

## Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, December 14, 2020

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### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



#### [Public Media Network Podcasting Cohort](#)

Wednesday

Oct 28, 2020 - Dec 16, 2020 at 06:00 pm

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Have you always wanted to start a podcast, but not sure how to get started? Do you already have a podcast and would like to connect with other podcasters to improve your content? Join the Public Media Network Podcasting Cohort to connect with other podcasters, learn podcasting skills, and feel encouraged to continue creating! Starting **October 28th, 2020 at 6:00 pm**, our podcasting cohort will meet virtually to learn about podcasting and connect with other podcasters.



#### [Public Media Network's Neighborhood Voices Network Meeting](#)

Monday

Nov 16, 2020 - Dec 14, 2020 at 06:00 pm

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Epic Center](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Neighborhood Journalists will be given the training, platform, and tools to start reporting on news in their community. The Neighborhood Journalist Network will showcase media coverage from a wide array of voices. More people, and more perspectives, means that news coverage will be more well-rounded and lift up more voices in the community.

Anyone interested in telling a story, and is ages 14+, is invited to become a Neighborhood Journalist for Public Media Network. Neighborhood Journalists will be trained with all the tools needed to be successful, including instructions in topics like: what makes a story newsworthy, interviewing strategies, writing basics, AP Style, event coverage, journalism ethics, video storytelling, cultural competency, and equipment basics.

**Neighborhood Journalists will go through a five-session virtual training period that is taking place once a week.** Following this, Neighborhood Journalists are invited to a bi-weekly meeting led by PMN Journalist, Raine Kuch, and other PMN staff members. These meetings will give journalists the opportunity to collaborate with each other, get feedback on story ideas, and learn more about what is happening in the community.



#### [Media Mentor Workshop Series](#)

Thursday

Dec 10, 2020 - Jan 21, 2021 at 06:00 pm

Suggested Donation for Non-PMN Members: \$10

Suggested Donation for PMN Members: \$5

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Online Webinar or Course](#)

Public Media Network is excited to announce the Media Mentor Workshop Series!

Join us to sharpen your skills in video conferencing, mobile media production, remote broadcast studio production and an introduction to editing.

Workshops are facilitated virtually through Zoom Webinars.

Each webinar will start at 6:00 PM and include time for Q&A.

Suggested donation is \$10 for non-members

Suggested donation is \$5 for Public Media Network members

To register visit [PublicMediaNet.org/Workshops](https://PublicMediaNet.org/Workshops)



### [Art21 "Beijing"](#)

Tuesday

Dec 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm

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

**Kalamazoo Institute of Art**

### **Art21 "Beijing"**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Join us online to watch an episode from the newest season of Art21! "Amid Beijing's dizzying economic, urban, and cultural transformation, four artists respond to the region's relentless evolution with urgency and ambition, all the while contending with many centuries of Chinese cultural traditions."

Register [Here](#)



### [December 16 Artist Happy Hour](#)

Wednesday

Dec 16, 2020 at 06:00 pm

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

On Wednesday, December 16, 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. Virtual meetings will take place through December. The virtual meetings are BYOB and feel free to bring snacks as well. The first 10 non-member attendees will receive a free one-year ACGK membership.

***December's topic: Will 2021 treat the arts any better? How we can strengthen our community.***

**Please register in advance!**

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



### [Make and Take: Personalized Hardwood Coasters](#)

Friday

Dec 18, 2020 at 06:30 pm

**Event is \$40 for single admission but cheaper if you bring a friend (\$70 for two).**

**Kzoo Makers Members: \$35 (Two tickets for \$65).**

Presented by [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Any night out is made better with lasers. Come check out Kzoo Maker's industrial laser cutter. You'll get a brief overview of how lasers work then etch a fancy personalized coaster out of solid walnut and finish them with oil and lacquer.

Each guest receives a pair of coasters. Additional laser cut items are available to purchase after event.



### [Make and Take: Personalized Walnut Cutting Boards \(Great for Gifts!\)](#)

Saturday

Dec 19, 2020 at 06:30 pm

Presented by [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Both a great date night and an opportunity to make gifts for friends. Any night out is made better with lasers. Come check out our industrial laser cutter. You'll get a brief overview of how lasers work then we'll etch a fancy personalized cutting board out of solid walnut and finish them with oil. We'll have a few designs to choose from, both wholesome and funny, more images to come. 😊

Each guest receives one cutting board. Additional wood items are available to purchase after event.

#### **General Public:**

**\$69 – 1 Tickets**

**\$99 – 2 Tickets, 1 Board**

**\$129 – 2 Tickets, 2 Boards**

#### **Kzoo Makers Members:**

**\$59 – 1 Tickets**

**\$89 – 2 Tickets, 1 Board**

**\$119 – 2 Tickets, 2 Boards**



### [Make and Take: Edge Lit Acrylic Signs on the Laser Cutter](#)

Sunday

Dec 20, 2020 at 06:30 pm

**Tickets will be \$45 (Two tickets for \$80, so bring a friend).**

**Kzoo Makers Members: \$35 (Two tickets for \$65).**

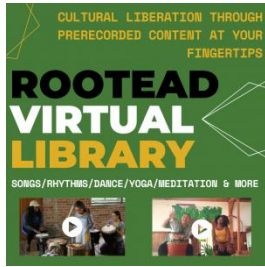
Limit of 10 attendees due to social distancing guidelines. Please wear a mask during this event for everyone's safety.

Presented by [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Interested in lasers? Come check out Kzoo Makers! Meet with artist Kevin Hayden as he takes you through the basic workflow of an 80W laser cutter and we make an edge-lit acrylic sign!

Each attendee will receive an LED sign with your choice of art, complete with a wall plug and remote.

## **KIDS & FAMILY**



### [Rootead Virtual Library](#)

Sunday,Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,Thursday,Friday,Saturday  
Nov 16, 2020 - Nov 16, 2021 at 01:00 am  
at Unknown

The Rootead Virtual Library is available through the Rootead Collective. Content can be accessed through web browser on a Desktop or Computer. You can also download the app on your Mobile Device to have the content available at your

fingertips.

Download the app and become apart of the Rootead Collective!

## MUSIC



### [46th Stulberg International String Competition - 2021 Applications Open](#)

Sunday,Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,Thursday,Friday,Saturday  
Oct 15, 2020 - Feb 01, 2021 at 08:00 am  
at Online

#### **46th Stulberg International String Competition**

#### **2021 Applications Open: October 15, 2020 – February 1, 2021**

Applications for the 46th Stulberg International String Competition will open on October 15, 2020 and be accepted through February 1, 2021. Judges for the 2021 competition include **violinist Mitchell Newman, violist Cynthia Phelps, and cellist Sara Sant’Ambrogio**. For more information and to apply, please visit our website: [www.stulberg.org](http://www.stulberg.org).



### [Brooklyn Rider](#)

Sunday,Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,Thursday,Friday,Saturday  
Nov 20, 2020 - Dec 19, 2020 at 07:30 pm  
Presented by [Fontana](#) at Online

#### **Fontana (Virtual)**

#### **Brooklyn Rider**

#### **Friday, November 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

Join Fontana for the livestream of Brooklyn Rider on November 20, available through December 19. If you think you know chamber music, think again. The veteran string quartet, Brooklyn Rider, presents eclectic repertoire and gripping performances that continue to draw rave reviews from classical, world, and rock critics alike.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette described the ensemble as “four classical musicians with the energy of young rock stars jamming on their guitars, a Beethoven-goes-indie foray into making classical music accessible but also celebrating why it was good in the first place”.

This livestream will be filmed on location in New York City.

**Buy Ticket [Here](#)**



### [Sounds of the Season](#)

Sunday

Dec 20, 2020 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

### **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (Virtual)**

**Sounds of the Season**

**Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

Hosted and conducted by KSO Music Director Julian Kuerti, this performance offers a new way of sharing a well-loved symphony tradition. We will share stories and memories as we celebrate with music from Christmas, Hanukkah, and other traditions. The concert also will premiere two new compositions: A Hanukkah piece by KSO Music Director, Julian Kuerti; and a new interpretation of a traditional carol from composer, pianist, and KSO Education Manager, Rufus Ferguson.

**Event Info** [Here](#)



### [Sounds of the Season](#)

Sunday

Dec 20, 2020 at 04:00 pm

Register to view the streamed concert by naming your per-ticket price, with a minimum amount of \$0.00. The suggested price per ticket is **\$35.00\***, which helps us offset production costs and support our musicians. Thank you for your support!

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Our annual holiday tradition comes to your home this year as we gather online for a musical celebration of the winter season.

Through a concert compiled from our musicians performing separately in their homes, this performance offers a new way of sharing a well-loved symphony tradition. We will celebrate with music from Christmas, Hanukkah, and other traditions.

The concert also will premiere two new compositions: A Hanukkah piece by KSO Music Director, Julian Kuerti; and a new interpretation of a traditional carol from composer, pianist, and KSO Education Manager, Rufus Ferguson.

Gather together with those in your home and with others virtually. Bring your favorite holiday drinks and food, and share holiday music from our homes to yours!

## ONLINE/STREAMING



### [HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS](#)

**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday**  
**Dec 12, 2020 - Dec 24, 2020 at 12:00 am**  
at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The phrase “I’ll be Home for Christmas” has a new meaning this year, and Farmers Alley Theatre is celebrating the season with an exciting musical event bringing together Homegrown Talent with some fantastic local arts organizations in HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS – Streaming digitally on Broadway On Demand from December 12th-24th. Hosted by Farmers Alley Founders Adam & Rob Weiner and Denene Mulay Koch & Jeremy Koch, this 90-minute concert will feature favorite holiday classics, new seasonal songs and a dose of Christmas magic delivered straight to your living room!

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS was directed and produced by Kathy Mulay and Jeremy Koch with Music Direction and Supervision by Catherine A. Walker. Digital Tickets can be purchased for \$19.95 by visiting our website at [WWW.FARMERSALLEYTHEATRE.COM](http://WWW.FARMERSALLEYTHEATRE.COM) or going directly to Broadway on Demand at [WWW.LIVESTREAM.BROADWAYONDEMAND.COM/FARMERS-ALLEY](http://WWW.LIVESTREAM.BROADWAYONDEMAND.COM/FARMERS-ALLEY). Once purchased, you can view the program as many times as you like between December 12th and the 24th.



### [We Banjo 3: A Winter Wonderful](#)

Friday  
Dec 18, 2020 at 08:00 pm

#### **General Ticket Information:**

**\$20**

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

Join us and **We Banjo 3 (WB3)** in a festive holiday livestream, “A Winter Wonderful” – an evening of world class music featuring a special WB3 performance, plus a stellar lineup of special guests! The one-night-only event airs **December 18 at 8:00 pm EST**. Event tickets are \$20, with limited edition merch bundles that include a ticket. Cozy up, settle in, and holiday party with WB3.

WB3 seamlessly converge the shared and varied traditions of Americana, Bluegrass, and Celtic music with pop-sensible songcraft to create a truly unique and gratifying signature sound. Debuting in the U.S. in 2012, We Banjo 3 has since emerged as fast-rising touring darlings in the country that two of the members now call home. The Galway, Ireland, and Nashville-based quartet—comprised of two sets of brothers, Enda & Fergal Scahill and Martin & David Howley—continually push musical boundaries while maintaining an unwavering devotion to the essential audience experience

Actor/comedian and musician Steve Martin says of the band, “We Banjo 3...are making waves...here in America. They are playing the banjo in a style that I didn’t even know could be played like that.” Northwest Cultural Blog said, “There are few adjectives left to describe the authenticity and the electrifying experience you get when you first see/hear We Banjo 3 live on stage...It’s the incorporation of each and every one of its members, their individual charisma, their energy, their passion, and their very soul, that makes them one of the greatest live musical acts the world has to offer today.”



### [Django a Gogo Festival \(Virtual Edition\)](#)

Saturday

Dec 19, 2020 at 11:00 am, 03:00 pm, 09:00 pm

#### **General Ticket Information:**

**\$15+**

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

**Stephane Wrembel** and Third Row presents **Django a Gogo Festival (Virtual Edition)** with an interactive guitar workshop and two very special concerts on **Saturday, December 19, 2020!**

**Stephane Wrembel**, one of the most original guitar voices in contemporary music, presents [Django a Gogo Festival](#) celebrating the life and music of legendary musician, Django Reinhardt, with an interactive guitar workshop and two very special concerts.

Born in Paris and raised in Fontainebleau, the home of Impressionism and Django Reinhardt, Wrembel— who learned his craft among the Gypsies at campsites in the French countryside— has had a remarkable career. Since 2002, this prolific, virtuoso guitarist has released over a dozen recordings under his name and the nom de plume, The Django Experiment. Wrembel is best known for his original composition “Bistro Fada,” the theme song from the 2011 Woody Allen Academy Award® winning film, “Midnight In Paris,” which also won a Grammy Award® for the soundtrack. Subsequently, Wrembel was hand-selected by award winning composer/producer Hans Zimmer to perform at the 2012 Academy Awards® as part of his “All Star Band.”

Wrembel has been based in the NYC area for the past 20 years and since his studies at Berklee College of Music. He has toured around the world including venues and festivals in the U.S, Canada, France, Israel, Nigeria and India. Wrembel has headlined at Lincoln Center, recorded with mandolin legend David Grisman, toured with master violinist Mark O’Connor and shared stages with a long list of world renowned musicians.

In 2003, Wrembel created his own annual event, Django a Gogo Festival, where he and other musicians influenced by Django Reinhardt celebrate the Sinti guitar style. Django a Gogo is a world class evening of gypsy jazz performed at the highest level of musicianship. The concert repertoire follows the Django canon and veers into reinterpretation, improvisation and interplay between musicians from various backgrounds. Django a Gogo has been presented at the legendary venues Carnegie Hall and The Town Hall in New York City. Now, you can experience the show (or shows) in the comfort of your own living room!

This event is presented in partnership with Water is Life Records, Arté Boréal, Town Hall, and Alliance Française Toronto – with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States.

#### **General Ticket Information:**

**\$15+**



### [A Special Encore Stream of Suzanne Vega from New York’s iconic Blue Note Jazz Club](#)

Sunday

Dec 20, 2020 at 08:00 pm

#### **General Ticket Information:**

**The stream is available on-demand for 72 hours so fans around the world can access.**

**\$10**

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

Join us for the encore replay of Grammy Award-winning artist **Suzanne Vega**'s livestream event from New York's iconic Blue Note Jazz Club from October 8th.

The full-band set featured the album's New York-centric repertoire, honoring Vega's long musical relationship with her city. At the Blue Note, Vega was joined by longtime guitarist Gerry Leonard, bassist Jeff Allen and keyboardist Jason Hart. Recorded in early 2019, *An Evening of New York Songs and Stories* included familiar songs like "Luka" and "Tom's Diner" alongside deep cuts from her catalog like "Frank and Ava" and "Ludlow Street." The mix of repertoire also featured "New York Is My Destination" from *Lover, Beloved: Songs from an Evening with Carson McCullers*, Vega's one-woman play about the Southern gothic novelist Carson McCullers. *An Evening of New York Songs and Stories* was produced by Leonard, mixed by Grammy Award-winning engineer Kevin Killen and mastered by Grammy Award winner Bob Ludwig. Widely regarded as one of the foremost songwriters of her generation, Suzanne Vega emerged as a leading figure of the folk-music revival of the early 1980s. Since the release of her self-titled, critically acclaimed 1985 debut album, her songs have become part of the contemporary music vernacular.

**General Ticket Information:**

**The stream is available on-demand for 72 hours so fans around the world can access.**

**\$10**

## VISUAL ARTS



### [James Schlage Paintings Exhibition](#)

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

Oct 20, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020 at 01:00 pm

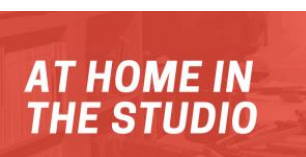
Presented by [Ninth Wave Studio](#) at [Ninth Wave Studios](#), 213 West Walnut Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

### **Ninth Wave Studio (Virtual)**

#### **James Schlage Paintings Exhibition**

#### **Showing October through December 2020**

James Schlage Paintings Exhibition is virtually running from October through December 2020 at Ninth Wave Studio. Visitors are welcome to view or purchase this watercolor and acrylic artwork [here](#).



### [At Home in the Studio](#)

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

Nov 16, 2020 - May 31, 2021 at 01:00 pm

at [Western Michigan University - Richmond Center for Visual Arts](#), 2110 Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Room 2008, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

### **Richmond Center for Visual Arts (Virtual)**

#### **At Home in the Studio**

#### **Running through the academic school year of 2020 – 2021**

The Richmond Center invites submissions of images and text for a project called At Home in the Studio. Our goal is to create a widely ranging online catalog featuring the studio spaces of Frostic School of Art students, faculty and staff, as well as students, faculty, and staff working in range of disciplines across the College of Fine Arts and within the greater WMU and Kalamazoo arts community. For more information, [click here](#).