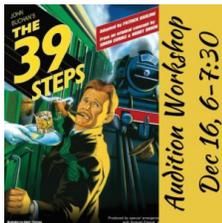


## Rotary Arts Minute for 12/11/2023 Information provided by the



### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



#### [Audition Workshop](#)

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Workshops are free but seating is limited - early registration is recommended: <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200434617>

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

A Thrilling Blend of Hitchcock, Spy Fiction, and Monty Python - The 39 Steps is a thrilling whodunit that seamlessly blends the best elements of a Hitchcock masterpiece and a juicy spy novel. Add a dash of Monty Python humor, and you have a fast-paced, two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning production. The play features a ridiculously talented cast of four who take on over 150 zany characters, making it a nonstop laugh riot from start to finish. Participating in an audition workshop provides an excellent opportunity to gain valuable insights into the audition process. By receiving feedback from the production's creative team, you can learn how to improve and feel more confident on audition day.



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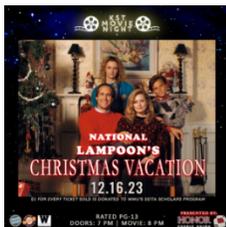
Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 at 6:15 pm

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

A fun and nostalgic 1950s trip involving four singers who take the stage for a final concert after a fatal car crash. Get ready for a blast from the past with this performance, full of impeccable doo-wop harmonies and catchy melodies from the 50s and 60s! Participating in an audition workshop provides an excellent opportunity to gain valuable insights into the audition process. By receiving feedback from the production's creative team, you can learn how to improve and feel more confident on audition day.

### FILM & VIDEO



#### [National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation \(1989 Film\)](#)

Dec 16, 2023 at 8:00 pm

All seating is general admission. This event is recommended for a mature audience age 13+. There's an 8 ticket limit.

\$13 — General Admission (This price expires 12/8/23 at 11:59pm and will go up to \$16.)

\$11 — Children 12 and under

\$11 — Discounted price for students (limited quantities available)

\$16 — Day of Show

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

\$1 for every ticket sold is donated to WMU's [Seita Scholars Program](#). It's not Christmas without the Griswold family! Spend this holiday season at your favorite historical theatre surrounded by friends and join the Griswold family as [Honor Credit Union](#) presents our annual screening of smash hit 1989 film **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** under the twinkling stars at historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** Saturday, December 16th! Come early and take your picture with the Griswold station wagon provided by the author of [The Giving Bag Book](#). We're also doing a costume contest, so break out your Cousin Eddie bathrobe, your

favorite ugly Christmas sweater or your best Clark outfit and you could win a prize! Plus, take part in our pre-show trivia for a chance to win **one-year membership in the jelly-of-the-month club** from [Bilberry Jams and Jellies](#)! KST will also be offering multiple full bars along with festive Holiday drinks and of course, freshly popped popcorn!

## MUSIC



### [Community Voices Informance](#)

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo](#), 345 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Crescendo [Community Voices Ensemble](#) presents its first concert of the 23-24 season. Led by a board-certified music therapist and 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.



### [Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra with the Michigan Mandolin Orchestra](#)

Friday, Dec 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at The Lucky Wolf Theater, 404 E Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079

This concert is free; donations are welcome. The combined mandolin groups will perform the epic first movement of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and Leroy Anderson's masterfully orchestrated medley, A Christmas Festival. The orchestra will also delve into Christmas favorites that swing and sing-a-long as well as selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Mendelssohn's Christmas Pieces (opus 72). Finally, the concert will feature music director Brian Oberlin and Sallie Bacon playing Christmas duets. The [Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra](#) is a plucked string ensemble of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and bass. The KMGGO was founded in 2003 to revive the mandolin orchestra tradition in Kalamazoo. The orchestra enjoys performing a wide variety of music including classical, world, and traditional mandolin orchestra music. The group is sponsored by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#). Membership is by audition.



### [Christmas Gifts - Kalamazoo Ringers Annual Holiday Concert @ First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo Sunday, December 17th @ 4:00PM](#)

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm

This concert will have a free-will offering.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Ringers](#) at First United Methodist Church.

The Kalamazoo Ringers just celebrated their 42nd year of ringing on seven octaves of bells along with six octaves of choir chimes. Please join us for our annual Christmas Concert in the beautiful sanctuary of First United Methodist Church located on downtown Bronson Park. This group of 17 ringers will present a concert filled with Christmas and holiday favorites. Our annual Christmas Concert is a thank you to the greater Kalamazoo Community, whose generous support allows us to spread the joy of handbells to all who want to listen. The 4:00 concert is open and free to the public, with an offering taken during intermission. To stand by our firm commitment to give back to the community, The Kalamazoo Ringers will collect donations of hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves to give to area schools and shelters. You're invited to bring items to contribute!



### [Annual Brass for the Holidays](#)

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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

Come experience our western brass quintet perform at the Dalton Center.

## THEATRE



### [Monologue Competition](#)

Nov 9, 2023 - Dec 11, 2023

There are NO tickets offered because this is an online event. Voting for your favorite competitor can be done through our monologue competition website!

Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at [Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre \(formerly Epic Theatre\)](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 205, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**All are welcome to compete** with the exception of the competition’s panel members (see About the Panel to meet our panel members). **There are no age restrictions – all ages are welcome.** Whether you’re right here in Kalamazoo or across the world, the competition’s **virtual format** allows for anyone to show off what they got! The competition is divided into two categories: Emerging Actors and Established Actors. **Emerging Actors are those without professional or educational training in acting** and/or have no professional acting credits. **Established Actors are those with professional or educational training** and/or have professional acting credits. **In this competition, your donation to Face Off Theatre Company is your vote.** \$1 = 1 vote. You can vote as many times as you’d like, for whoever you want, with whatever amount you’d like! All donation amounts will be tallied after **voting closes on Monday, December 11th at 11:59pm** and the winner will be announced at our 2024 Season Announcement! The grand prize winner will receive \$100.00 cash prize, and the runner-up will receive \$50.00 cash prize.



### [The Sound of Music](#)

Friday – Sunday, Nov 24, 2023 - Dec 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

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

“The world’s most beloved musical” – The Sound of Music won five Tony Awards and five Oscars. The inspirational story, based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trapp, follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. The Sound of Music in the Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium, November 24-December 17, 2023. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200435191>. Ticket prices range from \$17-\$30. For more information and group rates, please call our box office at 269-343-1313.



### [Every Brilliant Thing](#)

Thursday – Sunday, Nov 30, 2023 - Dec 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Every Brilliant Thing runs for three weekends from November 30 through December 17. Tickets start at \$36. \$10 rush tickets are offered for all performances starting 1 hour prior to curtain (subject to availability, theatergoers must be present at the box office). Student ticket pricing is \$15 for all shows. Preview performance tickets on Thursday, November

30th are \$25.

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

“Ice cream.” “Water fights.” “Peeing in the ocean and nobody knows.” In Every Brilliant Thing a boy’s handwritten list to cheer up his despondent mom becomes a surprisingly funny and poignant ode to humanity. This one-of-a-kind solo performance is a dramatic comedy that will capture your heart and lift your spirit, taking audiences on a transcendent and tender coming-of-age journey that reminds us to pay attention to life’s smallest joys — and to each other. Bringing this production to life is actor and storyteller Steve McDonagh. A fixture of the Chicago theatre scene with memorable roles in productions at The Goodman Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare, Music Theatre Works, and The Court Theatre, he is thrilled to be sharing this beautiful work with Michigan audiences. Steve is also a celebrity chef, best known as the winner of season one of The Next Food Network Star and as co-host of the network’s Party Line with the Hearty Boys.



### [The Story](#)

Friday – Sunday, Dec 15 - 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Tickets must be reserved for this free event at <https://vessel.simplenetix.org>

Presented by [Vessel for Arts](#) at [Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre \(formerly Epic Theatre\)](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 205, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Beginning with Adam and ending with Christ, characters portray their personal journeys through painful experiences leading them to the source of hope and healing. With songs written by Bernie Herms and Nicole Nordeman and orchestration by David Hamilton the contemporary style will draw audiences into The Story as the orchestra, actors, and vocalists interact on stage.

## **VISUAL ARTS**



### [Lines of Abstraction: A Curatorial Conversation](#)

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Tickets are \$5 for KIA members and \$10 for non-members. While pre-registration on our website is encouraged, tickets will also be available at the door.

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

Learn more about the KIA’s ongoing exhibition, C. C. Wang: Lines of *Abstraction*, from exhibition curators Dr. Wen-shing Chou and Dr. Daniel Greenberg! Drawing inspiration from both East and West, C. C. Wang sought to preserve and reinvigorate the practice of classical Chinese ink painting by marrying long-established methods with innovative new approaches. During this talk, Chou and Greenberg will discuss the significance of Wang’s artistic legacy, as well as their own process for developing this exhibition through a two-semester curatorial seminar at Hunter College. Wen-shing Chou is an Associate Professor of Art History at Hunter College and the City University of New York’s Graduate Center. Specializing in the art of China and Inner Asia, she is the author of *Mount Wutai: Visions of a Sacred Buddhist Mountain*. Daniel Greenberg is an Assistant Professor of Chinese Art History at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He specializes in artistic and cultural exchange at the eighteenth-century Qing court.