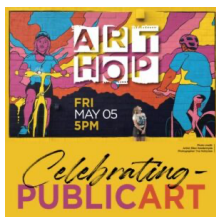


ART HOP



[Art Hop May 2023 - Celebrating Public Art](#)

Friday
May 05, 2023 at 05:00 pm

FREE - Plan your visit! www.kalamazooarthop.org
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Various Locations

Let's take a walk! Join us in touring public art in our county in conjunction with the Kalamazoo County Public Arts Commission, which will unveil its Pixel Stix project! In Kalamazoo, we have a growing and vibrant public art collection that includes sculptures, murals, and interactive experiences. Visit up to 37 stops with the work of over 75 artists around the city featuring glassblowing, ceramics, fiber arts, woodworking, and more! Plan your visit – www.kalamazooarthop.org!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Community Voices Ensemble](#)

Thursday
Apr 06, 2023 - Jun 08, 2023 at 04:00 pm
Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Led by a board-certified music therapist with assistance from community teaching artists, this program provides teens and adults with a variety of intellectual disabilities a unique opportunity to work collaboratively to learn and perform music. This grant-supported program only costs \$30 per session.



[Audition Workshop - Big Fish](#)

May 06, 2023 at 02:00 pm
Free Workshop
Limited Seating - Registration Recommended
[Registration Link](#)

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

When: Saturday, May 6 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Ages: 16 and up (with one or two additional roles of a male-presenting youth approximately 10 years old)

Big Fish: A New Broadway Musical

Synopsis: Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, *BIG FISH* tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest...and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him—most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, *BIG FISH* is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre—for an experience that's richer, funnier and bigger than life itself.

Space is limited – registration recommended.

[Registration Link](#)

Audition Dates: Sunday, May 21 and Monday, May 22 starting at 7:00pm

Performance Dates: September 15 to October 1, 2023 (Friday thru Sunday)

FREE EVENTS



[KNAC Press Conference & Free Community Concert](#)

Thursday

May 04, 2023 at 03:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition at The First Baptist](#)

[Church](#) at [Kalamazoo Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition](#), 315 W. Michigan Avenue

The KNAC Capital Campaign Cabinet is thrilled to share major announcements regarding the transformation of the historic First Baptist Church building into a performing arts center and entrepreneurial incubator. Following our important announcements, enjoy a free concert in KNAC's exquisite performance hall, featuring some of Kalamazoo's finest musical talent. A reception will directly follow the performance.

Press Conference Speakers | 3:30 p.m.

- Jeff K. Ross, Campaign Co-Chair
- Dann Sytsma, KNAC Board President
- Statements from Representative Rogers and Senator McCann that will be read by Dann Sytsma
- Sharon Ferraro, Historic Preservationist and KNAC Board Member
- Qianna Decker, City Commissioner and KNAC Board Member

Concert Performances | 4:15 p.m.

- Barry Ross, KSO Concertmaster Emeritus: Violin
- Alexander Bosak, Studio of Annie Leong: Piano
- Kemar Williams, WMU School of Theatre and Dance: Music Theatre Performance
- Marcell Whitfield, WMU School of Music: Vocal Performance from the Studio of Rhea Olivacce
- Ivan Tai, The Crescendo Music Academy: Violin with JJ Treadway: Piano Accompanist
- Cindy Hunter: Piano Accompanist

Event Reception | 5:00 p.m.

- Building tours will be available by KNAC Staff

MUSIC



[Steve Kamerling @ Brick + Brine](#)

Friday

Jan 13, 2023 - May 26, 2023 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.



[KCC Music Faculty Recital: An Evening of Musical Excellence](#)

Wednesday
May 03, 2023 at 07:30 pm
Free Admission

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

The recital, titled “An Evening of Musical Excellence,” will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the auditorium of the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 450 North Ave., Battle Creek.

The event is free and open to the public, though a freewill offering will be collected to support future music programming and initiatives at the College, including a planned concert tour of Austria in 2025.



[After Hop Concert - Kait Rose & The Thorns at Music in the Plaza](#)

Friday
May 05, 2023 at 07:30 pm
Presented by Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo at [Haymarket Plaza](#), 139 N Edwards Street

Join us in the Haymarket Plaza for an Art Hop Concert on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 7:30 pm – 9 pm to hear the musical stylings of Kait Rose & The Thorns!

Chosen as one of the Top 10 Bands to Watch and Listen To in the annual music issue of Revue Magazine, by Eric Mitts...saying, “A storyteller in the purest sense of the term, Rose bares her buoyant soul with songs of personal struggle and strife, set aloft by her powerful voice. A gem and fixture in Kalamazoo’s music community. Kaitlin’s incredible vocal range draws in audiences, and the depth and vulnerability of her universal songwriting keeps them coming back. She deftly picks songs on a full-size Martin dreadnought, underscoring a confident and professional stage presence that’s one-part candor, one-part charm, and one-part badass“. Audiences and venues rave about Kaitlin’s performances.

This event is FREE to attend. Join us!

THEATRE



[Chicken & Biscuits](#)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Apr 20, 2023 - May 07, 2023 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Special Preview Performance (4/20/23): \$25

Thursdays: \$30-\$34

Friday-Sunday: \$35-\$39

Student Tickets \$15 All Performances

General Rush: \$10 All Performances*

**Begins 1 hour prior to curtain. Must be present at the box office. Subject to seating availability.*

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

America’s dishiest family is coming together for Grandpa’s funeral – hopefully without killing each other!

Here’s the tea: Rivaling sisters, Baneatta and Beverly, are burying their father—but it’s the non-stop family drama that might be the death of them. Beverly just wants to show the congregation what she’s been “blessed with.” Baneatta’s husband tries to keep the family peace while preparing the eulogy.

Then (get ready...) Baneatta's youngest son brings his very white, very Jewish boyfriend who is maybe, sort of, okay, definitely afraid of Baneatta. Meanwhile, Beverly's daughter couldn't mind her own business if it was on a leash.

But wait! When a family secret is revealed (at the church altar!!), things really go crazy...and even Baneatta can't deny the truth.

This Michigan premiere production is directed by **Dr. Quincy Thomas**. It stars Equity professional actors **Demetria Thomas** and **Darlene Dues** as rivaling sisters Baneatta and Beverly, and also features Farmers Alley favorites including **Von Washington Jr.** (*Clybourne Park*), **Marissa Harrington** (director of *Three Little Birds*, *She Persisted*), **Julianne Howe-Bouwens** (*Doubt*). Rounding out the cast are WMU graduate **Avery Kenyatta** as Kenny, professional actor **Sam Hoffman** as Logan, and Kalamazoo Central senior **Aija Hodges** as La'Trice.



[Fiddler on the Roof](#)

May 02, 2023 at 07:00 pm

Tickets range from \$28-\$85 for more ticket information please visit our website or the Miller Auditorium box office.

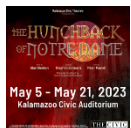
Presented by [Miller Auditorium](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Audiences across North America are toasting a new production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!

Rich with musical hits you know and love, including "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were A Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "To Life (L'Chaim!)," FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is the heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love and laughter.

Tony®-winning director Bartlett Sher and the team behind South Pacific and The King and I bring a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece from Tony winner Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. Featuring a talented cast, lavish orchestra and stunning movement and dance from Israeli choreographer Hofesh Shechter, based on the original staging by Jerome Robbins, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF will introduce a new generation to the uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy! To love! To life!

This performance is an ASL interpreted performance and is supported by Theatre Kalamazoo and The Irving S. Gilmore Foundation. *Patrons wishing to take advantage of this offer should call the box office at 387-2300 to purchase their tickets to ensure they are seated near the Interpreter.*



[The Hunchback of Notre Dame](#)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

May 05, 2023 - May 21, 2023 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

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

Performances: May 5 – May 21, 2023 (Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm)

ASL Interpretation and Audio Description services available on the Saturday, May 13 performance.

Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://www.kazoocivic.com/hunchback-of-notre-dame-2022...>

Ticket prices range from \$17-\$30 and feature assigned seating. For more information and group sale rates, please call our box office at 269-343-1313.

Venue: Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park St, Kalamazoo, Mi 49007.

Synopsis: Based on the Victor Hugo novel of the same title and songs from the animated feature, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* tells the story of a 15th Century Paris hunchbacked bell ringer who dreams of being in the outside world. With memorable songs like *God Help the Outcasts*, *Made of Stone*, and *Top of the World*, this musical is an instant classic.



[Sam Morril – The Class Act Tour](#)

Sunday

May 07, 2023 at 07:00 pm

General Ticket Information:

All seating is reserved for this all-ages event. There's a 6-ticket limit.

\$39.00

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

Kalamazoo State Theatre

What To Know Before Attending The Show

All bags and purses must be under 8" x 5" x 2" – [Click for more details](#)

Doors: 6:00pm | Show: 7:00pm

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

Comedian and co-host of the popular We Might Be Drunk podcast Sam Morril is bringing The Class Act tour to the historic Kalamazoo State Theatre on Sunday, May 7th, 2023!

About Sam Morril:

Morril is one of the fastest-rising stand-up comics in New York City and one of the best joke writers in the scene today. He was a regular on Comedy Central's This Week at the Comedy Cellar, where he appeared on frequently when not touring cities across the nation. He was named one of Comedy Central's Comics to Watch in 2011 and has performed multiple stand-up sets on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The Late, Late Show with James Corden and Conan. He's also had stints on Last Comic Standing, America's Got Talent, @midnight with Chris Hardwick, and Inside Amy Schumer. Morrill can be heard on the podcast We Might Be Drunk with co-host Mark Normand and seen on Netflix's That's My Time with David Letterman. His 4th stand-up special, Sam Morril: Same Time Tomorrow, can also now be viewed on Netflix.

In 2021, Sam self-released his stand-up special, Up On The Roof, in which he navigates performing live during COVID. In February 2020, Morrill released his 3rd stand-up special for Comedy Central, I Got This on their YouTube channel and received over 1.5 million views within the first two weeks. Morrill then later released it as a comedy album with 800 Pound Gorilla Records.

In 2015, the comedian recorded his debut album, Class Act, with Comedy Central Records, which went to #1 on iTunes and made numerous top 10 lists and appeared on season four of Comedy Central's The Half Hour. His first one hour special, Amy Schumer Presents Sam Morril: Positive Influence premiered on Comedy Central in 2018.

Morrill was the host of his very own show on MSG called People Talking Sports, which ran for two seasons and received an Emmy® nomination. Morrill also has a cameo in the Academy Award nominated film, Joker.

General Ticket Information:

All seating is reserved for this all-ages event. There's a 6-ticket limit.

\$39.00

BUY TICKETS [HERE](#)

RSVP On Facebook [HERE](#)

Security Information:

All patrons are subject to search, pat down, and wand. The following items are not allowed in the venue: guns, knives, lasers, tasers, mace, glass items, cameras, selfie sticks, outside food or beverage, no bags over the dimensions of 8 inches wide by 5 inches tall with a width of 2 inches, and other items that may challenge public safety. You can view our full list by visiting our [frequently asked questions here](#).