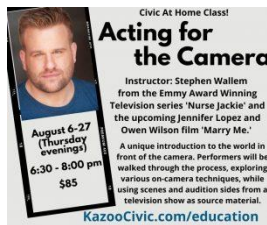


# Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, August 24, 2020

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## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### [Acting for the Camera](#)

Thursday

Aug 06, 2020 - Aug 27, 2020 at 06:30 pm

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

**The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre**

**Acting for the Camera**

**August 6-27, 2020, Thursdays from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Now's your chance to work with television and film actor Stephen Wallem to learn the ins and outs of acting for the camera!

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### [Stop Motion Animation, Ages 8+](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Aug 24, 2020 - Aug 28, 2020 at 09:00 am

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Public Media Network](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**Public Media Network**

**Stop Motion Animation, Ages 8+**

**August 24-28, 2020, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Explore Media!

Sign up for Public Media Network's Youth Media Camps this Summer.

Each week provides a chance to gain hands-on skills and explore the world of media production. The week ends with short screening of work completed. At the end of the summer, there will be a public premiere of all the videos created in camp and the videos will air on Public Media Network.

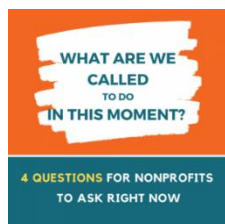
Registration is \$199/week.

Scholarships are available for people who live in the City of Kalamazoo, City of Parchment, Comstock Township, Kalamazoo Township, and Oshtemo Township.

Camps run 9 am – 5 pm at Public Media Network. Extended day registration (8:30 am – 5:30 pm) is available. Space is limited.

If camps are canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all paid registration fees will be eligible for a refund.

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### [ONEplace Webinar: How can we meaningfully collaborate with others? SESSION 4](#)

Wednesday  
Aug 26, 2020 at 11:30 am  
Presented by [Kalamazoo Public Library](#) at Online

**Kalamazoo Public Library**  
**ONEplace Webinar: How can we meaningfully collaborate with others? SESSION 4**  
**August 26, 2020 11:30 am- 12:30 pm**

This series of webinars are geared towards arts organizations looking to connect surrounding their recovery plans due to COVID-19. COVID-19 has been devastating to the arts and entertainment community. Now is the time for organizations to come together to continue planning for the future of creative expression in our community. Each webinar will focus on a specific question and will be led by Mia Henry, facilitator and founder of [Freedom Lifted](#). This series is presented in partnership with the [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#). While this workshop is geared towards arts organizations, everyone is welcome to participate. Contact [ONEplace@kpl.gov](mailto:ONEplace@kpl.gov) with questions.

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### [Free Music Together Online Sample Classes](#)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Aug 26, 2020 - Sep 02, 2020 at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 05:30 pm, 06:00 pm

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

Register to attend a demo class at <https://forms.gle/EPcX6hi8Vx4dgjKh7>

Wed, 8/26, 6:00 pm, Mixed Ages with Annie

Thurs, 8/27, 5:30 pm, Mixed Ages with Laura

Fri, 8/28, 12:00 pm, Babies with Melissa

Sat, 8/29, 10:00 am, Mixed Ages with Laura

Wed, 9/2, 10:00 am, Mixed Ages with Caitlyn

With [Music Together Online](#), music class comes to you! Every week for ten weeks, Crescendo Academy's Music Together specialists will lead your whole family in fun music activities; plus, you'll get a songbook, recordings of the music, access to digital content, membership in a private Facebook group for enrolled families, and bonus activities so the musical fun can continue all week long! It's the same high-quality music education for young children you expect from Crescendo Academy's Music Together, in a convenient new format that will deepen your family's bond as well as encourage your little one's growth and development. You'll be inspired to sing, dance, and jam together all week long! These classes are for children ages birth through age seven and their parent(s) or caregiver(s).

Class cost is \$185 per family; need-based financial aid available



### [August 26 Artist Happy Hour](#)

Wednesday  
Aug 26, 2020 at 06:00 pm  
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Online

On Wednesday, August 26, members of the Arts Council are invited to attend a 90-minute Zoom session from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, designed to give information and connect you with other artists. These round tables will take place monthly through January. The first 10 non-member attendees will receive a free one-year ACGK membership. **August's topic: Online tools to keep you going in the time of COVID-19.**

Panelists for this session include:

[Lucy Waters](#), [Public Media Network](#)

[Marissa Harrington](#), [Face Off Theatre](#)

[Stephanie Hinman](#), [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

[Harry Phillips](#), [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

[Linda Rzoska](#), [Ninth Wave Studios](#)

Please register in advance!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artist-happy-hour-tickets-116913069137>

## MUSIC



[August 26 - So Long Belladonna](#)

Wednesday

Aug 26, 2020 at 05:00 pm

at [Bates Alley](#), Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Beats on Bates

Bates Alley

**August 26, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

Enjoy **So Long Belladonna** at Beats on Bates on Wednesday, August 26 at 5 pm. Beats on Bates is a weekly summer music series launching in July and continuing through September 30.

**Each concert is free and is friendly for the entire family.**



[Community Drum and Dance](#)

Saturday

Aug 29, 2020 at 10:00 am

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

**Kalamazoo Nature Center, Hosted by Rootead**

**Community Drum & Dance**

**Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10 am**

Join us at the Kalamazoo Nature Center to learn the Dundunba rhythm! This community event is open to all ages and dance levels. Donations, as always are appreciated.

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[Online August 30 - Michigan Global Roots Celebration](#)

Sunday

Aug 30, 2020 at 04:00 pm

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

**(Virtual) Concerts in the Park**

**August 30, 4-5 pm**

Due to the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-160 and 2020-161 we have had to cancel our in-person events, including Concerts in the Park, for the month of August. We are pleased to announce that we will still be able to provide LIVE MUSIC virtually!

**Michigan Global Roots Celebration with An Dro, Samuel Nalangria Trio & Michigan Hiryu Daiko Japanese Taiko, presented by Carolyn Koebel will perform on Sunday, August 30 at 4 pm. The show will be LIVE STREAMED from the Jolliffe Theatre. [LINK TO LIVE STREAM](#)**

*Concerts in the Park is sponsored by Encore Magazine, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, and City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation.*

## **ARTIST INFORMATION**

### **Carolyn Koebel:**

Carolyn Koebel, who is presenting the Michigan Global Roots Celebration, has been exploring rhythm and vibration for the past thirty years. She is part dreamer, part realist...a shapeshifter who believes we can all live the life we imagine. Her early studies are rooted in the Western traditions, while the past 20 years have found her slowly traversing the globe in search of indigenous folk roots and traditional rhythmic materials from Latin & South America, West Africa, the Middle East, and all points in between.

More recently, she has begun to refocus on her solo materials, encompassing guitar, lyrics & vocals, and world percussion. For the past several years, she has immersed herself in the beautiful world of Japanese taiko drumming with Michigan Hiryu Daiko.

She divides her time between hospice music therapy, teaching and accompanying at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, and universities around the nation, and touring regionally and internationally with a variety of performance ensembles. She holds degrees of distinction in music therapy and percussion studies from Western Michigan University and Michigan State University. Much of her work focuses on rhythm-based music therapy and music for personal transformation and spiritual connection.

### **An Dro:**

An Dro takes you on an adventure that is both personal and universal. You'll hear traditional Irish melodies, medieval French songs, Breton dance tunes, Scandinavian refrains, Appalachian influences, Arabic rhythms, and African grooves all performed with joy and freshness. This is dance music, but it is also listening music.

An ensemble of eclectic instrumentalists who speak from the heart with uncommon synergy, An Dro's music is a blend of traditional and original melodies from across the globe, reaching back to the past, with an eye to the present and future.

The band's original works have a feel that is both ancient and modern with a dynamic range that takes you from crazy dance grooves to delicately orchestrated waltzes and airs to blazing improvisational assaults.

### **Samuel Nalangira Trio:**

A native of Uganda, East Africa, Samuel Nalangira is a folk/world musician, dancer, and choreographer who has been performing since his childhood and teaching since the age of 15. He has toured across Europe, the United States, Canada, and Asia performing and leading workshops in schools, universities, festivals, and community centers.

Nalangira is a multi-instrumentalist, proficient in many traditional instruments, including the Adungu from northern Uganda, Akogo from Eastern Uganda, Endingidi, and Ngoni. He has also developed a unique approaches and personal techniques on most of these instruments, In combination with a soaring voice, his music carries a true identity of the sub-Saharan skies.

In 2018, with children from Uganda, he choreographed and led the Dance Of Hope production across the United States with featured performances at LEAF festival in North Carolina and Lotus Blossoms in Indiana.

### **Michigan Hiryu Daiko Japanese Taiko:**

The meaning of Hiryu in Japanese: "The flying dragon is the ancestor of all creatures that emerge from the depths of the sea which then ascend to heaven to transform."

Now retired director Esther Vandecar studied this tradition in Japan for more than seven years. She learned from KODO and Oguchi, Daihachi (father of modern taiko), among many others.

She brought back many traditional pieces ranging from 1,000 years old to modern era. Esther taught all over the USA. She ran an awesome taiko community in Arizona for 19 years and has run one in west Michigan since 2011.

Core members include Esther Vandecar, Carolyn Koebel, Jonathon Wegner & Miza Timmer. Visiting members include Renee French and Anita Laing Reidy. Carolyn now directs the Kalamazoo College and Community Taiko Ensemble, with Esther functioning as senior advisor.

## THEATRE



### [The Bar Show](#)

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Jul 14, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020 at 11:30 am, 07:00 pm

Presented by [Barn Theatre](#) at [Barn Theatre](#), 13351 W. M-96, Augusta, MI 49012

**Barn Theatre**

### **The Bar Show**

**Opens July 14, 2020**

#### **2020 Shed Show Hours:**

Tuesday – Saturday, Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm

Sunday, Doors open at 4pm, Show starts at 5pm

2020 brings changes for all of us. This year, join us in the Rehearsal Shed for the Shed Show, which will feature some beloved Barnies. Who you see is still a surprise! Patrons can enjoy great bar food and beverages as you take in a charming twist on our “Bar Show.”

Reservations are strongly encouraged due to limited seating – we’ll be at 50% capacity to accommodate for social distancing.

Please note:

There is a \$15 cover, which is charged when you make your reservation, or at the door.

A credit card is required to hold your Shed Show reservation.

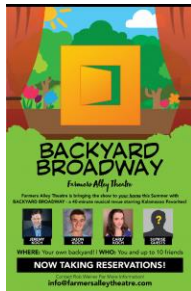
Failure to attend the Shed Show on your selected evening will result in the forfeit of your cover charge.

Per the Governor’s Executive Order, face masks are required for entry and as you move about the Rehearsal Shed.

All staff & servers will be wearing masks.

Due to these changes, we do not plan to create a waitlist.

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### [Backyard Broadway](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Aug 04, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 at 01:00 pm, 04:00 pm, 07:00 pm

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

**Farmers Alley Theatre**

**Backyard Broadway**

**August/September 2020 – We are taking reservations now!**

We’re bringing the show to you! All of us are missing the magic of seeing and hearing a live performance IN PERSON. So since indoor events are not possible right now, let us bring the

show to you!

BACKYARD BROADWAY is a fabulously entertaining musical revue of Broadway Hits past and present from shows like Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen, West Side Story and more, presented in a special private performance for you and up to 10 friends right at your home! We have proper sound equipment and also can receive online payments. So we can provide these services to you, while maintaining proper social distance at all times!

WHAT: Backyard Broadway, a 40-minute music revue

WHERE: Your own backyard!

WHO: You and up to 10 friends.

WHEN: August/September 2020 – We are taking reservations now!

HOW MUCH: \$250 per performance

\*\*\*\*\*Schedule is limited – Only 20 spots available\*\*\*\*\*

Contact Rob Weiner at [info@farmersalleytheatre.com](mailto:info@farmersalleytheatre.com) and we’ll find a date and time that works for you!

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### **Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS - In Bronson Park!**

Saturday

Aug 22, 2020 - Aug 29, 2020 at 04:00 pm, 07:00 pm

This is a FREE event, but space is limited due to COVID-19. We will have a certain amount of marked areas for families to gather.

**Therefore, we suggest attendees arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime to secure their area of the park from which to watch the show.**

Please be aware that we will need to follow state and federal guidelines regarding the number of people allowed to gather outdoors at once.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) and [Face Off Theatre Company](#) and [Black Arts & Cultural Center](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W. South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Exciting News! **Farmers Alley Theatre, Face Off Theatre Company** and **The Black Arts and Cultural Center** are thrilled to partner together to present some awesome outdoor **Theatre for Young Audiences**, with the jammin' musical, **Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS**. With music from the legendary catalogue of Bob Marley, and a script by Michael J. Bobbitt based on the book written by Marley's daughter, Cedella Marley, this collaboration is an outdoor event taking place in two Kalamazoo parks. There will be performances **at La Crone Park at 4pm & 7pm on Saturday, August 15th** and shows at **Bronson Park at 4pm & 7pm on both August 22nd and 29th**. All of these events are free to the public.

Ziggy's mother tells him to 'breathe easy,' but he's afraid to leave the house. He's too busy worrying about tropical storms, evil spirits and steering clear of that sneaky, hair-snatching Duppy! But with the help of Dr. Bird and his feathered friends, Ziggy's reminded in soothing six-part harmony that "every little thing gonna be all right." **Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS** shares the legendary reggae artist's message of peace and love with a new generation of songbirds.

**Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS** will be directed by Face Off Theatre Company's Artistic Director, **Marissa Harrington**. This tune-filled one-act will be under the music direction of **Monica Washington**, with choreography by **Heather Mitchell**. The ensemble cast of six features local actors **Michael Davis Arnold, Khadijah Brown, Bri Edgerton, Este'Fan Kizer, Ariel Laws** and **Rhea Olivaccé**, including drummer **Nate Waller**.

**Farmers Alley Theatre and Face Off Theatre Company** will be following all local and state health guidelines to keep our actors and audience members safe. **Social distancing of six feet** will be enforced in the park, and we will be **requiring masks for all attendees**. There will be appropriate signage and regulations set throughout the park and on the Farmers Alley Theatre website at [www.farmersalleytheatre.com](http://www.farmersalleytheatre.com) for guests to look over before attending the show. The show is free to the public. Farmers Alley Theatre and Face Off Theatre Company will be accepting donations at [www.farmersalleytheatre.online/give](http://www.farmersalleytheatre.online/give).

**Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS** is being produced with the generous help of our local corporate sponsors. Those include **First National Bank of Michigan, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Rose Street Advisors, Jeff K. Ross Financial Services, Fence & Garden** and **Arborist Services**. We have also partnered with **Uplift Kalamazoo** to help bring local merchants to the event for families to support.

#### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**August 15th at LA CRONE PARK**

**Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**August 22nd at BRONSON PARK**

**Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**August 29th at BRONSON PARK**

**Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**We suggest attendees arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime to secure their area of the park from which to watch the show.**

For more information or to ask any questions, please email us at [info@farmersalleytheatre.com](mailto:info@farmersalleytheatre.com)



### [Yes, There Really is an Answer – Game Show](#)

Thursday

Aug 27, 2020 at 07:30 pm

Presented by [CrawlSpace Theatre Productions](#) at Online

**CrawlSpace Theatre Productions**

**Yes, There Really is an Answer – Game Show**

**August 27, 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

Join us live on Facebook or YouTube, Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 pm EST, for a game show unlike any other—“Yes, There Really Is an Answer!” Watch some of the area’s best improvisors, as they answer questions all about Kalamazoo. It’s part game show, part improv theatre, part talk show, and all laughs!

Reserve your free tickets and we’ll send you an email 1 hour before the show with the direct links to watch!

Tune in on your favorite platform:

– Facebook: <https://business.facebook.com/pg/crawlspacetheatre/videos/>

– YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbCtcl7hbgVYTxbnmS1BNg>

Remember, when you watch live, your questions and comments might be a part of the show, so tune in and watch history in the making!

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## VISUAL ARTS



### [LIVE Night Sky Tour](#)

Tuesday

Jul 28, 2020 - Aug 25, 2020 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) at Online

**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

**LIVE Night Sky Tour**

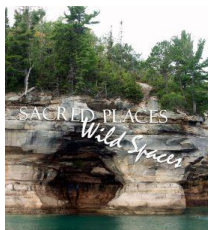
**Starting July 28, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, & showing every Tuesday until August 25**

Take part in a virtual live tour of Kalamazoo’s night sky. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum’s planetarium staff will show you how to find constellations, spot planets, and even see distant galaxies!

The program will be live via Zoom. Registrations up to 30 minutes prior to the program will receive the link via email.

All times are in Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

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### [Westminster Art Festival](#)

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

Aug 01, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 at 10:30 am, 01:00 pm, 06:00 pm

free admission

Presented by [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#), 1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Local artists will be exhibiting works on the theme “Sacred Places, Wild Spaces.” Linda Rzoska will juror the exhibit and award prizes for first, second, third and several honorable mentions. There will also be booklet available for a donation containing the poetry submitted which will be juried by Dr. Gail Griffin. She will award prizes for first,

second, and third place. Due to Covid-19, we will not be holding any public events this year, but the exhibit will be open certain times for personal or small group self-guided tours. Presentation of awards will take place virtually on dates to be determined. See the website for more information.



### **Jaziel Pugh Mural**

Friday

Oct 17, 2019 - Oct 17, 2020 at 01:00 pm, 06:00 pm

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

Kellogg Community College will unveil a new mural created by celebrated local artist and KCC student Jaziel Pugh next week on campus in Battle Creek. The mural is an exterior mural and it is visible during COVID-19. The mural will be unveiled during a Davidson Building Mural Reception running from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center on campus at 450 North Ave. The event is free and open to the public and will include remarks from the artist and Justin Andert, who organizes the annual Color the Creek street art festival in Battle Creek.

Color the Creek worked with the KCC Foundation and the College's Arts and Communication Department to facilitate the creation of the mural. The work, titled "Six Disciplines" consists of six panels, each approximately seven feet high and eight feet long, painted to represent the programs offered at the Davidson Center: art, communication, graphic design, music, photography/multimedia and theatre.