

# Arts Minute Report for Monday, January 14, 2018



## [ARTbreak Video: Art of the Game, Ukiyo-e Heroes, Part 1.](#)

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

Tuesday, Jan 08, 2019      Noon      Free

The process and aesthetic of traditional Japanese printmaking continues to find new life with contemporary audiences. In this award-winning documentary, we follow the story of a Canadian craftsman trained in the traditional art of Japanese woodblock carving as he teams up with young American designer to create a print inspired from a cult hit video game. Part 1 of 2



## [Rock of Ages](#)

Presented by [Miller Auditorium](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#)

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019      7:30 pm      ticketed Event

Broadway's Best Party is turning up the volume to 10! Broadway's Best Party is turning up the volume to 10! The ROCK OF AGES Tenth Anniversary Tour is blazing across North America! Nominated for five Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, ROCK OF AGES captures the iconic era that was the big bad 1980s Hollywood. Featuring the music of hit bands such as Styx, Poison, Twisted Sister, and Whitesnake among many others, this Tenth Anniversary production features a dynamic new cast revisiting the larger than life characters and exhilarating story that turned ROCK OF AGES into a global phenomenon.

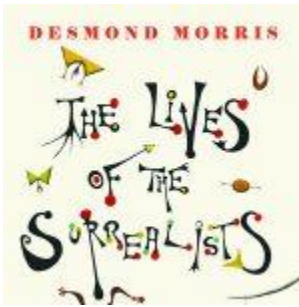


## [Emporium Presents: Jesse Cook at the Kalamazoo State.](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019      8 pm      \$34.50 - \$49.50

Jesse Cook, Juno winning master guitarist, known for his intoxicating fusion of world music, and travelling the globe looking for sounds that resonate with him, returns to the Kalamazoo State Theatre, January 16th. [BUY TICKETS](#) Cook's masterful guitar work commands center stage with its elegant balance of subtlety, in-the-moment honesty and blazing technical prowess. His music pivots between worlds — past and future, familiar and fresh, acoustic and electronic — redefined by technology like every element of modern life. Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, experience Jesse Cook's music as it takes the audience places they haven't been before.



### [Book Discussion: The Lives of the Surrealists](#)

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

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019                      2 pm                      Free

*The Lives of the Surrealists* by Desmond Morris, with discussion leader **Karla Niehus**.

Surrealism did not begin as an art movement but as a philosophical strategy, a way of life, and a rebellion against the establishment that gave rise to the First World War. Focusing on the thirty-five artists most closely associated with the surrealist movement, Morris lends context to their life histories with narratives of their idiosyncrasies and their often complex love lives, alongside photos of the artists and their work.



### [Live Improv Comedy by Crawlspace Eviction](#)

Presented by [Crawlspace Theatre Productions](#) at [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#)

Friday – Saturday, Jan 18 - Jan 19, 2019                      8 pm                      \$13

Enjoy another spoonful of improv and sketch comedy, as Crawlspace Eviction continues its soup-themed sixteenth season with a weekend of shows, entitled “Chili,” on January 18 and 19. [BUY TICKETS](#) Kalamazoo can be cold in January, and,

just like chili, laughter is sure to warm you up and stick to your ribs, so let us serve you up some hearty chuckles this month. The performances will take place in the Crawlspace Comedy Theatre, located in what is now the First Baptist Church, at 315 W. Michigan Ave., on January 18 and 19. The shows will start at 8 pm, with seating beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$13. For tickets and more information, visit [www.crawlspace.com](http://www.crawlspace.com) and [www.facebook.com/crawlspaceeviction](http://www.facebook.com/crawlspaceeviction).



### [Jeremiah Downes & Friends: Live at Farmers Alley.](#)

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at [Farmers Alley Theatre](#)

Friday – Saturday, Jan 18 - Jan 19, 2019                      7:30 pm                      \$10-\$25

A new evening of original songs by Jeremiah Downes starring Madge Dietrich (Kinky Boots) and Evan Gallagher-Frace (Winner of NYC Rising Star 2 at RISE NYC).

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RISE NYC) with performances by Logan Dolence, Jorah Fleming, Matthew Lanyi, Alyssa Meeuwse and Cara Palombo. Performances are Friday January 18, 2019 & Saturday January 20, 2019 both at 7:30PM. Tickets: \$25/\$10 Students Purchase tickets here: [https://farmersalleytheatre.ludus.com/index.php?show\\_id=3836](https://farmersalleytheatre.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=3836) Jeremiah’s songs have been performed by artists from the worlds of Broadway and commercial music. His work as a songwriter includes *Highways & Daydreams*, the musical adaptation of Richard Donner’s 1992 film *Radio Flyer*, *Dancing As Fast As We Can* and *Seven*. *Highways & Daydreams* has enjoyed multiple performances at the Biello Martin Studio in Philadelphia and The Duplex in NYC. Most recently, Jeremiah’s *New Songs* was presented at the Biello Martin Studio this past spring. “A taste of his own powerful songwriting left one wanting more samples.” – Cabaret Scenes “... his original songs are full of energy and heart.” – Michael Biello and Dan Martin (*Marry Harry, Q, In My Body*) “His songs are visceral, dense, immediate at times evoking Billy Joel, Sondheim, Oscar Wilde...” – Stearns Matthews (Multi-MAC and Bistro Award Winner)



**[Russian National Ballet: Sleeping Beauty](#)**

Presented by [Miller Auditorium](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#)

Sunday, Jan 20, 2019                      3 PM                      Ticketed Event

With a moving score by Tchaikovsky and a beloved tale by Charles Perrault, an evil fairy condemns a baby princess to prick her finger and die on her sixteenth birthday. [BUY TICKETS](#) With a moving score by Tchaikovsky and a beloved tale by Charles Perrault, an evil fairy condemns a baby princess to prick her finger and die on her sixteenth birthday. However, the Lilac Fairy saves the child by changing the curse to merely place the princess in slumber until awakened by a prince’s kiss. Sleeping Beauty is replete with a king and a queen, good and bad fairies, a beautiful princess and a dreamy prince.



**[Crescendo Student Recital](#)**

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [First Presbyterian Church](#)

Sunday, Jan 20, 2019                      2 pm                      Free

Crescendo students perform in a free public recital!

**[Angel of the People Mover by Emilio Rodriguez](#)**



Presented by [Queer Theatre Kalamazoo](#) at [Queer Theatre Kalamazoo](#)

Thursday – Sunday, Jan 17 - Jan 20, 2019                      Times Vary                      Donations Accepted

Angel of the People Mover follows Maya, a young Black trans woman, on her journey to find love and, ultimately, herself. Angel of the People Mover follows Maya, a young Black trans woman, on her journey to find love in the people she meets, the friends she makes, the family she belongs to, and ultimately herself. As Maya comes of age, she is left with imprints from the people who shape her identity and force her to consider “What makes a woman a woman? What makes you ...you?” Against the backdrop of hate, intolerance, and misunderstanding, how will she learn to love herself...fiercely?



**[IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK](#)**

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

Jan 11 - Jan 24, 2019                      11:50 am – Midnight                      \$7

2018 film based on James Baldwin's book. Directed by Barry Jenkins. [BUY TICKETS](#) The Kalamazoo Film Society and Celebration Cinema! presents: IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK “Based on the novel by James Baldwin, *If Beale Street Could Talk* is the story of Tish, a newly engaged Harlem woman who races against the clock to

prove her lover's innocence while carrying their first-born child to term. It is a celebration of love told through the story of a young couple, their families and their lives, trying to bring about justice through love, for love and the promise of the American dream." <http://annapurna.pictures/films/if-beale-street-could-talk> For showtimes visit <https://celebrationcinema.com/film-info/crossroads/if-beale-street-could-talk> For more information on the Kalamazoo Film Society visit <http://www.kalfilmsociety.net>



### [ON THE BASIS OF SEX](#)

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

Jan 11 - Jan 24, 2019      11:50 am – Midnight      \$7

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a struggling attorney and new mother who faces adversity and numerous obstacles in her fight for equal rights. When Ruth takes on a groundbreaking tax case with her husband she knows it could change." [BUY TICKETS](#)

The Kalamazoo Film Society and Celebration Cinema! present: ON THE BASIS OF SEX "Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a struggling attorney and new mother who faces adversity and numerous obstacles in her fight for equal rights. When Ruth takes on a groundbreaking tax case with her husband, attorney Martin Ginsburg, she knows it could change the direction of her career and the way the courts view gender discrimination." Starring Felicity Jones at Ruth Bader Ginsburg. <http://focusfeatures.com/on-the-basis-of-sex> For showtimes visit <https://celebrationcinema.com/film-info/crossroads/on-the-basis-of-sex> For more information on the Kalamazoo Film Society visit <http://www.kalfilmsociety.net>



### [Crescendo Community Voices](#)

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

Thursdays, Jan 17 - Mar 21, 2019      4 pm      \$30 – 10 week sessions

This ensemble offers musical experiences for teens and adults with a variety of mental and physical challenges. [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.

### [Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Parish Theatre](#)



Jan 11 - Jan 27, 2019      7:30 pm & 2 pm      \$15 - \$25

"...tells a beautiful story with captivating music. A MUST SEE!" - Broadway World [BUY TICKETS](#) From a humble Midwestern childhood in Northern Kentucky to topping the charts for nearly five decades, the story of Rosemary Clooney's remarkable journey offers a fresh, remarkably personal, and poignant picture of

the woman whose unparalleled talent and unbridled personality made her a legend. In *Tenderly*, Rosemary Clooney's journey starts with her simple Maysville, Kentucky childhood and follows her rise to Hollywood stardom. With her signature songs woven in and out, we learn both the story of her successes on film, radio, and TV, as well as her struggles in her personal life – with a career fading during the advent of rock-and-roll and her battles with addiction and depression. *Tenderly* includes classic standards by Irving Berlin, Jerry Ross, Harold Arlen, and many others – with songs such as "Tenderly," "Mambo Italiano," "Sisters" and more. The Civic is thrilled to bring audiences this new production by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman, who also wrote our Civic Youth Theatre productions *Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Crown Jewel* and *Sleepy Hollow, a Musical Tale*