

## 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.

## FREE EVENTS



### [Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup](#)

Sunday

May 28, 2023 at 03:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E.  
Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

What is your making interest? Would you like to meet others and be part of an area makers community? Makers of all descriptions welcome!

The Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup will be held twice a month on Sunday from 3pm-5pm. You will have a chance to introduce yourself and a maker related topic, then mingle and participate in a group activity. Bring a project if you have one you'd like to share.

You are invited to come down and see who is in your network.

Connect on [Discord](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 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.



### [City of Portage-Friday at the Flats](#)

Friday

May 26, 2023 at 04:30 pm

Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at [Celery Flats - Historical Area](#),  
7335 Garden Lane, Portage, MI 49002

Stop by from 4:30 to 8:30 PM on Friday, May 26 to enjoy local musicians and food trucks. Kicking off our first event of 2023 are Jack Dastoli and [FlyLiteGemini](#). It will be a beautiful night for a craft market, live music, food, building tours and community. Remember to join the Friday at the Flats Community Food Drive and bring your nonperishable donations to the Parks & Recreation tent on the event day.

Friday at the Flats returns to the Celery Flats Pavilion in 2023. Join us on the fourth Friday of every month, May through September, for dinner and experience a range of food trucks and live, local musicians. Seating is limited, but lawn space is plentiful, so bring a blanket or chair. Connect with your family and friends at Celery Flats through food, live music, and fun.

» Fridays, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, & September 22, 4:30 – 8:30 PM

» Celery Flats Pavilion (7335 Garden Lane)

» FREE (No registration required)

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### [Renée Fleming & Evgeny Kissin in Concert](#)

Saturday

May 27, 2023 at 08:00 pm

From \$125 to \$40

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

Legendary soprano Renée Fleming and piano virtuoso Evgeny Kissin collaborate for a sensational recital performance, enhanced by their long-standing friendship.

Among the most acclaimed singers of our time, **Renée Fleming** has sung for world leaders and occasions as varied as the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony and the Diamond Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. She has captivated audiences with a repertoire spanning opera and the classical tradition to jazz and contemporary pop, and was recognized by President Barack Obama with the National Medal of Arts. In November, Fleming will star in the Metropolitan Opera's world-premiere staging of "The Hours," based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Her awards include four Grammys, the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, Germany's Cross of the Order of Merit, and France's Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.

**Evgeny Kissin** is one of the most gifted classical pianists of his generation, in demand by many of the world's great conductors and orchestras. During the 2021-2022 season, he performed the music of Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin throughout Europe and Asia. Musical awards and tributes include the Edison Klassiek in The Netherlands, and the Diapason d'Or and the Grand Prix of La Nouvelle Academie du Disque in France. His recordings have won him two Grammys for Best Instrumental Soloist. Kissin's talent inspired Christopher Nupen's documentary film, "Evgeny Kissin: The Gift of Music," and his autobiography, "Memoirs and Reflections," was published in 2018.

Free Concert Preview · 7 PM · led by Zaide Pixley



## [State On The Street: Lady Ace Boogie Presents](#)

Jun 02, 2023 at 05:30 pm

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

### **Patio & Bar: 5:30 PM | Live Music: 6 PM**

State on the Street is back for select Fridays this Summer! Join us outside the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** for **State on the Street** featuring **Lady Ace Presents DJ Venus Flyytrap, Jes Kramer, Raydale Shamaine, and August** on Friday, June 2!

We'll have **free** live music outside our iconic Theatre, patio seating, drink specials, and more! All of the events will be held on Fridays, with our patio and bar opening at 5PM and live music from 5:30-8:30PM! There will also be opportunities to tour our historic venue.

#### **About DJ Venus Flyytrap:**

Venus Flyytrap is a true anomaly. Based in grand rapids, mi, this creative director turned DJ draws inspiration from the past with psychedelic sounds and the future by way of her elusive, vibrant visuals. with a mantra of 'make something out of nothing', venus Flyytrap will make you see, hear and most of all — groove.

#### **About Jes Kramer:**

Jes Kramer is a one-woman band from Grand Rapids, MI. Using a combination of keyboards, guitar, vocals, and a loop pedal, she weaves her songs layer by layer into something incredibly personal, yet comforting. WYCE named her Outstanding Female Performer of the Year at the 2012 Jammies.

#### **About Raydale Shamaine:**

Raydale Shamaine is a Grand Rapids based musician and motivational speaker.

#### **About August:**

August is a five piece soul-pop band rooted in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since their 2018 debut, August hit the ground running, performing at many sought-after venues and festivals across West Michigan. In June of 2019, the band released their debut full-length album, Bloom, drawing inspiration from many areas of music: soul, funk, rock, pop, jazz, etc. Their lyrics tell stories of the intimate human experience and are musically presented in a dynamic and approachable fashion. In a review of the album, Local Spins writes, "Through a backdrop of expansive instrumentals [August] gives a comforting message of hope, a sentiment that everything will be OK." The album earned them two nominations for the WYCE Jammy Awards in February of 2020. In the summer of 2020, the band released their first EP, Chaos & Comfort. The EP found its way to being in the "Hot Top Five" in the month of August of 2020 on 88.1, WYCE radio. The band released their sophomore album, Through the Looking Glass, in September of 2022 hugely inspired by what felt like a reversed reality. "Place to Land", recorded at River City Studios and mastered by Bailey Budnik, will release on 11/18/2022.

#### **Here is the rest of our 2022 State on the Street lineup:**

July 14 – Jake Kershaw

August 4 – Fake Baseball

September 15 – Delilah Dewylde

October 6 – The Battle for Kalamazoo

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*

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

– *KST Box Office and Merch on site*

– To-go drinks in Social District cups

– Venue tours

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### **Concerts in the Park - Kalamazoo Concert Band**



Sunday

Jun 03, 2023 - Jun 04, 2023 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W. South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Join us for the first concert of the Concerts in the Park Series in Bronson Park on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 4 pm! Enjoy the music of the Kalamazoo Concert Band, an adult ensemble, that has been delighting audiences for 62 years. This all-adult membership is comprised of over 100 adults from the southwestern Michigan area.



### **Takes on Tango**

Sunday

Jun 04, 2023 at 03:00 pm

Tickets range from \$25-35

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Featuring violinist Freddy Varela Montero

## **THEATRE**



### **Auditions - Big Fish**

Monday, Sunday

May 21, 2023 - May 22, 2023 at 07:00 pm

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

Auditions for our production of *Big Fish* will take place on Sunday, May 21 and Monday, May 22 starting at 7:00pm

Ages: 16 and up, with 1 – 2 roles of a male-presenting youth approximately 10 years old

Register at [KazooCivic.com/Auditions](https://KazooCivic.com/Auditions). Only one day and time slot of auditions needs to be attended.

Performances: September 15, 2023 – October 1, 2023 (Friday thru Sunday)

About *Big Fish*: 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.