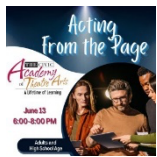


# Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, June 13, 2022

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## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### [Acting from the Page](#)

Monday  
Jun 13, 2022 at 06:00 pm

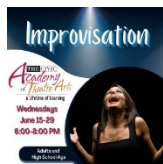
Join us for this \$25 Master Class

Learn more about this our other classes by visiting our [website](#).

Presented by Academy of Theatre Arts at Carver Center, 426 South Park, Kalamazoo, MI

A frequent director from the Civic Reader's Theatre program, Kristen Tyrell will lead participants through acting concepts unique to reader's theatre, where lines are learned, but not memorized, and the script is ever present.

[Registration Link](#)



### [Improvisation](#)

Wednesday  
Jun 15, 2022 - Jun 29, 2022 at 06:00 pm

Join us for this \$90 class series

Learn more about this our other classes by visiting our [website](#).

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

Class series for Adults and High School Students provides comprehensive instruction and candid feedback designed to help students strengthen performance skills.

You won't want to miss the supportive and fun class! Sharpen your skills as an improviser and explore using improvisation to expand the range of your future characters. This class is ideal for people wanting to expand their performance skills or enhance their communication skills.

[Registration Link](#)



### [Clases de Ingles Gratis / Free English as a Second Language Classes](#)

Monday, Wednesday  
Feb 07, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022 at 12:30 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [El Concilio](#) and [Kalamazoo Public Schools](#) at [El Concilio](#), 930 Lake Street, #A, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

¿Quiere Ud. aprender o mejorar su inglés? ¿Le gustaría tener más confianza en usarlo? Entonces esta clase es para usted. El Concilio, en colaboración con el programa de Educación Adulta de las Escuelas Públicas de Kalamazoo, ofrecen esta clase para ayudarle a alcanzar sus metas y ganar confianza en hablar el inglés.

Registración abierto ahora. Cupo limitado. ¡Gratis para inscribirse! Llámanos para guardar su espacio. Would you like to learn or improve your English? Would you like to have more confidence in using it? Then this class is for you. El Concilio, in collaboration with the Kalamazoo Public Schools' Adult Education program, offers this class to help you reach your goals and gain confidence in speaking English.

Registration is open now. Limited space available. Free to enroll! Call us to save your space.

## FREE EVENTS



### [Queer the Block Presented by Drue Salon](#)

**Friday**

**Jun 17, 2022 at 03:00 pm**

Free Admission

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

### **Kalamazoo State Theatre**

**Chalk the Block: 3-5pm | Patio/Bar: 5pm | Live Entertainment: 5:30pm**

It's Pride month and we are ready to celebrate! Join us outside the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** for **Queer the Block Presented by Drue Salon** featuring **Beats by DJ Dazzelship, the Kuntly Kittens Drag Show with a sneak peek performance by Queer Theatre Kalamazoo** Friday, June 17th! We'll have **free** live entertainment outside our iconic Theatre, patio seating, drink specials, and more! Help us decorate the dance floor and enjoy free activities provided by local downtown businesses and organizations during "Chalk the Block" from 3-5PM, with our patio and bar opening at 5PM and live entertainment from 5:30-8:30PM!

Patio seating is first-come first-serve and will be limited. Feel free to bring your own chairs.

"Paul Sizer deejays under the name "DJ DazzleShip", a name inspired by the Orchestral Manoeuvres In the Dark album of the same name, and by the World War 1 Vorticism-style camouflage used to hide battleships by making them confusing rather than invisible. You will recognize him as the official DJ for Club Vortex since 2018!

Paul's DJ style is much like his long standing love of music; varied, informed by many different styles, and constantly looking for the newest sounds. Growing up in the late 70's and early 80's, Paul discovered music in the height of disco and the beginning of the punk and new wave era of the very early 80's. Always a fan of propulsive, beat driven music, Paul also loved the emerging synthpop wave of bands coming out of the UK and Europe, from experimental to pure pop to industrial funk and dark ambient soundscapes. He also had a great love of early electro and hip hop music coming from America, and loved seeing the musical styles from all over the world inform each other."

"The Kuntly Kittens are the first and only drag girl group in Michigan established in 2015 that travels all over the state to multiple venues entertaining the masses with burlesque, comedy, glamour, and shenanigans!"

"Queer Theatre exists to empower queer voices, support emerging artists, and build community through the creation of works that dignify and amplify. They put new plays by queer storytellers at their center, with an opportunity for representation that is yet to be seen by other theatre companies in the area. Since their founding, Queer Theatre has produced over 50 new plays written by queer playwrights, providing theatrical opportunities to hundreds of people in the queer community, and the greater Kalamazoo area. For most of their history, they have provided their shows to the public with a Name-Your-Price system so that no audience member is turned away for not affording a ticket. Queer Theatre

was founded in 2013 by then-graduate student Laura Kay Henderson as part of her thesis project and became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 2018. Current leadership is Connor Klock, Managing Artistic Director.”

**Here is the rest of our 2022 State on the Street lineup:**

- July 15th “Kalamazoo State Theatre Birthday” featuring The Insiders: A Tribute to Tom Petty
- August 5th Serita’s Black Rose & Art Hop
- August 19th Rene Meave
- September 23rd “Welcome Back Students” featuring DJ Mel V

We can’t wait to see you all at these free, outdoor events!

**What To Expect:**

- Free admission
- Drink specials available to purchase outside of KST
- Enjoy live music from 5:30-8:30PM
- Visit local business and organization’s tables including Drue Salon, OutFront, Queer Theatre Kalamazoo, Cureleaf, Bee Joyful, Black Arts and Cultural Center, Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation, Heirloom Arts LLC, Kalamazoo Roller Derby, Great lakes Center for Autism, and SHE!
- KST Box Office and Merch on site
- To-go drinks in Social District cups

RSVP On Facebook – [www.facebook.com/pg/kazoostate/events/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/kazoostate/events/)

**Sign Up For Our Exclusive E-blast**

Visit Drue Salon’s Website: <http://www.druesalon.com/>

Visit OutFront’s Website: <https://www.outfrontkzoo.org/>

Visit Queer Theatre Kalamazoo’s Website: <https://queertk.org/>

Visit Curaleaf’s Website – <https://curaleaf.com/>

Visit Bee Joyful’s Website: <https://beejoyfulshop.com/>

Visit the Black Arts and Cultural Center’s Website: <https://blackartskalamazoo.org/>

Visit Truth, Racial Healing and Transformations Website: <https://www.kalfound.org/truth-racial-healing-transformation>

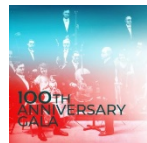
Visit Heirloom Arts LLC Website: <https://www.heirloomartsllc.com/>

Visit Kalamazoo Roller Derby’s Website: <https://www.kalamazooderby.com/>

Visit Great Lakes Center for Autism’s Website: <https://www.autismtreatmentresearch.org/>

Visit SHE’s Website: <https://www.shefilmsmedia.com/>

**MUSIC**



[KSO 100th Anniversary Gala](#)

**Saturday**

**Jun 18, 2022 at 07:30 pm**

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

**Concert Details**

Join us to conclude our 100th anniversary celebration! We look forward to celebrating the centennial milestone together.

**PERFORMERS**

Julian Kuerti, Conductor

Robert Whaley, Tuba

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

## PROGRAM

Estimated length of musical performances: Approximately 75 minutes (no intermission planned).

**KSO's safety and attendance policies now include vaccine and mask requirements. [See Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's full safety requirements.](#)**



### [Summer Concert in the Park](#)

Saturday

Jun 18, 2022 at 03:00 pm

Free

Presented by [Kalamazoo Concert Band](#) at Scidmore Park, 112 Spring St., Three Rivers, MI 49093

Join the KCB for a lively performance of summer favorites like marches, Broadway tunes, light overtures, and patriotic songs.

## THEATRE



### [Bright Star](#)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Jun 23, 2022 - Jul 10, 2022 at 02:00 pm, 07:00 pm

Farmers Alley Theatre is excited to welcome artists, staff, and audiences back to West Michigan's only year-round professional equity theatre.

We are committed to providing an unforgettable experience for all guests, staff and artists in a safe and healthy environment. To ensure the highest standards of cleanliness and safety, we have developed a COVID-19 Safety Plan, which follows the most current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan State Department of Health and Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) related to COVID-19.

Please note that all guidelines and policies are subject to change in accordance with government mandates and recommendations.

Below are some of the basic safety measures we will be implementing:

#### **Vaccinations**

We require all those entering the theatre provide proof of vaccination at the door. Proof of vaccination can be your actual card, a photo of your card, or proof provided by a foreign government.

If you are unable to receive the vaccine for a medical reason, we understand your disappointment, but at this time, we feel this is the best policy to keep our audiences and everyone who walks thru the Farmers Alley doors as safe as possible.

#### **Mask Policy**

Due to the recent change in CDC guidelines, we require that guests wear their masks when inside Farmers Alley Theatre. You may lower your mask while taking a drink. Our bar will be open 45 minutes prior to showtime. Staff members will remain masked at all times. Artists will be permitted to remove their masks on stage during the performance.

Complimentary masks will be made available at the door as needed.

#### **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**

In consultation with our Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) experts, we have worked to find the best solution for our space to meet government requirements for indoor gatherings.

### **Hand Sanitizing Stations**

Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed at our entrance, in restrooms and several other locations on our premises. These will be maintained by the sanitation attendant on duty.

### **Restrooms**

Signs have been posted inside the restrooms reminding guests of proper handwashing procedures.

### **Arriving for a Show**

Guests can arrive at the theatre up to one hour before the show time though we suggest guests arrive within 30 minutes to showtime. Once at the theatre, guests will be guided to their seats in the theatre or should wait outside on Farmers Alley. The lobby will be used as a “flow of traffic” area, not a waiting area. House Management will make special accommodations for guests with disabilities who may need more time to enter the theatre. If possible, we request that guests notify the box office of any such need for special assistance at the time of ticket purchase by calling 269-343-2727.

Guests who have exhibited any of the symptoms of COVID-19 within seventy-two hours of their reservation must call our box office at 269-343-2727 for help rescheduling tickets.

### **Programs**

Farmers Alley Theatre encourages all guests to download a digital copy of the program to their personal electronic devices/phones. The program will be easily accessible from the Farmers Alley Theatre website. A link to the program will be emailed to guests included in the reminder sent twenty-four hours prior to their visit. This link will also be posted at the theatre entrance, in addition to a QR code.

### **Personal Belongings**

Guests are discouraged from bringing large personal items or bags with them to the theatre.

Tickets are \$37.00

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

Farmers Alley Theatre is proud to bring back to our schedule the sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s, **BRIGHT STAR – running June 16th thru July 3rd**. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past—and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. With lively bluegrass and folk score by **Steve Martin** and **Edie Brickell**, and to be directed by **Kathy Mulay**, this uplifting theatrical journey holds you tightly in its grasp and is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful.

## **VISUAL ARTS**



[Book Discussion: Clara and Mr. Tiffany](#)

**Wednesday**

**Jun 15, 2022 at 02:00 pm**

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

From the publisher: Against the unforgettable backdrop of New York near the turn of the twentieth century, from the Gilded Age world of formal balls and opera to the immigrant poverty of the Lower East Side, bestselling author Susan Vreeland again breathes life into a work of art. This extraordinary novel brings a woman once lost in the shadows into vivid color.



### [Exhibition Opening: Jack Faxon, A Michigan Artist and Advocate](#)

Wednesday

Jun 15, 2022 - Jun 22, 2022 at 11:00 am

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

He served in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 15th district from 1965-1971 and as a Michigan Senator from 1971-1995. As a senator, Faxon established the Michigan Council of Arts and continued his advocacy for the arts, supporting local, regional, and international artists by amassing an extensive and far-reaching collection of Chinese art, African art, and Modern and Contemporary art. He further demonstrated his passion for the arts as an artist, drawing daily in sketchbooks, and through his paintings, Faxon experimented with abstraction, portraiture, and figurative methods of artmaking. Jack Faxon: A Michigan Artist and Advocate is a unique, boutique-style presentation of the senator and artist's works that illuminate his wide-ranging interest in abstract, yet highly decorative works on paper and panels. Make sure you don't miss this special exhibition that celebrates a life filled with advocacy and love for the arts.

"I was very persistent in making certain that art and culture were treated with some respect and dignity. I always felt that the arts were treated with very little respect because the public didn't seem to understand the value it brought to the communities." –Jack Faxon