

Arts Minute Report for Monday, May 20, 2019



[High School Area Show Exhibition at the KIA](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI](#)

Apr 27, 2019 - May 26, 2019 Museum Hours \$5/\$2/Free for Members

This annual juried exhibition celebrates the work of high school artists (18 years or younger, grades 9-12) residing in Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties. Students who qualify may concurrently enter the 6th District Congressional Art Competition, and the winner will receive a trip to Washington DC

to see their art on view in the U.S. Capitol.



[The Feeling Is Mutual: New Work by Maya Freelon. Exhibition at the KIA](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI](#)

Mar 14, 2019 - May 30, 2019 Museum Hours \$5/\$2 Free for members

Known for her explosive use of color and innovative use of fragile tissue paper, Maya Freelon creates soft, sculptural assemblages that contrast the vigor of moving energy with the impermanence of life and relationships. She will create for the KIA one of her signature, site-specific tissue paper quilts, through which she pays homage to her grandmother, “who never wasted a single grain of rice,” and to the quilt as a medium

for transmitting personal memory and cultural history even as it evokes comfort, warmth and healing.

Also on view will be a selection of Freelon’s tissue-ink monoprints, and the artist will create a small meditation room covered floor to ceiling with tissue paper quilts to encourage viewers to savor a present moment of seeing, listening, and learning. In discussing her fragile medium, Freelon has said, “Both delicate and resilient, the use of tissue paper poses questions surrounding preservation, ‘high’ and ‘low’ art, and the attribution of value for objects... How much pressure is needed until something is ripped? Is it destroyed? Can one find strength and power in fragility?”

Freelon’s work has been exhibited internationally in France, Italy, Jamaica, and Madagascar, and in the U.S. at the Smithsonian Museum of African American Art and the Nasher Museum of Art. She has been commissioned by Google and Cadillac.



[Rewards of Wisdom: Contemporary Chinese Ink Painting Exhibition at the KIA](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI](#)

Mar 23, 2019 - Jun 16, 2019 Museum Hours \$5/\$2 Free for members

Featuring both distinguished artists and rising stars who express through their brushwork the goals of virtue, peace, wisdom, beauty, meditation, science, knowledge, and philosophy.



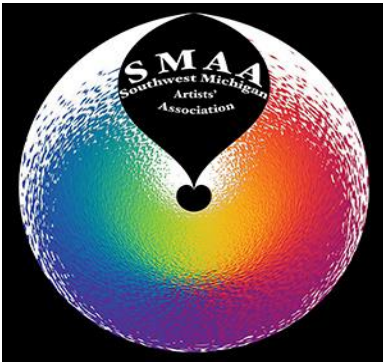
[Introduction to Fiction Writing](#)

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, MI

Wednesday, Apr 17, 2019 - May 22, 2019 6:00 pm \$79

The six-week class costs \$79 and runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays from April 17 through May 22 in Room 304 of KCC's Lane-Thomas Building, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek.

You'll learn healthy writing practices as well as strategies for the type of fiction you're writing (short stories vs. novels, etc.). We'll also cover fiction fundamentals, including outlining, plotting, character development, point-of-view and setting. When finished, you'll have the tools to complete a story outline, begin your first draft, refine a final draft and start the submission process.



[Spring Art Classes](#)

Presented by [Southwest Michigan Artists' Association](#) at Southwest Michigan Artists' Association, Paw Paw, MI

Wednesdays Apr 10, 2019 - Jun 12, 2019 10:00 am \$150

Ten week classes including art supplies. Discounts for seniors and SMAA members.



[Crescendo Community Voices](#)

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), Kalamazoo, MI

Apr 11, 2019 - Jun 13, 2019 4:05 pm \$30

[Crescendo Community Voices](#) is led by a board-certified music therapist with assistance from community teaching artists, this program provides participants with a unique opportunity to work collaboratively to learn and perform music.

Participants pay only \$30 per session; four sessions are held each year. There will be an end-of-session performance. Contact the office for enrollment details. This program is supported by the [Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs](#)/[National Endowment for the Arts](#), the [Irving S. Gilmore Foundation](#), and individual donors.



[AMAZING GRACE](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Film Society](#) at [Celebration! Cinema, Crossroads](#), Portage MI

May 10 – May 23, 2019 \$7 KFS Member Price

The KFS is looking forward to showing a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T to the late, great Aretha Franklin, when we screen the never-before-aired documentary AMAZING GRACE, beginning on Friday, May 10. Over the course of two days in 1972, the young director Sydney Pollack filmed Aretha Franklin, backed by the Southern California Community Choir, in concert in the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in South Los Angeles. The live recording of that performance would go on to become the

most popular gospel album of all time. Pollack would go on to forever regret not using a clapperboard, which made it impossible to sync the picture and sound ... until now. AMAZING GRACE is a transcendent film experience that is already considered to be one of the greatest music documentaries of all time. It will raise you from your seat and into the heavens. See it with a friend, for the love of God.



[BARBERSHOP A CAPPELLA OPEN HOUSE](#)

Presented by [Mall City Harmonizers](#) at [People's Church](#), Kalamazoo MI

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Free

The Kalamazoo Mall City Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus is hosting an open house on Tuesday, May 21, at 7pm. We invite all men who love to sing to join us that evening for lots of singing and lots of fun!

If you're a "frustrated singer" that would like to sing with a bunch of guys who love to sing, please join the Kalamazoo Mall City Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus and Quartets on Tuesday evening, May 21, at 7pm at The People's Church, 1758 10th St. N in Kalamazoo (off 131 and W. Main).

No need to read music or have any kind of a formal "music background". If you're able to carry a tune reasonably well, we'd love to have you sing with us. And who knows...maybe a cappella Barbershop singing could become a fun hobby for you, as it has become for all of us! In addition to our chorus, you'll meet our two quartets from within the chorus, including one who is the current Michigan Barbershop District's #1 Quartet, Remix. Refreshments will be served and we'd even be happy to pick you up and bring you to the event. No pressure...no commitments...just a whole lot of fun. Come join us! (Our chorus is a non-profit (501c(3) organization and we've been singing in Kalamazoo since 1941!)

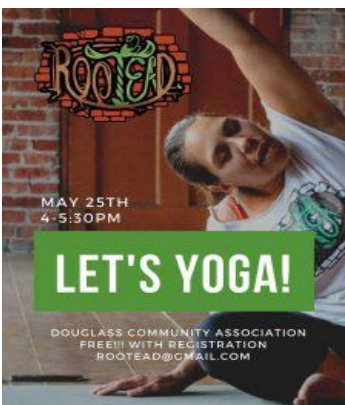


[ARTbreak Talk: West Michigan Area Show Artists](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), Kalamazoo MI

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:00 pm Free

Two artists featured in the West Michigan Area Show will speak about their artwork and background.



[Rootead Yoga](#)

Presented by [Rootead](#) at [Douglass Community Center](#), Kalamazoo MI

Saturday, May 25, 2019 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Free

One of Shakespeare's most lively comedies, this is also one of his most provocative and complex forays into love and gender identity. Who really loves whom? Will the right lovers end up with each other at the end of the play? Directed by Karen Berthel and Assistant Directed by Aly Homminga.



[West Michigan Area Show Exhibition](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), Kalamazoo MI

May 18 – August 25, 2019

Museum Hours

\$5/\$2/Free

This annual exhibition showcases the work of artists from 14 Michigan counties. A guest juror selects roughly 100 works for the show, from hundreds of submissions. More than \$5,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at an opening reception for the exhibition on Friday, May 17. The public is invited to vote for

their favorite work during the summer, and the Peoples' Choice Award, sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, will be awarded in August.