

ART HOP



[Art Hop - December 2, 2022](#)

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 05:00 pm

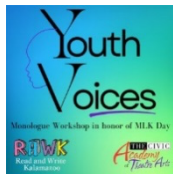
at [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, MI

CELEBRATING GRATITUDE – GIVE THE GIFT OF ART

It is a season of joy, celebration, and showing appreciation to those who have given so much to us throughout the year. Enjoy all that Kalamazoo’s artists have to offer you this holiday season at the December Art Hop, Kalamazoo, Friday, December 2, 2022, from 5 to 8 pm. Plus, you’ll be supporting the growth of arts and culture of our community.

We have 31 stops and over 50 artists to explore! Admission is free so bring your entire family. Access the Art Hop December mobile brochure at kalamazooarthop.org to plan your evening!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Youth Voices](#)

Wednesday

Oct 19, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022 at 05:30 pm

To Enroll for this FREE workshop, click [HERE](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) and [Read and Write Kalamazoo \(RAWK\)](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#) he Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and Read And Write Kalamazoo (RAWK) are teaming up to honor MLK Day 2023 by celebrating and amplifying youth voices!

Throughout the series, we will explore the art of the monologue and then put our knowledge into action by writing, editing, and polishing our own monologues inspired by each of our unique passions. Finally, each writer will record a video of their monologue to be shared with the community on Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2023.

Workshops take will take place via Google Classroom/Google Meets at 5:30–6:30 PM on Wednesdays

October 19

October 26

November 2

November 9

November 16 and

November 30.

Recordings will be in person at RAWK and scheduled by appointment throughout the week of December 5–8



[Clases de Inglés Gratis / Free English as a Second Language Classes](#)

Monday, Wednesday

Feb 07, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022 at 12:30 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [El Concilio](#) and [Kalamazoo Public Schools](#) at [El Concilio](#), 930 Lake Street, #A, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

¿Quiere Ud. aprender o mejorar su inglés? ¿Le gustaría tener más confianza en usarlo? Entonces esta clase es para usted. El Concilio, en colaboración con el programa de Educación Adulta de las Escuelas Públicas de Kalamazoo, ofrecen esta clase para ayudarle a alcanzar sus metas y ganar confianza en hablar el inglés.

Registración abierto ahora. Cupo limitado. ¡Gratis para inscribirse! Llámanos para guardar su espacio. Would you like to learn or improve your English? Would you like to have more confidence in using it? Then this class is for you. El Concilio, in collaboration with the Kalamazoo Public Schools' Adult Education program, offers this class to help you reach your goals and gain confidence in speaking English.

Registration is open now. Limited space available. Free to enroll! Call us to save your space.

DANCE



[The Nutcracker Kalamazoo](#)

Saturday, Sunday

Dec 03, 2022 - Dec 04, 2022 at 01:00 pm, 06:00 pm

Presented by [Ballet Kalamazoo](#) at [Comstock Community Auditorium](#), 2107 N. 26th

Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Make your holidays magical by strolling through Kalamazoo's renowned Candy Cane Lane, circa 1865! Presented by Ballet Kalamazoo joined by Professional Guest Artists: Matthew Rusk as The Nutcracker Prince and Joseph VanHarn as The Cavalier to the Sugar Plum Fairy and with Special Guest Artists from Western Michigan University with WMU Dance Department and WMU Dance Team: Aliya VanTuinen, Lexi Rich, Sara Lambrecht, Ji Hae Yepa-Pappan and Jessica Thompson.

Tickets go on sale on October 14th at 1:00 pm

Tickets are \$10-\$20

Children 1 and under are lap child seating and are free

Read about the Nutcracker Kalamazoo Story:

Come with Hattie and her family to share in their excitement as they host their first holiday party at their new home, The Kalamazoo House.

But wait! Who is this surprise guest with an enchanted gift for Hattie? And what a gift! A Nutcracker.

The party ends, and a magical night begins! Hattie sneaks down to get one more glimpse of her Nutcracker and falls asleep. When Hattie awakes, her Nutcracker is doing battle against an army of life-size mice led by their terrible 3-headed Mouse Queen. Just as the Mouse Queen is about to kill the Nutcracker, Hattie distracts her, empowering the Nutcracker to break the spell.

The spell is broken, and the Nutcracker unexpectedly transforms into a prince!

The Prince takes Hattie on a wondrous journey through the Magnificent Pines, full of Whitetail Deer.

There, the Prince and Hattie encounter Michigan Snowflakes who carry them away to the Land of the Sweets.

As Hattie’s incredible night continues in the Land of the Sweets, they are greeted by extraordinary beings: the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Sugar Plum Cavalier, the Dew Drop Fairy, Morning Doves, and Monarch Butterflies.

When the pair tell the Sugar Plum Fairy of their adventure, the Sugar Plum Fairy is struck by Hattie’s bravery and bestows gifts of Kalamazoo’s favorite sweets – Donuts, Blue Moon ice cream, Gingerbread, Candy Canes, and Lollipops.

The enchanted evening begins to wane as Apple Blossom flowers dance around Hattie and her prince. As dawn approaches, the Sugar Plum Fairy tells Hattie she must return home. Hattie does not want to go until she and the Prince dance one final dance together.

The Sugar Plum’s final gift to Hattie is the story of what will come – the vibrant future of Kalamazoo, along with the key to The Land of the Sweets.

Hattie wakes up next to her Nutcracker. Was her magical night of adventure and friendship only a dream?

But then, under her pillow, Hattie finds the key to The Land of Sweets! Hattie falls into a contented slumber again knowing she can return to The Land of the Sweets anytime she wishes!

Decennium

Sunday

Dec 04, 2022 at 06:00 pm

General Admission \$15

Door sale \$20

Presented by [Young Dancers Initiative](#) and [Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers](#) at [Wellspring Theater](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 204, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Celebrating Young Dancers Initiative’s tenth anniversary! YDI presents Decennium. Featuring YDI Ann Arbor, YDI Kalamazoo, Jodie Randolph Dance, WMU’s Western Dance Project, and Wellspring Youth Performance Ensemble.

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



[Buy Local Art & Gift Fair](#)

Saturday

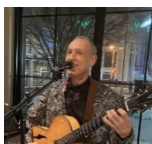
Dec 03, 2022 at 09:00 am

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

Free admission to the Fair and trails all day!

KNC's Buy Local Art & Gift Fair is Saturday December 3rd from 9am-4pm. The event features unique booths from top local artisans. The quality and variety of work, friendly artists, and festive atmosphere have made this an annual tradition you don't want to miss! In the spirit of the season, let's keep everyone safe. Masks are currently recommended, but not required, in the Visitor Center.

MUSIC



[Steve Kamerling @ Brick + Brine](#)

Friday

Oct 07, 2022 - Dec 30, 2022 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.



[2 of a Kind \(Steve Kamerling and Joe Ferguson\) @ Hilton Garden Inn](#)

Wednesday

Nov 02, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022 at 07:00 pm

Free Admission.

Presented by [Arts Council Member Artist](#) at Hilton Garden Inn, 303 N Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Come spend a Wednesday evening at the Hilton Garden Inn, in the historic Rose Street Market building. Steve and Joe will be performing an eclectic mix of jazz standards, pop tunes with a twist, and some classic blues. Joe is well known in the local blues scene for his prowess on harmonica and vocals. The HGI features a modern, comfortable space for music, drinks, and dining.



[WMU Jazz Masters Series with Chris Potter](#)

Thursday

Dec 01, 2022 at 07:30 pm

WMU Jazz Masters Series

Tickets \$10 (Seniors \$5, Students \$5) available at: <https://wmumusic.ludus.com/>

Presented by [Andrew Rathbun](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#),

1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

KALAMAZOO—

The WMU School of Music's JAZZ MASTERS SERIES presents the masterful saxophonist and composer CHRIS POTTER. A world-class soloist, accomplished composer and formidable bandleader, Potter has emerged as a leading light of his generation. Down Beat called him "One of the most studied (and copied) saxophonists on the planet" while Jazz Times identified him as "a figure of international renown." Jazz sax elder statesman Dave Liebman called him simply, "one of the best musicians around," and the readers of Down Beat agreed in voting him second only to tenor sax great Sonny Rollins in the magazine's 2008 Readers Poll.

Performing with Potter will be the Advanced Jazz Ensemble, and the Western Jazz Collective, comprised of WMU's acclaimed jazz faculty. The University Jazz Orchestra will present some of Potter's challenging works for big band, with the composer as featured soloist.

An event not to be missed!



[Yuletide Carols](#)

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 08:00 pm

Tickets are free but must be requested via the KCB website.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Concert Band](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller](#)

[Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Since the inception of the Kalamazoo Concert Band holiday concerts in 1986, the KCB has always showcased guest artists of international, national, or local celebrity status. This year, we've decided to change it up a bit and feature the Kalamazoo Children's Chorus. We thought what better time to present a concert of this nature than the holiday season. So, it will be a-caroling we go as we deck the halls of Miller Auditorium. Please consider this your personal invitation to bask in the yuletide glow during the most wonderful time of the year.

Go to the KCB Tickets page for more information.



[Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra in concert](#)

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 06:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) and [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) at [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

Sponsored by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), the [Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra](#) is a plucked string ensemble consisting of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and bass. The KMGO was founded in 2003 to revive the mandolin orchestra tradition in Kalamazoo. Under the direction of conductor Matt Cosgrove, the orchestra enjoys performing a wide variety of music, including classical, folk, and "golden era" mandolin orchestra music. The KMGO will perform two concerts at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Seating is first come, first served. Visit kalamazoomuseum.org for more information.



[Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra in Concert](#)

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 07:15 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) and [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) at [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

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[Isidore String Quartet](#)

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 07:30 pm

\$30 – General Admission;

\$15 – Ages 25 & Under (In Advance);

\$5 – Ages 25 & Under (At-the-Door)

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

Winners of the 14th Banff International String Quartet Competition in 2022, the New York City-based [Isidore String Quartet](#) was formed in 2019 with a focus to revisit, rediscover, and reinvigorate the repertory.

The quartet is heavily influenced by the [Juilliard String Quartet](#) and the idea of “approaching the established as if it were new, and the new as if it were firmly established.” The name Isidore recognizes this musical connection to the Juilliard String Quartet: one of the group’s early members was legendary violinist Isidore Cohen.

PROGRAM:

HAYDN – String Quartet No. 25 in C Major, Op. 20, No. 2

CHILDS – String Quartet No. 2, “Awakening”

BEETHOVEN – String Quartet No. 15 in A minor, Op. 132



[Croce Plays Croce](#)

Saturday

Dec 03, 2022 at 07:30 pm

Tickets range from \$48-\$78 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

A.J. Croce performs ***Croce Plays Croce***, a special night of music featuring a complete set of classics by his late father Jim Croce, some of his own tunes, and songs that influenced both him and his father. This special event features such timeless songs as “Operator,” “You Don’t Mess Around with Jim,” “Time in a

Bottle,” (a song written for A.J.), “Rapid Roy (The Stock Car Boy) and “Lovers Cross”, to name a few. Classic covers may include songs by Lieber and Stoller, Bessie Smith, and other folk and roots artists.



[Holiday Pops!](#)

Saturday,Sunday

Dec 03, 2022 - Dec 04, 2022 at 03:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Tickets range from \$25-67

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Chenery Auditorium](#), 714 S.

Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Snowfall, singing, and good tidings to all – there is nothing as joyous as the holiday spirit! Let the Symphony whisk you away on a festive adventure fit for family and friends.



[Holidays with the Kalamazoo Bach Festival](#)

Sunday

Dec 04, 2022 at 04:00 pm

\$5-\$29 in person

\$19 - virtual

Presented by [Kalamazoo Bach Festival Society](#) at [Kalamazoo College - Stetson Chapel](#), 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

The ultimate seasonal celebration of your favorite holiday music, a taste of Brahms, and a sparkle of our Spring World Premiere, all in beautiful Stetson Chapel and live-streamed on our YouTube Channel.

We are delighted that piano duo Pierre and Sophié van der Westhuizen will join us as our guest artists for the afternoon in celebrating this now over 50-year holiday tradition that will be sure to bring joy to the beginning of your holiday season!

THEATRE



[A Swinging Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett](#)

Thursday,Friday,Saturday,Sunday

Nov 18, 2022 - Dec 11, 2022 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Tickets are \$45 on Fri/Sat/Sun and \$40 on Thursdays. Student ticket pricing is \$15 for all shows. Tickets are available for purchase at www.farmersalleytheatre.com or by calling the Box Office at (269) 343-2727.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Have we got a world premiere for you! **Farmers Alley Theatre** transforms into a swingin’ nightclub to celebrate the holidays with you!

A Swinging Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett will be an unforgettable evening of song and featuring eighteen classic holiday tunes plus the standards that made Bennett famous like “I Wanna Be Around,” “The Good Life,” “Rags To Riches,” and of course, Tony’s signature song “I Left My Heart In San Francisco” and a jamming jazz trio, led by Nicholas Mueller.

Our cabaret-style seating, desserts, and beverages return for this special production the whole family will love.

If you enjoyed Farmers Alley Theatre’s productions of **My Way: The Songs of Frank Sinatra** or **Some Enchanted Evening**, you’ll love this world premiere production



[Meet Me in St. Louis](#)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Dec 02, 2022 - Dec 18, 2022 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

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

Performances: December 2 – December 18 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

ASL Interpreted & Audio Described Performance: Saturday, December 10 at 7:30pm

Tickets can be purchased online at [KazooCivic.com](#) or over the phone through our box office at 269-343-1313.

Synopsis: It is the summer of 1903, and everyone in the Smith family eagerly anticipates the opening of the 1904 World’s Fair. Over the course of a year, the family’s mutual respect, tempered with good-natured humor, helps them through romance, opportunity, and heartbreaks. The musical includes seven of the best-loved songs from the film, plus ten additional Martin and Blane songs written especially for the stage. Memorable musical numbers include “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “The Boy Next Door,” “The Trolley Song,” and “Whenever I’m with You.”

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.



[Going, Going, Gone](#)

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

Oct 18, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022 at 09:00 am

Free admission for KNC Members

Non-Members

Non-Members:

\$7 adult

\$6 senior

\$4 children 4-17

3 and under free

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

Kristen Sheufelt's, *Going, Going, Gone*, is now showing in KNC's Glen Vista gallery in tandem with the KNC original avian exhibit, *Up in the Air: Birds Navigating the Anthropocene*.

Sheufelt's show includes two-dimensional works that combine themes of personal and ecological loss in the natural world.

Based in Detroit, Michigan, Scheufelt recently received her MFA from the University of Michigan's Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design.



[Kimiko Petersen: Painting and Mixed Media Works](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Oct 31, 2022 - Dec 08, 2022 at 08:30 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

The exhibit, "Kimiko Petersen: Painting and Mixed Media Works," opened Monday, Oct. 31, and will run through Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery of the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. An opening reception for the exhibit, also free and open to the public, will be held with the artist from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in the gallery.



[ARTbreak w/ Robert Colescott and Paul Solomon](#)

Tuesday

Nov 29, 2022 at 12:00 pm

Free

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

Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Before them, before all of them, came Robert Colescott. Despite Colescott's widespread profound influence on generations of American artists, his name is missing from survey courses on 20th-century American art. Who was Robert Colescott? What did he inherit? What has he bequeathed us? And why does artist/photographer, scholar, and teacher, Paul Solomon personally identify with Colescott and his work?

Solomon is Professor of Art in the Frostic School of Art at Western Michigan University. He is also Adjunct Community Professor in the Department of Medical Ethics, Humanities and Law at Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine.



[Art, Activism, and AIDS](#)

Thursday

Dec 01, 2022 at 06:00 pm

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

Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

In works like *American Carnage 6/4-11*, currently on view in *Unmasking Masculinity*, Eagles comments on blood donation policies that prohibit members of the LGBTQIA+ community from donating blood. To

commemorate World AIDS Day, visitors are invited to visit the KIA during the afternoon of December 1 to converse with Eagles about his work. Guests will also be invited to step into a photo booth, where Eagles' will project images from his blood illuminations series onto their faces. The photos, taken by Eagles, will be texted to guests after their visit.



Art Hop: Community Response Performance

Friday

Dec 02, 2022 at 06:00 pm

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

The KIA has partnered with Yolonda Lavender to curate an evening of creative performances inspired by Unmasking Masculinity for the 21st Century. Lavender is a singer/songwriter, as well as the founder of Soul Artistry LLC, an organization that specializes in artist development. She will be joined on stage by Daja Excel, Shaquona Espinoza, and LoudFeli, who will all debut original works inspired by, and in response to, the themes of masculinity and manhood.