Sacred Music](#) – a nonprofit arts organization in Kalamazoo, Michigan – the Connecting Chords Music Festival events center around the common convictions and threads that draw our community together: the importance of cultural traditions, human dignity, and the increased understanding of various faith traditions.



### **Beats on Bates - Greyson Nye Experiment**

Wednesday

Sep 08, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership](#) at [Bates Alley](#), Bates Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

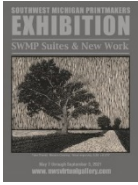
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## VISUAL ARTS



### [SWMP Suites & New Work Virtual Exhibition](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

May 07, 2021 - Sep 03, 2021 at 12:00 am

Presented by [Southwest Michigan Printmakers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

### **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PRINTMAKERS**

Begun in the late 1970s, the Southwest Michigan Printmakers (SWMP) is a diverse and informal group of regional artists/printmakers dedicated to the creation of hand-made and fine art prints. Meeting bi-monthly, the group encourages artists working in printmaking and promotes excellence in the various print mediums. Through exhibitions of their works, SWMP helps to encourage public knowledge, understanding, and support for printmaking.

### **NEW WORKS**

New Works are those prints created by members outside of any SWMP framework. These prints illustrate the members' commitment to their craft and ongoing exploration of their individual bodies of work.

### **SWMP SUITES: 'H2O' AND 'LIGHT AND DARK'**

These were the two broad themes responded to by participating members of SWMP in 2019 and 2021 respectively. The resulting group of prints are considered a suite and were editioned for an exchange between the participants. These two print collections illustrate the many forms and mediums printmaking offers and reflect the individual artist's interpretation of the themes.

**Exhibition Dates:** May 7 through September 3, 2021.



### [Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition 2021](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Apr 23, 2021 - Apr 22, 2022 at 12:00 am

Presented by [WMU Gwen Frostic School of Art](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The Richmond Center for Visual Arts is pleased to announce the 2021 juror for the

Frostic School of Art Annual Student Exhibition, Tyanna Buie.

### [About the event](#)

### [Online Gallery](#)

A Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI native, Tyanna Buie is Assistant Professor/Section Chair of Printmaking at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI. A nationally recognized visual artist, she earned her BA from Western Illinois University and her MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Buie has attended such Artist-in-Residency programs as the Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, LA; the Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale, NY; and the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. She maintains a close connection to the community by hosting printmaking workshops and demonstrations, while participating in Healthy Neighborhood Initiatives through the production of public art created for underserved neighborhoods and communities in Milwaukee, and Madison, WI.

Buie has been a visiting artist lecturer in Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Arizona, while continuing to exhibit her works in numerous juried, group and solo exhibitions throughout the country. Her extensive exhibition record includes The Contemporary Invitational Print and Drawing exhibition at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, The Haggerty Museum of Art, The Racine Art Museum, The Red Bull House of Art, N'NAMDI Center for Contemporary Art, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, The Milwaukee Art Museum, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Wriston Art Center, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and the Alice Wilds.