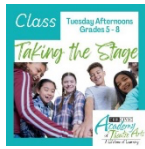


Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, January 9, 2023 brought to you by



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

[Taking the Stage](#)

Tuesday

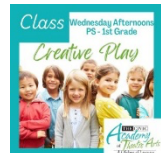
Jan 10, 2023 at 04:30 pm

Tuition: \$180

Classes Meet weekly on Tuesdays, January 10-March 14 from 4:30-6:30

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

With an emphasis on ensemble, **Taking the Stage** focuses on the fundamentals of performance – body, voice, and imagination. As students make creative choices, try new ideas, and learn to interpret dramatic material in expressive ways, they are building skills they can use again and again. On the final day of class, families are invited to enjoy a showcase of skills learned.



[Creative Play](#)

Wednesday

Jan 11, 2023 at 04:30 pm

Tuition: \$120

This class meets on Wednesdays from January 11 - March 15, for an hour each week.

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

Designed with our youngest thespians in mind – **Creative Play** combines lots of learning opportunities and tons of fun with loving teachers. Budding performers will develop confidence and strengthen skills. Books, music, and visual arts are used for inspiration for acting, dance, and music mini-lessons designed to foster creativity and nurture self-esteem. On the final day of class, families are invited to participate in a lesson with us.

[Musical Theatre FUN-damentals](#)

Saturday

Jan 14, 2023 at 09:00 am

Tuition: \$240

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

Start your Saturday the Musical Theatre way! During this 2-hour **Musical Theatre FUN-damentals** class, students will build acting, dancing, and singing skills, while working with teaching artists who specialize in acting, singing, and dancing. On the final day of the series, families will be invited to view an informal showcase of skills learned.



Audition Workshop

Sunday

Jan 15, 2023 at 05:00 pm

Free Workshop

Limited Seating - Registration Recommended

Registration Link

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

Mornings at Seven is a part of our Senior Class Readers Theatre, meaning the cast is asked to learn but not memorize the script and will have their script with them in the rehearsal room and on the stage. Set in the early 1920's in a small town, Morning's at Seven tells the story of the four Gibbs sisters, who all live within a stone's throw of each other. Now in their late 60s, the sisters and their husbands find themselves at a dramatic fork in the road, forced to confront long-standing rivalries and betrayals, as well as the fears and disappointments of advanced middle age.

Space is limited – registration recommended.

Registration Link



Crescendo Fiddlers Monthly Fiddle Club Meeting

Saturday

Nov 12, 2022 - May 13, 2023 at 01:00 pm

\$15 fee per fiddle club meeting

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

The [Crescendo Fiddlers](#) perform at a variety of locations, including Farmers' Markets in Kalamazoo, Springfield, Athens, Vicksburg, Richland and Texas Township, as well as for the Oshtemo Historical Society, the VanBuren Historical Society, Art Hops, and more!

Two to three years of playing experience is usually required to handle our repertoire, which includes fiddle tunes from the folk music traditions of New England, Appalachia, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, and China.

Monthly academic-year fiddle club meets the second Saturday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm.

FILM & VIDEO



Your Story!

Saturday

Jan 14, 2023 at 10:00 am

This event is free. Registration on the website would be helpful ahead of the event, but walk ins welcome.

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at Epic Center - 3rd Floor Ste 300, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Start your Saturday with a fun activity! Hands on training in front of and behind the camera. Learn interview techniques, set-up for video and audio, and the basics of a TV production. Your short TV

program will include a conversation style interview with someone. You could bring a friend, a grandparent, or neighbor. Come film something special and learn more about media!

KIDS & FAMILY



[Up In The Air: Birds Navigating The Anthropocene](#)

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

Oct 14, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023 at 09:00 am

Admission is free for members.

Non-members:

Adults 18-54: \$7.00

Adults 55+: \$6.00

Ages 4-17: \$4.00

3 & Under: Free

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Only during the most recent part of the Anthropocene, the era of humans, have the birds along with all living things been required to survive in drastically and rapidly altered environments. Are the challenges to birds the same or different from those facing humans as we, too, try to survive and thrive on a changed planet? What can we do to minimize these impacts and to help birds thrive for millennia to come?

This new exhibit for all ages was developed by KNC and features the work being done by KNC bird experts throughout the seasons to study the changing habits of birds. Learn about bird banding in the fall while trying out your skills in our recreation of the banding barn. Make your own bird nest while learning about the natural – and sometimes human-made – materials birds source to create their nests. Original artwork by Kalamazoo artist [Olivia Mendoza](#) is the visual heart of the exhibition, along with displays of preserved eggs and birds.

KNC Exhibits Hall hours are Monday- Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 1PM-5PM



[Lunar New Year Gala 2023 \(Year of Rabbit\)](#)

Saturday

Jan 14, 2023 at 06:45 pm

Ticket price is \$10 with valuable coupons on the ticket

Children 5 or below are free

Can be purchased in person at Pacific Rim Foods (229 W Kilgore Rd, Portage, MI 49002) or Hibachi Sushi Buffet (4405 S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008) or Sichuan Cuisine (324 N Drake Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49009)

Presented by [The Chinese Association of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Chenery Auditorium](#), 714 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Aiming to promote harmony, mutual understanding, and diversity, we invite you to come and join us to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which is the most important celebration observed in Asian countries,

with cultural and historic significance. **The festival signals the beginning of spring, and the start of a new year according to the lunar calendar.**

Please come and join us for a fun night:

Lion Dance/Martial Arts/Yo-Yo (Diabolo)/Folk Dance/Musical/Ribbon Dance/Qipao Show/Rap/C-Pop Dance/Dragon Dance

THEATRE



[A Raisin in the Sun](#)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Jan 13, 2023 - Jan 22, 2023 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

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

Performance Dates: January 13 – January 22, 2023 (Friday thru Sunday)

ASL Interpreted and Audio Described Performance: Saturday, January 21 at 7:30pm

Tickets are available for purchase online at [Ludus – Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) or over the phone through our box office at 269-343-1313.

Synopsis: Set on Chicago's South Side, Lorraine Hansberry's celebrated play concerns the divergent dreams and conflicts in three generations of the Younger family: son Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, his sister Beneatha, his son Travis, and matriarch Lena. When her deceased husband's insurance money comes through, Mama Lena dreams of moving to a new home and a better neighborhood in Chicago. Walter Lee, a chauffeur, has other plans: buying a liquor store and being his own man. Beneatha dreams of medical school. Hansberry's portrait of one family's struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world is a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.

VISUAL ARTS



[Going, Going, Gone](#)

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

Oct 14, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023 at 09:00 am

Free admission for KNC members

Non-Members:

Adults 18-54: \$7.00

Adults 55+: \$6.00

Ages 4-17: \$4.00

3 & Under: Free

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Going, Going, Gone is a new solo exhibition by multidisciplinary artist and environmentalist Kristina Sheufelt. Sheufelt is based in Detroit, Michigan, and recently received her MFA from the University of Michigan's Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design. In *Going, Going, Gone*, Sheufelt uses a variety of media to examine themes of loss and absence in the natural world. In Sheufelt's practice, an ever-evolving hybrid of art-making, conservation work, and contemplative studies, the psychological

landscape of loss is a fluid space, a site of exchange in which human concerns and environmental concerns are deeply entangled, each informing and impacting the other.



[Tra Si Drah at Westin Gallery](#)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Jan 06, 2023 - Jan 31, 2023 at 08:00 am, 07:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tra Si Drah, a collection of paintings by Rob Barrett in the Westin Gallery, will be available for viewing Tues. – Fri. 8 am – 6 pm through the month of January starting 1/6 – 1/31.

Also join us in the Westin Gallery on Friday, January 13th from 7 – 9 pm for the opening reception of Tra Si Drah which takes a broad look at humanity, nature, and observing relationships. This reception is open to the public and the work will be available for viewing Tues. – Fri. 8 am – 6 pm through the month of January.

The James C. Westin Gallery is located inside The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo on the 2nd floor of the Epic Center.

For more information about Rob and his work please visit www.robsmentalplayground.com or his Instagram @robsmentalplayground.



[Mark Cassino](#)

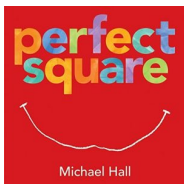
Tuesday

Jan 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Free

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

Kalamazoo photographer Mark Cassino will share his twenty years' experience with the art and science of snowflake photography. Illustrated with dozens of photographs, Cassino will discuss the development for making high magnification photographs of snowflakes using ordinary photographic equipment. Interesting aspects of individual snowflakes will also be discussed. Cassino's snowflake photos have been widely displayed and published internationally. His children's book, *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder*, published in 2009, was named an Outstanding Science Trade Book by the National Science Teachers Association and received a Blue Ribbon award from the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books.



[Perfect Square](#)

Saturday

Jan 14, 2023 at 10:30 am

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

The perfect square is torn up, has holes poked through it, or crumbled, but it always transforms into something new. Let's create our own perfect square and look for fun shapes in the galleries.