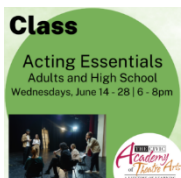


## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### [Acting Essentials](#)

**Jun 14, 2023 at 06:00 pm**

### [Ludus - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#)

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

Whether you are new to the stage or an aspiring professional, this three-week class will cover all the essential skills you need to walk into the rehearsal room with confidence – with a focus on building the foundations of achieving authentic characters and the beginnings of script analysis.

Class meets on Wednesdays, from June 21 to June 29, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuition: \$99



### [Time to Tap](#)

**Jun 15, 2023 at 06:00 pm**

### [Ludus - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#)

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

Tap helps build dexterity and coordination – and is great for all experience levels as the basic steps becomes more advanced by adding sounds as skill increases.

Introducing the “Bonus Dance Time!” This class is designed to be 90 minutes in length. When the official class time ends, the advance combinations begin! All students are welcome to stay and participate in the challenge or watch and take notes to practice at a slower speed at home.

Class meets on Thursdays, from June 15 to June 29, 6 – 7:30/8:00pm

Tuition: \$75

## FREE EVENTS



### [Queer The Block 2023](#)

**Saturday**

**Jun 17, 2023 at 03:00 pm**

Free Admission

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

Chalk The Block: 3:00 PM | Patio Opens: 5:00 PM | Music: 5:30 PM

June is pride month, and we are ready to celebrate. Join us outside the historic Kalamazoo State Theatre for Queer the Block, Presented by Drue Salon and the **Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo**,

featuring Beats by DJ Dazzleship and a drag show performance by the Kuntz Kittens on Saturday, 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 3-5 PM, with our patio and bar opening at 5 PM and live entertainment from 5:30-8:30 PM!

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

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this year's event, please contact Rachael Reinholtz at: rachael@kazoostate.com.

About DJ Dazzleship:

Paul Sizer deejays under the name "DJ DazzleShip," 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 70s and early 80s, Paul discovered music at the height of disco and the beginning of the punk and new wave era of the very early 80s. 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.

About The Kuntz Kittens:

The Kuntz 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!

Here is our 2023 State on the Street lineup:

June 2nd — Lady Ace presents featuring Venus Flyytrap, Jes Kramer, Raydale Shamine and August\*

July 14th — Jake Kershaw

August 4th — Fake Baseball

September 15th — Delilah Dewylde

October 6th — The Battle For Kalamazoo finale\*\*

\*= Special start time: patio and bar opening at 5:30PM and live music from 6:00-8:30PM

\*\*= More information coming soon

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

Visit local business and organization tables including Drue Salon, OutFront, and more TBD

Enjoy live music from from 5:30-8:30PM

KST Box Office and Merch on site

To-go drinks in Social District cups

## KIDS & FAMILY



[Blippi: The WONDERFUL World Tour](#)

**Tuesday**

**Jun 13, 2023 at 06:00 pm**

Tickets range from \$30-\$70. For more information please visit our website or the Miller Auditorium Box Office.

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

Blippi is coming to your city for the ultimate curiosity adventure in Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour! So, come on! Dance, sing, and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Will there be monster trucks, excavators, and garbage trucks? You bet! So get ready to shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party!

6 p.m. ticket to the stage show.

7:30 p.m. ticket to the photo experience—you must have a ticket to the stage show to purchase photo experience.

## MUSIC



[Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-Ins](#)

**Wednesday**

**May 03, 2023 - Sep 27, 2023 at 05:00 pm**

Presented by Gilmore Car Museum at [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition from May through September!

It is FREE to bring your collector car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. On good weather nights, the fun starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm, with both George & Sally's authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. With live music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you and your family won't forget! So, plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories. \*Museum members receive early entry at 4:30pm.

### **General:**

Cruise-Ins run every Wednesday from May through September, 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

With the exception of the Blue Moon Diner, the Grill, and the Gilmore Bar, all other Museum buildings are CLOSED during Cruise-Ins. If inclement weather is predicted, the Cruise-In will still take place, but scheduled cruise time will be shortened to 7:00pm.

### **Type of Cars:**

Limited to show field cars only (classics, muscle, antique, special interest, hot rods, etc).

### **Parking:**

Within the museum grounds there will be designated areas for parking. Each lot will be filled on a "first here" basis – no reserved or special parking.

### Food Service:

The Grill will be open – serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips.

George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner – serving regular diner menu items.

The Gilmore Bar – serving beer, wine, and spirits.

If inclement weather is predicted, the Grill will NOT be open. Regular menu items will be available in the Diner from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

### Talent Schedule:

May 3 – Chris Karl – Contemporary Rock

May 10 – Formal Invitation – Jazz Duo

May 17 – Michigan Mafia String Band – Instrumental

May 24 – Don Field – Rat Pack Cruise Ship Style tunes

May 31 – Rusty & The Nails – Rock

June 7 – Chris Karl – Contemporary Rock

June 14 – Formal Invitation – Jazz Duo

June 21 – Hi – Views – Detroit Rockabilly

June 28 – Tony Reynolds – Jazz Duo

July 5 – Chris Karl – Contemporary Rock

July 12 – The Iconix – Iconic melodies from the 60's, 70's & 80's

July 19 – Mama's Hot Sauce – Scorchabilly – mixing modern Rockabilly and Rock & Roll

July 26 – Glad All Over – Fun '60's focused Rock & Pop

August 2 – Zion Lion – Reggae band

August 9 – Retrovibe – Classic Rock, British Invasion & Blues

August 16 – Rock Island Ramblers – Country

August 23 – Michigan Freedom Rockers – 50's & '60's Rock

August 30 – Hoot Owls – Folk Trio

September 6 – The Skeletones – R & B Motown Dance Band

September 13 – His Boy Elroy – Country

September 20 – So Long Bella Donna

September 27 – Chris Karl – Contemporary Rock



### [Richland Area Community Center - Farmer's Market Concerts](#)

Wednesday

Jun 14, 2023 - Jul 26, 2023 at 03:00 pm

Presented by [Richland Area Community Center](#) at [Richland Area Community Center](#),

9400 E. CD Avenue, Richland, MI 49083

Grab your lawn chair and a blanket and head on down to the farmers market. We have a great line up of live music this summer!

June 14 – BenJammin

June 21 – Gun River Band

July 12 – LaSoulful Rock

July 26 Crescendo Fiddlers



## Vicksburg - Burg Days of Summer

Wednesday

Jun 14, 2023 - Aug 16, 2023 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at Oswalt Park, 109 N Main St, Vicksburg, MI 49097

This summer, we're bringing fun and festivities to downtown Vicksburg with the first ever BURG Days of Summer! Join us for family friendly activities, live music in the streets, food trucks and more! Whether you're visiting from out-of-town or are a Vicksburg resident, there's plenty of entertainment in our safe and walkable village to fill your day.

Oswalt Park in the heart of downtown Vicksburg with a Social District

Variety of retail shops, restaurants, and nightlife

Clark Park gazebo and observation deck overlooking a flowing stream

Vicksburg's Main and Prairie Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic on event days. Parking can be found in municipal lots marked around downtown. If any BURG Days of Summer events must be cancelled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, announcements will be published on the Village of Vicksburg social platforms.

### **Performers**

**June 14th** Main St: Hurricane

Voted 2019 Chicago Best Reggae Band

Prepare to experience a true Caribbean vibe a total party package with Reggae, Soca, Calypso a little jazz, Top 40 and Blues!

Prairie St: Left on Main

Kalamazoo's most versatile cover band bringing you all the jams from the 70's – today. They are like Jack FM of live music; you never know what you're going to hear next!

**June 21st** Main St: Allie Garland Band & Sean Gibson

A typical Allie Garland show will take you on a musical cruise featuring Johnny Cash, Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, The Eagles, and more. You name it Allie can probably play it which works out great when Allie opens up her performance to the all-request portion.

Prairie St: Tom Askey – Old Hank's Son

Tom Askey is a retired professional hockey player who has found a second career writing and performing music. Throughout his playing career, Askey worked on his passion for playing guitar and singing in his spare time. Tom performed at local bars and events in every city he played in while honing his skills and stage presence.

**June 28th** Main St: John Louis Good & Rose City Troubadours

From Jackson County, MI. They play Americana, folk, rockabilly and country music. Playing an array of hits and original songs. They will bring a smile to your face and tune to take home.

Prairie St: Greg Cordes – Blues and Rock

As a small-town Lawton, MI-based singer/songwriter, Greg Cordes, has 40 years of musical experience. Greg's unique country style voice mixed with a clear tone of blues and rock has been entertaining audiences for 16 years.

**July 12th** Main St: Out of Favor Boys – Blues/Funk/Soul

Featuring funky rhythms, searing guitar and blazing saxophone lines the quintet brings incredible energy to every show they play. The OOFB put on a show sure to be enjoyed by contemporary and traditional blues and funk lovers and anyone who appreciates great live music.

Prairie St: Michael & Sophie McIntosh – Top 40

Michael is a gifted vocalist and guitarist who was part of one of Michigan's most popular bands...'Drop 35' for many years. His material &B, Motown, pop, classic rock, and much more.

**July 19th** Main St: Special Guest – Classic Rock

Special Guest play classic rock from the early 60's to the mid 80's and lots of Bob Seger's hits. Power trio featuring guitar, bass, drums & vocals from the S.W. Michigan area. Three members from Night Move Bob Segar Tribute band featuring Night Movers lead vocalist Jack Parkhurst on vocals.

Prairie St: Pinter Whitnick – 80's & 90's

Based out of Detroit, Michigan this husband and wife duo play a full-band sound with rich harmonies as they bring familiar favorites to life.

**July 26th** Main St: The Mickey's – Americana/Folk/Alt Country

Jammie Award Winners. The Mickey's have enjoyed global press and radio exposure in support of Find Our Way and Walk Along – resulting in impressive radio success and two European tours. Identical twins, Amy Sherman and Julie Peebles front the compelling musical force.

Prairie St: Ada LeAnn – Top 40's

Josie's Awards Single of the Year

Based out of Battle Creek, a semi-finalist for NBC Song Contest, Ada plays many of her own songs, such as "Young Love", along with performing Top 40s

**August 2nd** Main St: The Skeletones – R&B/Blues/Soul/Motown

Brings a searing brand of high energy, yet soulful music to the local music scene and have taken their show throughout the Midwest.

Prairie St: Hurricane – Reggae

Hailing from the exotic isle of Dominica Cleve Hurricane Jean Jacques will be performing his solo gig bringing a true Caribbean vibe with Reggae, Soca, Calypso a little Jazz, Top 40 and Blues.

**August 9th** Main St: Rusty and the Nails – Classic Rock and Blues

Fun Classic rock and blues featuring covers and original songs. Musical influences and songs performed are: The Beatles, Jethro Tull, REM, Tom Petty, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Lynyrd Skynyrd and much more!

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**August 16th** Main St: Three of a Kind – Pop Classics

Three of a Kind is a collection of 3 diversely experienced musicians who pride themselves on intense 3-part harmonies and very eclectic mix of pop classics. They will dazzle the audience with their musical interpretation, energy, and diverse style.

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## **VISUAL ARTS**



[Reflections: The Wonders of Creation Art Exhibit](#)

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**May 17, 2023 - Jun 22, 2023 at 09:00 am**

Free Admission

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Colyn, a process specialist in Kellogg Community College's Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, will exhibit "Reflections: The Wonders of Creation," through June 22 in the Davidson Center's Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek.

The exhibit, which opened May 17, is free and open to the public during regular gallery summer business hours, which are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.