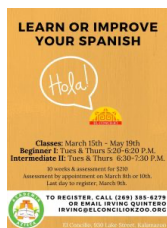


Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, May 16, 2022

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Spanish Classes](#)

Tuesday, Thursday

Mar 08, 2022 - May 19, 2022 at 05:20 pm

\$210 for 10 weeks of classes and assessment

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

Meet your language-learning goals! Register for Spanish classes at El Concilio. Choose from Beginner I or Intermediate II classes, and gain confidence with your Spanish language skills. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Beginner I meeting 5:20-6:20 p.m. and Intermediate II classes meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes include 10 weeks of classes, as well as an assessment to ensure your fit with the classes. Registration is \$210.

Contact Irving Quintero at irving@elconciliokzoo.org to save your space by March 9th. Assessment will begin on March 8th and 10th, with classes beginning the following week on March 15th.



[Community Voices Ensemble](#)

Thursday

Apr 07, 2022 - Jun 02, 2022 at 04:00 pm

Cost: \$30 for the 9-week session; financial aid available

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

Spring session meets on April 7 – June 2; Thursdays from 4-5 pm at Crescendo Academy of Music.

[Crescendo Community Voices \(CCV\)](#) offers musical experiences for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. It was created to provide an environment for individuals with special needs, as well as the people who care for them, an opportunity to gather together and make music in a supportive environment. The class is led by a board-certified music therapist with assistance from Crescendo Academy of Music teaching artists. It now draws members from ROI, the Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency's Young Adult Program (KRESA-YAP), McKercher Industries (MRC), and individuals from the greater Kalamazoo area.

CCV provides its participants with a unique opportunity to engage in a positive learning and leisure activity. Weekly classes provide participants with a social outlet in a new setting. By working collaboratively to learn and perform, the participants not only broaden their musical experiences but are able to further develop vocational and cognitive skills. CCV participants experience singing, chanting, movement, drumming, and playing rhythmic and tonal instruments. Our program philosophy is to make music in a supportive atmosphere where the reward is the pleasure of making music with others. Additionally, CCV unites its participants with the community through live performances. Participation is open to everyone in the community.

The only prerequisite is an open mind and an open heart!



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



State on the Street Presented by Curaleaf WSG James Reeser & The Backseat Drivers

Friday

May 20, 2022 at 05:00 pm

Free Admission

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

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo State Theatre

Patio & Bar: 5:00pm | Live Music: 5:30pm

State on the Street is back for select Fridays this Summer! Join us outside the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** for **State on the Street Presented by Curaleaf** featuring **James Reeser & the Backseat Drivers** Friday May 20!

We'll have **free** live music outside our iconic Theatre, patio seating, drink specials, and more! All of the events will be held on Fridays, with our patio and bar opening at 5PM and live music from 5:30-7:30PM! Patio seating is first-come first-serve and will be limited. Feel free to bring your own chairs.

Sock Rockin'. Juke Jumpin'. The king of swingin' good times! **James Reeser and the Backseat Drivers** focuses on a variety of styles in first generation electric blues, keeping it new while maintaining a traditional feel.

A Quahog clam takes 20 years to make a pearl. James' gritty harp and vocals took just as long. Class is in session! What's Dan Mish teaching today? Dynamics. Minister Charles Johnson, bass so divine you'd have thought you were in church! Marcus Giddings traded four out of five senses for a guitar. His style now? Tasty.

This four piece will make you jump, jive, and dive in for more!

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

- June 3rd Lisa Can't Sing & Art Hop
- 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
- Throwback drink specials available to purchase outside of KST
- Enjoy live music from 5:30-8:30PM
- Visit the Curaleaf Table
- KST Box Office and Merch on site
- To-go drinks in Social District cups

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

More Information – www.kazoostate.com/event/SOS22-JamesReeser

[Sign Up For Our Exclusive E-blast](#)

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



MUSIC

[Friday Nights with Steve Kamerling @ Brick + Brine](#)

Friday

Apr 01, 2022 - May 20, 2022 at 06:00 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.



[Gordon Lightfoot](#)

Wednesday

May 18, 2022 at 07:30 pm

Tickets range from \$53-63 for more ticket information please visit our website or ticket office.

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

Gordon Lightfoot resides with some very exclusive company atop the list of all-time greats. His song catalog is incredibly vast and includes such immortals as "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Carefree Highway," "Sundown," "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald," and "Rainy Day People" to name a few. "Gordon Lightfoot In Concert: The Legend Lives On" will feature his well-known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the die-hard fanatics. All of which are woven together with some of Lightfoot's own behind the scenes stories and personal anecdotes about his historic 50-year musical career. The event is sure to be a great thrill for live audiences and anyone who enjoys hearing great music and seeing a living legend in person.



[Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives](#)

Friday

May 20, 2022 at 08:00 pm

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

\$29-\$200

"Big Chief Special" VIP package available:

One Premium Seat, with Admission to a private pre-show event at venue featuring a two-song performance by Marty and the Superlatives, along with a Q&A Storytelling session with Marty and Band

One VIP Laminate and Lanyard

Crowd Free Merchandise Shopping

One 8X10 Personalized Photo

Student pricing available in Box Office only

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

With legends like George Jones, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard all passed on, country music purists often echo the question Jones himself asked: "Who's going to fill their shoes?" The answer, in part, is Marty Stuart.

While he's too gracious to admit it himself, the Grammy-winning singer, songwriter and musician is living, breathing country-music history. He's played alongside the masters, from Cash to Lester Flatt, who discovered him; been a worldwide ambassador for Nashville, Bakersfield and points in between; and safeguarded country's most valuable traditions and physical artifacts. Including its literal shoes: Stuart counts the brogan of Carter Family patriarch A.P. Carter and an assortment of Cash's black boots among his vast collection of memorabilia.

But most importantly, Stuart continues to record and release keenly relevant music, records that honor country's rich legacy while advancing it into the future. *Way Out West*, his 18th studio album, hits both of those marks. Produced by Mike Campbell (of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers), the album is a cinematic tour-de-force, an exhilarating musical journey through the California desert that solidifies Stuart as a truly visionary artist.

"I would play this record for Hank Williams, Merle Haggard or Ernest Hemingway and never bat an eye," says Stuart. "There's something in there that would entertain each of them."

THEATRE



[The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre presents "Xanadu"](#)

Sunday, Friday, Saturday

May 06, 2022 - May 22, 2022 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

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

With a score that boasts pop hits like Magic, Have You Never Been Mellow and Suddenly, this fun-filled roller skating musical adventure is sure to challenge all of us to follow our dreams!

RATING: Recommended for Family Audiences

VISUAL ARTS



[Young Artists of Kalamazoo County & High School Area Show](#)

Saturday

Apr 09, 2022 - May 22, 2022 at 11:00 am

Adults \$5 / Students \$2

Free for members, children through age 12, and active military personnel.

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

Join us once again as we celebrate art made by the youth of our community! This year, these two shows will be held jointly. Enjoyed by visitors of all ages, these shows have been a KIA tradition for over 40 years. We look forward to seeing our galleries filled with art from creative young talent.

Young Artists of Kalamazoo County features works by K-8 students and honors the dedication of public school art teachers. The *High School Area Show* welcomes submissions from all high school residents residing in Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties. High school students can submit their work online through CaFE. The 2022 juror is Le Tran. Tran was awarded the honor of the 2021 National Secondary Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association, and the 2020 Secondary Art Educator of the Year and Overall Art Educator of the Year by the Michigan Art Education Association.

Participation makes artists eligible to win scholarships for summer programs and college scholarships. Last year, nearly \$1 million in student support was awarded. Starting with the 2022 *High School Area Show*, there will be a new scholarship in memory of local art educator Doris Miller. Miller inspired art students as a Kalamazoo Public School art teacher and as an KPS Art Administrator for over 40 years.

[Fee Waiver Form](#)