

Rotary Arts Minute 10/23/2023 Information provided by the



ART HOP



[Art Hop November 2023 - The Future Looks Bright!](#)

Friday, November 3, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 pm

FREE

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Various Locations

Arts education is an opportunity to create a safe and creative environment for individuals to try new things, express themselves, and build their knowledge of skills to improve and foster positive relationships as lifelong learners. This Art Hop will be education-focused, and we will feature live art demonstrations, music, and dance groups featuring organizations around our city that enrich the lives of others with workshops, camp experiences, and individual practice. Plan your hop at [KalamazooArtHop.org](#)!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



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

October 26, 2023 - November 30, 2023

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2023

[Click to apply](#)

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. For more information, visit [kzooca.org/startalk](#) or contact: startalk@kzooca.org

FREE EVENTS



[Witches, Devils, Goblins, and Other Images of Halloween](#)

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Admission is free, but pre-registration is encouraged!

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

Halloween in the 21st century is a fun day, associated with youth, dressing up in costumes, and trick-or-treating, evoking images of witches, devils, and goblins that are more entertaining than macabre. Halloween has its origins as a pre-Christian Celtic festival that appropriated elements of and converged with the religious feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which solemnly commemorate saints, martyrs, and the dead. This Halloween, Dr. James Palmitessa joins us for a talk on the origins of popular Halloween imagery and traditions, analyzing images of witches and devils that arose during the European

witch hunts of the 15th-18th centuries C.E., including woodcuts by famous artists such as Albrecht Dürer and Hans Baldung Grien. Dr. Palmitessa also explains Halloween's place in the traditional annual calendar of popular and religious festivities, highlighting its similarities to, and differences from, various Carnival traditions of Europe and the Americas, as well as All Souls' Day festivities in Mexico and Latin America.

Dr. Palmitessa is an Associate Professor of History at Western Michigan University, specializing in European history in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern period, where he teaches a course on the Great European Witch-Hunt.



[Exhibit Lecture & Opening Reception: "Memorial Collaborations" by Pete Williams](#)

Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 4:00 pm

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.

HISTORY & HERITAGE



[Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth](#)

Friday, November 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Limited Post-Show VIP available

Take home a piece of the experience with the exclusive VIP photo package, available only through the Ancient Aliens Live Tour. Immediately following the show, fans who purchase this add-on will have the one-of-a-kind opportunity have their photo taken with all of the featured Ancient Aliens contributors, captured by a professional photographer. This upgrade experience can be purchased by all ticket holders, regardless of seating location. Only a limited number of tickets will be available for each event. Please note that autographs will not be available.

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

Doors: 6:30 PM | Show: 7:30 PM

The Kalamazoo State Theatre is excited to welcome ***Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth*** to its historic stage on Friday, November 3. Join Giorgio A. Tsoukalos, William Henry, Nick Pope, and David Childress for an evening of discussion and insight unlike any other.

Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth is an experiential extension of Ancient Aliens that explores the theory that extraterrestrials have visited Earth for millions of years. The ninety-minute live experience celebrates the long-running program Ancient Aliens on The HISTORY Channel and features leading Ancient Astronaut theorist Giorgio A. Tsoukalos, investigative mythologist William Henry, UFO investigator Nick Pope, and real-life Indiana Jones, David Childress, as they discuss thought-provoking extraterrestrial theories on fan-favorite topics from Ancient Egypt to the moon, paving the long road to Disclosure.

KIDS & FAMILY

OCT 28 TO NOV 5



[Addy & Uno](#)

Saturday-Sunday, Oct 28 - Nov 05, 2023 at 11:00 am, 02:00 pm

All tickets for *Addy & Uno* are \$15.

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

farmers alley theatre for young audiences

Addy & Uno is a delightful new puppet musical for kids of all ages and abilities. As Uno, a child with autism, faces the challenge of competing in his school's math competition, his friends with varying disabilities — ADHD, visual, hearing, and physical impairment — rally in support. With expressive puppets from the original off-Broadway production and soaring music, *Addy & Uno* is a heartfelt and hilarious journey celebrating hope, big dreams, and the beauty of differences perfect for the entire family.

The production stars Kate Louise and Logan Awe as Addy and Uno, respectively, with a talented ensemble of puppeteers and performers that includes Sydney Harrison (Melody), Lane Breimhorst (Seemore), Faye Kennedy (Kelsey), Nadya Beyar (Sam/Cindy), and Luis Barbosa (Greg/Chip). Kailin Kenerly, who starred as Naomi in Farmers Alley's production of *She Persisted, The Musical*, returns to our stage in the role of RJ.



[Peppa Pig: Sing-Along Party](#)

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Ticket prices for all seats are \$30-\$70. Tickets go on sale Friday, August 4, 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

Peppa, George, Mummy Pig, and Daddy Pig will be singing along to some of their favorite songs, and they invite children and families alike to join in the fun. Dance, clap, and sing with Peppa and her family along with Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep, and Gerald Giraffe. Blow up those balloons and get the disco ball ready as you and your family party along with Peppa in this 60-minute interactive sing-along adventure!

Make the most of your experience with Peppa Pig's Adventure Photo Experience. This one-of-a-kind Photo Experience allows you and your family to experience a unique photo opportunity by jumping in a mud puddle alongside Peppa Pig & Friends.

MUSIC



[Ben Gully, Tenor & Peter Dugan, Piano](#)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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

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Dalton Center Recital Hall, Western Michigan University

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"GULLEY HAS A PASSIONATE AND PERSUASIVE TENOR THAT WILL MAKE YOU BELIEVE ANYTHING."

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“DUGAN IS AN ARTIST WITH GREAT EXPRESSIVE SKILLS ... THAT ALLOW HIM TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH AN AUDIENCE.”

CLASSICAL SONOMA

A musical journey across genres, from Opera to Art Song, Broadway to Jazz, with two of this generation’s most dazzling performers: [Ben Gulley](#) (tenor) and [Peter Dugan](#) (piano).

Repertoire will range from masterpieces by Verdi and Puccini, songs of Schubert and Strauss, Broadway hits from *Les Misérables* and Dennis DeYoung’s *Hunchback*, to timeless pop standards and classics, all presented in one unified and intimate concert experience.



[Tres Souls](#)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Advance: \$17 general admission, \$14/seniors, \$5 ages 25 & under. At-the-door \$20/15/5.

Presented by Connecting Chords Music Festival at Dormouse Theatre, 1030 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Limited seating is available for this performance, buying tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

For the last decade Rocio Mendoza, Roberto Carlos, and Jesus Martinez – collectively known as [Tres Souls](#) – have serenaded audiences with their own interpretations of Latin Bolero. They relive the vintage sounds and songs of the 1940s-1960s, stylized during the Golden Era of Mexican Cinema.

Each accomplished musician inherited the knowledge and importance of heritage music through their family and generations before them. Tres Souls released their first album in 2019 titled “Boleros Made In LA” where they celebrate their roots while branching out into uncharted territory.

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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.

THEATRE



[Natasha, Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812](#)

Thursday-Sunday, October 27 – November 5, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

General Admission tickets are \$24, 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

From the celebrated and award-winning composer Dave Malloy comes *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*, an electropop opera based on a scandalous slice of Leo Tolstoy’s *War and Peace*. Young and impulsive, Natasha Rostova arrives in Moscow to await the return of her fiancé from the front lines. When she falls under the spell of the roguish Anatole, it is up to Pierre, a family friend in the middle of an existential crisis, to pick up the pieces of her shattered reputation. Following a critically exalted premiere at *Ars Nova* in New York City, a subsequent Off-Broadway transfer, and an acclaimed run on Broadway, this award-winning musical expands the possibilities for the genre with its daring score and bold storytelling.

VISUAL ARTS



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