

Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, August 31, 2020

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ART HOP



[September Art Hop 2020](#)

Friday
Sep 04, 2020 at 05:00 pm

Art Hop is FREE!

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

September's Art Hop is Virtual. Join us on the ACGK [Facebook page](#) on Friday, September 4 from 5 to 6:30 pm. This month we will be highlighting nine groups shows.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[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



[Music Together Online Mixed Ages Classes](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Sep 08, 2020 - Nov 16, 2020 at 10:00 am, 05:30 pm, 06:00 pm

\$185 for 10 weeks session; financial aid available

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

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 using songs from the Bongos Song Collection. 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 five and their parent(s) or caregiver(s).

CLASS DAYS AND TIMES:

Mixed Age Classes: for ages 0-5

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Ludwa

Monday: 6:00 p.m. – Melissa Ludwa

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – Laura Betinis Healy

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – Caitlyn Bodine

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. – Annie Dastoli

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. – Laura Betinis Healy

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Ludwa

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – Laura Betinis Healy



[Music Together Rhythm Kids Online Classes](#)

Monday, Thursday
Sep 10, 2020 - Nov 16, 2020 at 11:00 am, 06:00 pm

\$185 for 10-week session; financial aid available

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

In this online experience, kids ages 4 (with prior Music Together experience) -7 and a parent or caregiver are invited to explore the world of rhythm through our Kangaroo Song Collection! This collection draws on songs and rhythms from Japan as well as some Puerto Rican and Cuban influences. Participation will include small and large movement, dancing, drumming, instrument play, and singing. Kids will enjoy inventing new ways to play with rhythmic instruments such as shakers, sticks and of course, drums! Skills developed include keeping a steady beat, improvisation, understanding melody and harmony, and solo opportunities. Families will receive a songbook, recordings, access to digital content, membership in a private Facebook group for enrolled families to encourage and build community as well as bonus activities and crafts to do at home that deepen our understanding of the music and culture represented in the this collection. This class meets weekly for 10 weeks. Need-based financial aid is available.

Rhythm Kids Class times:

Monday: 11:00 a.m. – Melissa Ludwa

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Melissa Ludwa



[Music Together Online Babies Classes](#)

Friday

Sep 11, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020 at 12:00 pm

\$185 for 10-week class; financial aid available

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

What!? An online class for... Babies? Actually, this class is designed for parents and caregivers of babies eight months and younger. Crescendo Academy's Certification Level II Specialist Melissa Ludwa will guide families through purposeful, meaningful, musical connections with our littlest music makers. The early months of child development are full of growth and wonder, and musical development is no different! Through beautiful multicultural music, we will explore movement, purposeful touch, sound layering, dancing, and more – all to help you feel more comfortable and confident making Music Together with YOUR baby! Adults and babies will feel more connected to each other as well as the larger parenting community through this 6-week session. Families will receive a songbook, recordings, access to digital content, membership in a private Facebook group for enrolled families to encourage and build community as well as bonus activities for all ages. Before you know it, you'll be recognizing your baby's sounds and movements as precious musical moments!

Babies Class: for 0-8 months

Friday: 12:00 p.m. – Melissa Ludwa



[Chinese Language and Culture Classes](#)

Sunday

Sep 13, 2020 - Jun 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Online Registration is highly encouraged at www.kzooca.org – Enrollment.

Yearly Registration Fee: \$30

Chinese language tuition \$280/year

Chinese folk dance tuition \$200/year

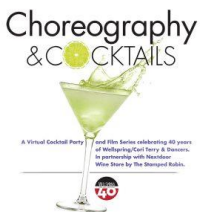
Free class tryout is welcome!

Presented by [Kalamazoo Chinese Academy](#) at WMU Sangren Hall, 999 Rankin Ave, Portage, MI 49006

Kalamazoo Chinese Academy (KCA) is a non-profit educational organization that is dedicated to providing Chinese language education and cultural experiences to its students from all cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds in the greater Kalamazoo community.

KCA starts to enroll students for Chinese Language and Culture classes, including Chinese folk dance and Chinese painting classes. We offer online classes on Sunday afternoons this Fall. If in-person instruction resumes, we hold classes on the 4th floor at Sangren Hall Western Michigan University.

DANCE



[Choreography and Cocktails: Wellspring's 40th Season Launch Event](#)

Saturday

Sep 12, 2020 at 07:30 pm

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$5 for event participation. Cocktails not included.

Presented by [Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

We are excited to announce our first event for the 2020-2021 season. Join us online Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 pm for CHOREOGRAPHY and COCKTAILS. This will be the first in a series of events in which we will premiere a new, original documentary series, directed by Carolyn Pamaplone-Rabbers, exploring classic Wellspring pieces and the creative process behind the works.

The first installment will be shared at this virtual season launch event on September 12. We will present a new 15-minute film exploring the 1990 piece Hive of Glass, followed by a Q&A with Cori Terry, Carolyn Pamaplone-Rabbers, and other contributors. Additionally, as our official season launch event, we will share information about the upcoming Wellspring season and how you can join us as we celebrate 40 years of moving the community! To bring us all together and add a little fun, we are partnering with the Next Door Wine Store by The Stamped Robin to offer local delivery of custom cocktails, wine, beer, and more directly to your home to enjoy during the event (participants will receive a code for free local delivery). Join us to toast 40 years of Wellspring and the launch of our new season.

Pre-registration is required. Just \$5 to join us.

Please place your Next Door Wine Store order by September 10 to ensure delivery by Saturday, 9/12.

MUSIC



[September 2 - Melissa Lee](#)

Wednesday

Sep 02, 2020 at 05:00 pm

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

Beats on Bates

Bates Alley

September 2, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Enjoy **Melissa Lee** at Beats on Bates on Wednesday, September 2 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.



[September 9 - Out of Favor Boys](#)

Wednesday

Sep 09, 2020 at 05:00 pm

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

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September 9, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Enjoy **Out of Favor Boys** at Beats on Bates on Wednesday, September 9 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.



[Nitty Gritty Dirt Band at the Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

Saturday
Sep 12, 2020 at 08:00 pm

All seating is reserved for this all ages event. There’s an 8 ticket limit.
\$45-\$89
Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

Over the last 50 years, **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** has remained one of the most accomplished bands in American roots music. The band’s career includes 25 studio albums, multiple chart-topping singles and three GRAMMY wins. On **May 15, 2020**, the legendary group will bring an unforgettable night of music to the **Kalamazoo State Theatre**. Fresh off their extended 50th anniversary tour, the iconic and profoundly influential Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, often cited as a catalyst for an entire movement in Country Rock and American Roots Music, continues to add to their legendary status. With multi-platinum and gold records, strings of top ten hits such as “Fishin’ In The Dark” and “Mr. Bojangles,” multiple GRAMMY®, IBMA, CMA Awards and nominations, the band’s accolades continue to accumulate.

General Ticket Information:

All seating is reserved for this all ages event. There’s an 8 ticket limit.
\$45-\$89

[Skip the line Ticket Information:](#)

Why wait in the elements when you can skip the line?! This is a separate ticket that will grant you expedited entry into the venue. Skip The Line entry is located near the main entrance of the building. Look for VIP / Skip The Line signage or ask a staff member. Present your [Skip The Line pass](#) along with your event ticket for expedited entry and to avoid the public lines. THIS IS NOT AN EVENT TICKET.

[Discounted Room Rates At Radisson HERE!](#)

Looking for a place to stay just blocks from The State Theatre? The [Radisson](#) is your place and we offer you a discounted rate of \$159 plus taxes. Make it a night or a weekend getaway in Downtown Kalamazoo!

BUY TICKETS [HERE](#)

Buy Skip The Line Tickets [HERE](#)

RSVP On Facebook [HERE](#)

Visit The Artist’s Website [HERE](#)



[Migratory Music at the Kalamazoo Nature Center](#)

Sunday
Sep 13, 2020 at 03:00 pm

Free admission, donations accepted
Presented by [Michigan Festival of Sacred Music](#) at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Experience the Kalamazoo Nature Center with live music from local artists! As part of its annual Connecting Chords Music Festival, the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music is bringing back some Festival favorites, and they will be stationed around the Nature Center arboretum area (with plenty of distance between them):

- Carolyn Koebel – Percussionist
- Samuel Nalangira – World musician, percussionist, and dancer
- Hazeltree – Celtic and Americana songs on traditional acoustic instruments

- Sidney Ellis II – Jembe/African song and storytelling
- Norse Code – David and Karin Code sharing Scandinavian traditional folk music
- Bahar Ensemble – Traditional Middle Eastern music

This event is free to the public. Donations will be accepted.

COVID-19 Protocols are in Place.

In order to comply with the State of Michigan guidelines, we'll be enforcing social distancing – there's a lot of room to spread out at the Nature Center arboretum area and masks will be required.

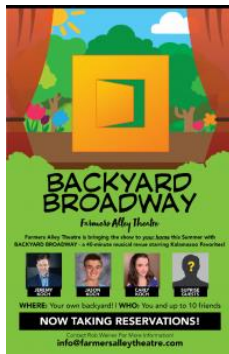
In case of rain, the event will move to September 20, 2020 at the same times.

A nonprofit arts organization supported by individual donations and numerous grants, the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music is committed to broadening the understanding of diverse cultures and our own community through sacred music.

The Connecting Chords Music Festival events center around the common convictions and threads that draw our community together – the importance of cultural traditions, human dignity, and the increased understanding of various faith traditions.

Learn more about the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music at www.mfsm.us.

THEATRE



[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!

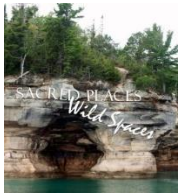
HOW MUCH: \$250 per performance

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

Contact Rob Weiner at info@farmersalleytheatre.com and we'll find a date and time that works for you!

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VISUAL ARTS



[Westminster Art Festival](#)

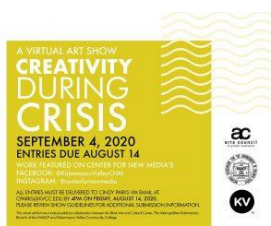
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

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.



[2020 Creativity During Crisis Virtual Art Show](#)

Friday

Aug 14, 2020 - Sep 04, 2020 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Valley Center for New Media and Arcus Gallery](#) at Online

Center for New Media at KVCC

2020 Creativity During Crisis Virtual Art Show

Entries due August 14 by 4 pm, Art Show on September 4

The Center for New Media is hosting a virtual art show, Creativity During Crisis, premiering on September 4, 2020. Entries are being accepted until August 14. The show is open to Southwest Michigan artists, writers, and musicians. There is a limit of two entries per artist. Work must have been created after the Michigan “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order was put into effect on March 23, 2020.

The categories are animation/time based media/video; 2D artwork such as paintings, drawings, mixed media, digital and traditional art or photography; 3D artwork such as sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media; and the written word. See show guidelines for submission format.

“Now, more than ever, we can turn to creative expression to help us understand ourselves in the context of all that is happening,” said Kalamazoo Valley English instructor Dr. Julie Stotz-Ghosh. “We have watched with wonder and gratitude as artists, writers, actors, and musicians have offered their talents to the world throughout the pandemic crisis. We know how to heal ourselves – it is an instinct we are remembering. Culture, creative expression, art, and music have always comforted us in times of struggles.”

Entries will be featured on the Center for New Media’s Facebook account @KalamazooValleyCNM and on the Center’s Instagram account @centerfornewmedia. All entries must be sent by 4 p.m. on August 14 to Cindy Parks via email at cparks@kvcc.edu. For detailed show requirements and instructions, see the [Gallery Requirements form](#) and the [Call for Entries Form](#).

Community partners, NAACP and Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, are event sponsors.

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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.