

Rotary Arts Minute for 11/6/2023 Information provided by the



[Application open for KCA STARTALK Program 2024-25](#)

Oct 26 - Nov 30, 2023

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2023

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Presented by [Kalamazoo Chinese Academy](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The **Kalamazoo Chinese Academy STARTALK Institute** is a year-round student engagement program that will take place from spring 2024 to spring 2025. This year's program is for students in 5th to 9th grade (beginner to intermediate-level) to learn the Chinese language in an immersive environment. The program theme is "Amazing Beijing" and this theme will guide all standard-based instruction and learning throughout the program. Students will undergo a virtual cultural tour to Beijing in Mainland China. Classes will have a cap of 12 students per class to make it possible for the instructors to work closely with the students and to take account of individual differences in their backgrounds and learning styles. This program is funded by the National Security Agency (NSA) and participation in this program is totally FREE; however, participation in all four semesters is required.



[Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with Renae Baumgart](#)

Thursday Nov 09, 2023 at 01:00 pm

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

Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors w/Renae Baumgart

Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with special guest artist Renae Baumgart

Guest artists and authors meet to share their work, talk about their process and help guide artmaking.

This month we welcome: **Renae Baumgart, Rip Studio**

Learn how this local artist creates unique pieces by free hand ripping repurposed wallpaper.

Fee: \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member. **Register** or drop in.



[Crescendo Fiddlers - Fiddle Club](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Director [Joanna Steinhauser](#) teaches folk fiddle music, which includes fiddle tunes from the folk music traditions of New England, Appalachia, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, and China. In addition to weekly classes, the Crescendo Fiddlers perform throughout the summer at regional folk music festivals, community events, and farmers' markets. Two to three years of playing experience is usually required to handle our repertoire.



Audition Workshop

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 3:00 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 49007

High school years can be a mixed bag – some cherish them as the best years of their lives, while others would rather forget them. Regardless of your own experience, they have undoubtedly had a significant impact on the person you are today. With a collection of songs and monologues, Craig Carnelia beautifully captures the high school experience and its influence on one’s life post-graduation. As it turns out, even algebra can come in handy sometimes. 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.

FREE EVENTS



Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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

The Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup will be held twice a month on Sunday from 3-5 pm. 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 <https://discord.gg/mT86YZXm33> Looking forward to seeing you there!

KIDS & FAMILY



Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood LIVE: King For A Day

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Ticket prices for all seats are \$30-50. Tickets go on sale Friday, July 28, 2023 you can purchase tickets online at millerauditorium.com, by phone at (269) 387-2300 or (800) 228-9858, or at the Box Office. Open Mon.-Fri. Noon-4 p.m. for phone and in-person orders. For more information, please visit or call our Miller Auditorium Box Office at (269) 387-2300. Presented by [Miller Auditorium](#) 1341 Theatre Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The grr-ific musical for little tigers and grown-ups alike is back! The hugely popular Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood LIVE!, based on the #1 PBS KIDS TV and Emmy Award-Winning series that has delighted live audiences on stages across the country is back. Daniel Tiger and all of his friends are hopping back on board Trolley and coming to your town with DANIEL TIGER’S NEIGHBORHOOD LIVE: KING FOR A DAY! Join Daniel, O the Owl, Miss Elaina, Katerina Kittycat, Prince Wednesday, and more familiar friends for a brand-new adventure in Neighborhood of Make-Believe where Daniel learns just what it takes to be King. The beloved characters come alive on stage to captivate you with new songs to sing along to, magical moments, and SURPRISE guests along the way! It’s an event filled with tigertastic fun, teaching the valuable lessons of kindness, helping others, and being a friend. Don’t miss Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood LIVE: King for a Day... a royally great time!

MUSIC



[The String Queens](#)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Advance: \$17 general admission, \$14/seniors, \$5 ages 25 & under. At-the-door \$20/15/5. Presented by Connecting Chords Music Festival at [Comstock Community Auditorium](#), 2107 N. 26th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Praised for its authentic, soulful, and orchestral sound, [The String Queens](#) (TSQ) is a dynamic trio that creates stimulating musical experiences that inspire diverse audiences to love, hope, feel, and imagine! With an array of music spanning from the Baroque era to the Jazz Age to today's Billboard Hot 100 Chart, TSQ performs versatile programs that take listeners on a rousing musical journey through time and a multitude of musical genres. Based in Washington, D.C., TSQ has been featured in performances at renowned concert halls and venues across America, including Carnegie Hall in New York City and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in the nation's capital. Running September 16 – November 26, 2023, the **Connecting Chords Music Festival** celebrates the unifying power of the world's music. Our events center around the common convictions and threads that draw our community together. Learn more at connectingchordsfestival.com.



[Beethoven's Fifth Symphony](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Tickets:

Regular-priced tickets start at \$25.

We offer a variety of ticket discounts for Teachers, Active/Retired Military, Government Aid Recipients, and Under 18.

All pricing is subject to change.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University -](#)

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

[Ankush Kumar Bahl](#), Conductor

[Amelia Zitoun](#), Cello | 2023 Stulberg International String Competition Gold Medalist

With just four thunderous notes, Ludwig van Beethoven has moved audiences to the edge of their seats for centuries, ready to embark on a journey through his fateful Fifth Symphony. Jonathan Bailey Holland's lively *The Party Starter* is the perfect concert kickoff, followed by a striking performance by the 2023 Stulberg International String Competition Gold Medalist.

PROGRAM

Jonathan Bailey **HOLLAND** | *The Party Starter*

Joseph **HAYDN** | Cello Concerto in D Major

~ Intermission ~

Ludwig van **BEETHOVEN** | Symphony No. 5

THEATRE



[Lewis Black — Off The Rails Tour 2023](#)

Friday, November 10, 2023 at 8:00 pm

All seating is reserved for this all-ages event. There's an 8-ticket limit.

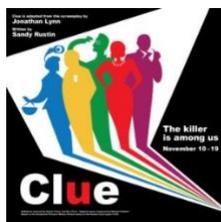
\$45-\$70. Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Doors: 7:00 PM | Show: 8:00 PM

Legendary award-winning comedian Lewis Black makes his triumphant return to the Kalamazoo State Theatre on Friday, November 10, 2023, as part of his *Off The Rails* tour.

About Lewis Black:

Today, Lewis is one of the most respected comics in the industry and is known as the King of Rant, using his trademark style of comedic yelling and finger pointing to expose the absurdities of life. His comedic brilliance makes people laugh at life's hypocrisies and the insanity he sees in the world. Adding a unique element to the end of his shows each night, Black delivers audience-written rants which have been submitted from fans around the world. He has done over 400 live streaming shows titled: THE RANT IS DUE. These rants are available on his podcast, Rant Cast.



[Clue](#)

Thursday – Sunday, November 10 - 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

General Admission tickets are \$21, Senior tickets are \$19, Student tickets are \$10, and WMU Student tickets are \$7. Student and WMU Student tickets require the patron to bring their student ID when they check in at the performance.

Our box office hours are Tuesday-Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. as well as an hour and a half before each performance. You can always leave a message, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Season passes and tickets are always available [online](#).

Email: theatre-info@wmich.edu

Presented by [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects.



[Barbecue](#)

Friday-Sunday, November 10 - 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

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

Get ready for an intervention! In this hilarious comedy, the O'Mallery family has gathered to confront their youngest sister, who is an addict. What could go wrong? Robert O'Hara's

Barbecue is a whirlwind satire for an adult audience. Barbecue in the Parish Theatre, November 10-19, 2023 (Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m.)

Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200435190>

Ticket prices range from \$24-\$30. For more information and group rates, please call our box office at 269-343-1313.

VISUAL ARTS



["Memorial Collaborations" Art Exhibit by Pete Williams](#)

Monday – Friday, October 30 – December 7, 2023

Free Admission

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

Williams' exhibit, titled "Memorial Collaborations," will run from Oct. 30 through Dec. 7 in the KCC Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center's Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery, 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

An exhibit lecture and opening reception – also free and open to the public – will be held with the artist on Thursday, Nov. 2, in the gallery and adjacent Davidson Auditorium. The exhibit lecture, part of the College’s continuing DeVries Lecture Series, will be held from 4 to 5:15 p.m. and the reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.



[An Evening with Wu Jian'an](#)

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Admission is \$5 for KIA members and \$10 for nonmembers. Purchase online or at the door.

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

During this special evening program, Beijing-based artist Wu Jian’an will visit the KIA to discuss *A Bridge Between Two Worlds*, his first major solo exhibition in the United States. Known for the intricate and arresting works that demonstrate his mastery of cut paper and other media, Wu has produced a truly remarkable artistic oeuvre that brings together seemingly contradictory methods and themes in surprising new ways. Join us to hear insights on his creative and deeply thoughtful artistic process, the representative works highlighted in this striking new exhibition, and his larger body of work. Wu Jian’an is a professor and master instructor in the School of Experimental Art at Beijing’s Central Academy of Fine Arts, a researcher at Prince Kung’s Palace Museum, and a member of the Academic Committee of the Beijing Zoo. His works have been widely exhibited across Asia, Europe, and the Americas. *A Bridge Between Two Worlds* is on view at the KIA through December 31!