

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo
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1940's Radio Hour: Sunday, Friday, Saturday, Nov 26, 2021 - Dec 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm. Presented by Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

There couldn't be a better way to launch our Season of New Beginnings than with a musical that opens with *I Got a Gal in Kalamazoo* and closes with *I'll be Seeing You*. It's December 1942 and broken down New York radio station WOV is prepping for the final broadcast of the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade: a seasonal treat for the troops overseas. This gem of a holiday musical is filled with colorful characters, big dance numbers, and lots of heart. *Love is Here to Stay*, *Blue Moon*, *Strike Up the Band* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* are just a few of the chart-topping hits you'll be humming as you leave the theatre.



2021 Nutcracker Virtual Ballet: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 - Dec 19, 2021 at 12:00 am. Presented by Ballet Arts Ensemble and Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Kalamazoo Children's Chorus at Online/Virtual Space. **Ticket Price is \$20.**

Are you looking for an affordably priced holiday concert that will please the entire family? Look no further! BAE brings the magic and wonder of *Nutcracker 2021* to the virtual stage from midnight Saturday, December 11 to noon Sunday, December 19.

This recording features: Music by members of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Brier conducting. Professional dancers from Grand Rapid Ballet and Western Michigan University (WMU) in principal roles. Students from the WMU Department of Dance. Guest performers from the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus. A local cast of 100 children and adults. A traditional favorite, BAE's full-length production about Clara and her nutcracker doll is noted for its attractive sets, lavish costumes, and the delightful choreography of Artistic Director Cathleen Huling. BAE's past five *Nutcracker* productions have been performed for sell-out crowds, providing nearly 20,000 people with an opportunity to experience dance and music that filled them with the spirit of the season.

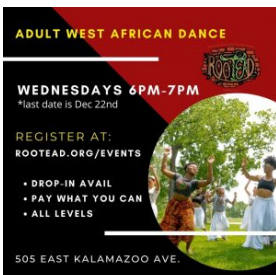


47th Stulberg International String Competition:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct 18, 2021 - Feb 1, 2022 at 12:00 am. Presented by the Epic Center, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

The Stulberg Competition is open to students of violin, viola, cello or double bass. Applicants must be age 19 or under as of January 1, 2022. Proof of date of birth will be required if selected as a semifinalist. Current students of the 2022 Judges are not eligible to apply. Judges are Amit Peled (cello), Simin Ganatra (violin). The third judge is TBA! Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges who will select twelve semifinalists and four alternates. Applicants will be notified of results no later than March 15, 2022. Twelve semifinalists will compete in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2022, before a panel of judges and an audience. Semifinalists will perform a selection from a required list of Bach and a movement(s) from a standard concerto. Six finalists will be chosen.

For prize information visit website at <https://www.stulberg.org/competition/competition-details>.



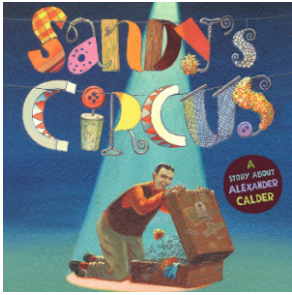
Adult West African Dance Class: Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021 - Dec 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm Presented by Rootead Enrichment Center, 505 E Kalamazoo Avenue, suite 3, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Our amazing community has asked for it, so now we're delivering! Adult West African Dance class is now in session! This is a drop-in class, stop in and join us, every Wednesday from 6-7 pm. The suggested donation is \$10.

For more info, visit <https://www.rootead.org/events>.

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Art Detectives: Sandy's Circus: Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 at 10:30 am. Presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Free admission, but RSVP is required.

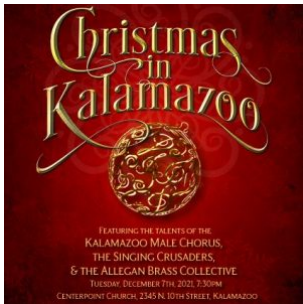
Have you ever looked up at the Calder mobile in the KIA lobby and wondered about the artist who created it? Join us to learn about Alexander Calder as we read *Sandy's Circus*, look at art, and make a project.



Artist's Talk: "Drinking from the River of Light": Thursday, Dec 9, 2021 at 06:30 pm. Presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Free admission, but RSVP is required.

"Meaningful art, enduring art, and the transformative process it awakens keeps us alive," writes Mark Nepo, a poet and philosopher who is nationally recognized and a local presence. Nepo will read from his book "Drinking from the River of Light", which invites you to explore how art and authentic expression can help us explore our deepest truths. This unique program will be held in three sections. First, Nepo will do a reading, and then will pause to invite you to join him in discussion and reflection, after

which he will finish the program with another reading. Please join us at the KIA for an enlightening evening with an internationally celebrated artist and writer.



Christmas in Kalamazoo Concert: Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 at 07:30 pm. Presented by Kalamazoo Male Chorus at Centerpoint Church, 2345 N. 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Free Admission.

The Kalamazoo Male Chorus invites you to join in making merry with us once again this year. While making the necessary concessions to Covid, we once again return with Christmas in Kalamazoo, our annual collaboration holiday concert. While this year we will definitely miss our friends and erstwhile partners, the Kalamazoo Ringers, we are happy to share the stage with the Singing Crusaders, a local gospel group, and the Allegan Brass Collective. Be ready to add your voice to the mix as you join us in singing your favorite carols. The concert will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 7:30 pm at our usual location at Centerpoint Church, 2345 N. 10th St. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be collected. All performers have been vaccinated and will wear masks when not singing. Your use of a mask is optional but encouraged.



Community Arts Awards 2021: Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Presented by Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo at Western Michigan University - Laura V. Shaw Theatre, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Congratulations to our 2021 Community Arts Award recipients! We hope you can join us to celebrate and honor them all at the 2021 CAA celebration on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Shaw Theatre on WMU's campus! Since 1985, the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo has been proud to recognize the exceptional artists, arts organizations, and arts supporters in the Kalamazoo area through the Community Arts Awards (CAA). Their talents and skills deepen the artistic richness of our community.

RSVPs are encouraged. [Sign up here on Eventbrite!](#)

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Crescendo Music Together Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Nov 29, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021 at 06:00 pm. Presented by Crescendo Academy of Music, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Music Together® is an internationally recognized early childhood music program offering 45 minutes of pure musical fun for you and your child each week. Accredited teaching artists introduce children to the pleasures of making music in a relaxed, playful, non-performance-oriented setting. You'll receive CDs and

songbooks tied to each session's unique experiences for use at home. The national program's e-newsletter, web resources, and online store provide additional support for enriching your child's and your family's musical growth and enjoyment. Each 2021-2022 session focuses on a different song collection:

10-week fall session September 7 – November 12; Fiddle and Alligator collections

3-week interim session – November 29 – December 17; Holiday Hits

10-week winter session January 4 – March 8; Drum and Tree Frog collections

10-week spring session April 5 – June 11; Tambourine and Toucan collections

6-week summer sessions June 14 – July 30 Registration for the fall session opens in August!



Dive into Disco! Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 at 10:45 am. Presented by Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at Carver Center, 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. For Adults and High School Students. Class Fee: \$30.

Get ready to Dive into Disco with Master Teacher Lesa Dencklau! Master Teacher and Head Dance Team Coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College returns to the Academy for ONE DAY ONLY! The dance studio will be filled with that distinctly electronic sound as students learn iconic Disco Moves! Note: This class will move quickly and include across the floor and combination work. In compliance with our current COVID Response plan, all students in this class will need to be fully

vaccinated against COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination to Academy Staff on or before the first date of attendance.



Drum Circle: Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021 - Dec 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Presented by Rootead Enrichment Center, 505 E. Kalamazoo Avenue, Suite 3, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Rootead is excited to announce the Drum Circle. This is a drop-in event, so come early to reserve your spot! We kick off was Wednesday, November 10, at 7 PM EST and will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday through December.

Register here to join us – <https://forms.zohopublic.com/.../bye8Qn...>

For more info please visit <https://www.rootead.org/events>.



El Concilio Intermediate Spanish Class: Thursday, Nov 4, 2021 - Feb 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Presented by El Concilio, 930 Lake Street, #A, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

This in-person intermediate Spanish class is great for those who have some Spanish language experience and would like to improve their speaking skills.

The class fee is **\$200**. The class sign-up deadline is **October 29, 2021**.

NOTE: COVID-19 preclusions will be imposed, so masks must be worn during the class.

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KCC: "Home for the Holidays": Sunday, Dec 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Presented by Kalamazoo Children's Chorus at Portage Chapel Hill Methodist, 7028 Oakland Drive, Portage, MI 49024.

Appearing live and in-person for the first time since the pandemic began- the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus is thrilled to be making music together

once again. Join us for an afternoon of holiday tunes that will warm your heart and kick off your holiday season. It's good to be home again! "Home for the Holidays" is located at Portage Chapel Hill Methodist off of Oakland Drive on Dec. 12th starting at 3pm. Call for tickets soon as capacity is limited. Masks required. Masks required for all performers and audience members. Limited capacity due to COVID restrictions- please call 269.547-7183 for ticket inquiries.



Kyle Jennings & Friends - Nashville Storytellers: Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 at 8:00 pm.

Presented by Kalamazoo State Theatre at Kalamazoo State Theatre, 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. \$25 General Admission, \$35 Gold Circle. There's an 8-ticket limit.

Nashville is coming to Kalamazoo! Kalamazoo native and country singer/songwriter **Kyle Jennings** hosts 'Kyle Jennings & Friends – Nashville Storytellers', a lineup of award-winning Nashville songwriters at the **Kalamazoo State Theatre** December 11, for a live acoustic songwriters' showcase presented by Kalamazoo Mortgage.

The event features hit songwriters who have penned smash #1 hits for artists like Luke Combs, Eric Church, Blake Shelton, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Joe Nichols, Easton Corbin, Montgomery Gentry, and many more! The evening focuses on the songwriters' side of the country music; where writers take turns sharing the stories behind the songs and then perform their original versions of their hits in an engaging intimate setting. "It's really a unique and special experience. It's a little bit of comedy, and little bit of music, some wild stories, and 100% entertainment! Shows like these are going on in dozens of locations every night in Nashville" Jennings says. "It's one of the most defining experiences of Music City. Many of the hits I loved from country radio, I fell in love with the authenticity of the original performances by the writers and hearing the stories behind the songs. It's what made me fall in love with songwriting and the songwriting process and I wanted to bring that experience to Kalamazoo." Performing with Jennings on December 11th are **Wynn Varble** ("Waitin' On A Woman" – Brad Paisley, "A Little More Country Than That" – Easton Corbin), **Tony Arata** ("The Dance" – Garth Brooks, "Here I Am" – Patty Loveless) & **Gary Hannan** ("Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" – Joe Nichols, "Back When I Knew It All" – Montgomery Gentry). **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test is required for entry.**



Rising Stars Series | Alexei Melnikov: Sunday, Dec 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Presented by The Gilmore at Wellspring Theater, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 204, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. In-Person Tickets: \$25, Students \$7.

Alexei Melnikov was born in Moscow, Russia and is known for the raw emotion he brings to his playing. When he was six years old, his parents brought him to study at the Gnessin State Musical College, where he perfected his playing under the guidance of Tatiana Shklovskaya. He continued his studies at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory under the tutelage of the People's Artist of Russia, Sergei Dorensky, and his assistants. In 2018, Mr. Melnikov was invited to the Verbier Festival Academy,

where he received the Neva Foundation Special Prize. Mr. Melnikov came to greater international attention in 2019 when he received the Third Prize and Bronze Medal at the XVI International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, but has had little opportunity to tour internationally since.

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The Work of Jon Imber - Talk by Phil Allen: Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021 at 10:00 am
Presented by Kalamazoo Art League at Online/Virtual Space. Free virtual program.
RSVP to receive a ZOOM link by December 6 to ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.com
If you have attended previous virtual Art League programs, you will receive an
emailed link to this program. Jon Imber (1950-2014) was an American artist who
experimented with different influences, styles and subject matter all his life. From
figurative painting to landscapes and abstraction, Phil Allen, a New York City-based

artist will introduce us to Jon's passion for art making and its ability to create transformative experiences—his lasting legacy. Imber's work is in numerous collections including the MFA Boston, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, New Orleans Museum of Art and many more. During the last two years of his life, after he was diagnosed with ALS, Imber taught himself to paint with his left hand. He was the subject of the feature length documentary titled *Imber's Left Hand*, released in 2014, which was directed by Richard Kane. Kalamazoo Art League virtual programs are free and open to the public.



Trailer Park Boys 20TH Anniversary Sunnyvale Xmas Featuring Ricky, Julian, Bubbles and Randy: Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Presented by Kalamazoo State Theatre, 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
As part of a year-long celebration of their 20th anniversary, **Trailer Park Boys Ricky, Julian, Bubbles, and Randy** are hitting the road this holiday season to bring their drunk, high, and greasy Xmas extravaganza to the **Kalamazoo State Theatre on Tuesday, December 7!**

With Bubbles looking to spread some genuine, good-old fashioned holiday cheer, Julian greasily trying to capitalize on the audience's festive spirit, and Ricky and Randy's all-out war raging into its third decade, it's a guaranteed evening of reckless debauchery. Addressing the ongoing global crisis, Julian said, "I know times have been tough, but you should bring some extra money to the show." Joining the boys on tour for the first time is iconic Canadian burnout (and Ricky's cell mate), Terry from FUBAR! Spend an alcohol and drug-fueled evening with the boys for a Christmas show you'll never forget...or maybe you will. "Please God don't let Ricky and Julian end up in jail for Xmas again." – Bubbles

All seating is reserved for this all-ages event. There's an 8-ticket limit. \$39.50 -\$64.50.

BUY TICKETS – <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/08005AD88C121FE9> | bit.ly/TrailerParkBoys_tix

RSVP On Facebook – www.facebook.com/pg/kazoostate/events/

More Information – <https://www.kazoostate.com/event/trailerparkboys-2021> | bit.ly/TrailerParkBoys_info

Visit The Website – www.swearnet.com



World Premiere screening of 'There Alone': Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Presented by Erin Malley Dance Film at Celebration! Cinema, Crossroads, 6600 Ring Road, Portage, MI 49024. Tickets are available on Eventbrite and are by donation. Advance reservations are required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/there-alone-tickets-198446016377>

What happens to us in the moments of our lives when we go in one direction instead of another? How small a motion would create waves in our lives? 'There Alone' takes a magical realism turn and asks: What happens if we split apart at that moment, and became two? And how does that sound with two scores? Join me on **Tuesday, December 7, at 7pm at Celebration Cinemas in Portage, MI** for the World Premiere screening of 'There Alone.' Developed over a period of 7 years, this work was scored separately by two incredible women artists: Kalamazoo-based artist Helen Yee, and Florida-based artist Elizabeth A. Baker.

Alongside the premiere screening of both versions of 'There Alone,' we'll see a couple of Erin's older works, and a few of her favorite studies created in the past few years.

Tickets are by donation, on a sliding scale of \$0-100. Your contribution will help with entry fees to film festivals, which average \$50 per festival, and will help put Erin's newest work more widely out into the world.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY

I kindly ask that you wear a mask to the screening, for the continued protection of our community!

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The world premiere screening of *There Alone* was supported by the Kalamazoo Artistic Development Initiative (KADI), a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.



Youth Voices Monologue Workshop Series: Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 - Jan 05, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Presented by Read and Write Kalamazoo, 802 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and Read And Write Kalamazoo (RAWK) invite Kalamazoo County youth in grades 4th–12th to join us to write, edit, polish, and perform their own monologues to honor MLK Day.



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.

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.

Buie earned an emerging artist Mary L. Nohl Fellowship in 2012; the Love of Humanity Award from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and the prestigious Joan Mitchell Painters & Sculptors Grant in 2015; the 2019 Kresge Artist Fellowship in the Visual Arts; the 2019/2020 Grant Wood Fellowship in Printmaking at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA; and the 2020 Fellowship.art award, a top accelerator award and program funded through gener8tor. Buie's work has been acquired by major institutions and private collections nationally and reviewed on Hyperallergic.com and Essay'd.com