

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

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[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.



[ARTful Evenings: Transforming Art with Digital Technology](#)

Thursday

Sep 16, 2021 at 06:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Ginny Ruffner is pursuing the challenge of making a new beauty through the process of personal reflection and asking questions. She will show her pursuit of this challenge through projects where digital technology helped enable both beauty and reflective thought. In this unforgettable virtual experience, Ruffner will show some of her projects explaining both the artistic and the technological side of her process. She will also share information about her varied projects, from pop-up books to public art installations to museum exhibitions. Science and art combine in Ruffner’s work to create a magical experience that you will be able to see for yourself in our fall exhibition of Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination.

FREE EVENTS



[The Haymarket Plaza Opening and Dedication Event](#)

Thursday

Sep 16, 2021 at 06:00 pm

Free Admission

at Haymarket Plaza, 139 North Edwards Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Haymarket Plaza is located between The Haymarket Building, Main Street East, The Monroe Building, and the new Warner Building.

The dedication ceremony will include an announcement about future use for the plaza, live music from Yolonda Lavendar and Pink Sky, and a 3D preview utilizing Haymarket Plaza's new projection-mapping technology. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Millennium Restaurant Group. Special thank you to event partners Southwest Michigan First and Michigan House!

KIDS & FAMILY



[Mattawan Pirates and Ren-day! CANCELLED](#)

Sep 18, 2021 at 10:00 am

Tickets at the entrance. Pay at entrance.

\$3.00 per person

\$5.00 per family

First Responders and Military/Veterans - FREE

Presented by [Captain Wallace Artsy Adventures, Inc](#) at Mattawan Masonic Lodge, 25347 Front Street, Mattawan, MI

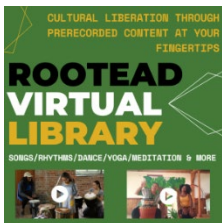
Due to the current Pandemic and the uncertainty of the new strains, we feel it is prudent to cancel this event at this time. Hopefully we can return next year!

As summer is winding down its time for one last "Hoorah" or rather "Huzzah!" as we invite people of all ages to celebrate Pirates and Renaissance characters! Dress in your favorite costume and be prepared to have some swashbuckling fun as you play pirate games for prizes, watch sword fighting exhibitions, shop for pirate booty, swag, and treasured trinkets!

Many vendors will also be offering food and refreshments. Artists will be offering cartoons and caricature art, music will be playing, as well as stage performers and other forms of entertainment.

There will also be a Costume Contest with prizes!

This is a family friendly experience for the entire family to enjoy!



[Rotead Virtual Library](#)

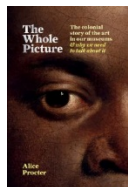
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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 part of the Rotead Collective!

LITERATURE & POETRY



[Book Discussion](#)

Wednesday

Sep 15, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

From the publisher – If you think art history has to be pale, male and stale – think again. Should museums be made to give back their marbles? Is it even possible to ‘decolonise’ our galleries? Must Rhodes fall? In *The Whole Picture*, art historian, and Uncomfortable Art Tour guide Alice Procter provides a manual for deconstructing everything you thought you knew about art, and fills in the blanks with the stories that have been left out of the art history canon for centuries.

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 - Kalamazoo Academy of Rock](#)

Wednesday

Sep 15, 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/.



[Robert Cray WSG Blue Veins at the Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

Wednesday
Sep 15, 2021 at 07:00 pm

General Ticket Information:
Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test is required for entry.
Click [here](#) for more information.

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

\$29.50 – \$54.50

VIP Ticket Information:

VIP can be bought online only. There is an 8 ticket limit.

\$127.50

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

Experience a fusion of blues, soul, and R&B as the Robert Cray Band brings their LIVE show to the Kalamazoo State Theatre September 15!

A five-time Grammy winner, Blues Hall of Fame inductee, recipient of the Americana Music Lifetime Achievement Award, Cray has released more than 20 acclaimed albums! Robert Cray has created a sound that rises from American roots and arrives today both fresh and familiar. The Robert Cray Band returns to the Kalamazoo State Theatre March 15th 2020.

Blue Veins, a regular performer at Kalamazoo's Bluesfest, will appear as a duo! The band competed in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in 2018.

SCHAGHAJEH NOSRATI



[Rising Stars Series | Schaghajegh Nosrati](#)

Sunday
Sep 19, 2021 at 04:00 pm

In-Person Tickets: \$25, Students \$7

Presented by [The Gilmore](#) at [Wellspring Theater](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 204, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Schaghajegh Nosrati is highly regarded for the sincerity, depth and virtuosity of her interpretations. Born in Germany as the child of Iranian immigrants, her international breakthrough came in 2014 as an award winner at the International Bach Competition in Leipzig. She attended Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover and the Barenboim-Said-Academy in Berlin and has since joined both institutions as a faculty member. Her teachers include Ewa Kupiec and Sir Andrés Schiff, who has become her mentor and frequent artistic partner.



THEATRE

[Lys by Samantha Mueller](#)

Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Sep 16, 2021 - Sep 26, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

\$6 for Western Michigan University students, \$18 for seniors, and \$20 for general admission.

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Inspired by Lysistrata

2030, on the brink of the climate crisis a small band of renegades are trying to save the planet. When Lysistrata suggests they withhold sex in order to save the planet from being uninhabitable, systems of power and oppression begin to surface. Will there be enough time to fully realize the damage we've done to the world and even more, will there be enough time to imagine a new world into existence? Join us for this world premiere outside in the new, York Courtyard Theatre at the Gilmore Theatre Complex.

VISUAL ARTS



[Exhibition: Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination](#)

Saturday

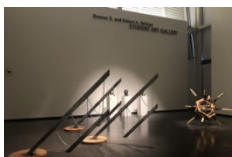
Sep 18, 2021 at 11:00 am

Adults \$5 / Students \$2

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

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

Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination is a unique installation that fuses fine glass blowing, augmented reality (AR), and drawing. For this special presentation, Ruffner and her collaborators developed an AR app so that viewers can explore a new landscape using their phones and tablets. This reality-bending presentation is the artist's imagining of a gloriously complex and colorful alternative environment. Viewers initially encounter a seemingly barren and bleak environment of tree stumps, but in the artist's re-envisioned reality and using AR, the trunks grow unique appendages of mythical flora. Some of Ruffner's creations whirl and flourish with human interaction. Reforestation of the Imagination not only challenges society's notions of reality and fantasy, concrete and abstract, desolation and hope, but it also calls attention to current ecological issues. Don't miss this chance to explore the intersection of art and technology at the KIA with family and friends this fall! A full-color catalogue enabled with AR coding accompanies the exhibition, so visitors can also experience some of their favorite innovative flora technology at home.



[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.

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