

Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, May 23, 2022

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[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. [CrescendoCommunity 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 Inglés 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

[May Artist Happy Hour](#)

Wednesday

May 25, 2022 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Black Arts & Cultural Center](#) at **Unknown, Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

Art Hop artists, venues, and Arts Council members are invited to the brand-new Black Arts and Cultural Center gallery to connect and chat about the Arts Council's Art Hop plans and goals. Artists will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the local businesses that are looking to meet and feature new artists in their spaces.



MUSIC

[Steve Kamerling @ Brick + Brine](#)

Friday

May 27, 2022 - Jun 03, 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.



[Steve Kamerling and Barry Ross @ Hilton Garden Inn](#)

Saturday

May 28, 2022 at 07:00 pm

Free Admission.

Presented by [Arts Council Member Artist](#) at Hilton Garden Inn, 303 N Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Come enjoy an evening listening to Steve Kamerling and Barry Ross Barry perform a truly eclectic and energetic mix of contemporary, soul, country, rock and roll, and a bit of classical music. Barry presently teaches at the Crescendo Academy of Music and performs regularly as guest violinist, concertmaster, and lecturer. Together, Barry and Steve create a fun evening of music for all ages. The Hilton Garden Inn is in the historic Masonic Temple building and features a modern, comfortable space for music, drinks, and dining.

VISUAL ARTS



[An Evening with Linling Lu](#)

Thursday

May 26, 2022 at 06:00 pm

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

You might know what Vivaldi's *Four Seasons: Winter* sounds like—but what does it look like? Vivaldi is just one of her many musical muses.

Linling Lu: *Musical Meditations*, on view through June 5, contains a series of paintings created from 2019 to the present, many of which were composed during the two-year period of the ongoing pandemic. Lu views these works as a means of “healing from the chaos and uncertainty of life.” Her large, circular canvases pulsate with color and invite viewers to reflect on their own memories and connections with music, as well.