

FREE EVENTS



[Artist Happy Hour - March 2021](#)

Wednesday Mar 24, 2021 at 06:00 pm

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

Artist Happy Hour is Wednesday, March 24 from 6-7:30 pm! We will be joined by panelists and 2020 grant recipients Kellen Deau, Jay Young, and Lonna Hardin for a discussion on ACGK grants.

You will get to hear first-hand about the incredible and inspiring projects and professional development opportunities that these Kalamazoo women have pursued with the support of our grant programs. Register in advance on Eventbrite.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Youth Art Classes \(ages 10 - 14\)](#)

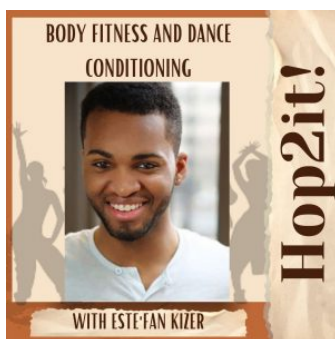
Thursday Feb 04, 2021 - Apr 29, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Block Paper Print LLC](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Tuition Cost: **\$120** (4 weekly art classes/projects, continuous feedback, community forum)

Time: **5:30 pm (EST) – 6:30 pm (EST) Every Thursday**

Youth Art Courses begin on the first Thursday of every month and consist of four weekly virtual classes. In between classes, students or parents post artwork in a safe secure forum to receive feedback and celebrate successes. Register [here](#).



[Hop2it! - ADULT CLASS](#)

Thursday Mar 11, 2021 - Apr 22, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Carver Center](#), 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

ARE YOU READY TO GET MOVING? The Academy of Theatre Arts is excited to announce a new PAY WHAT YOU CAN dance class: Hop2it – Body Fitness and Dance Conditioning taught by Este'Fan Kizer!

Class for Adults and HS Students:

Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursdays 5:30 – 7:00 pm

To ensure we maintain current group size recommendations, we ask that you **reserve your place via**

Sign-up Genius at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49AAAD23A1FD0-hop2it>

Classes will continue weekly, with sign up options becoming available about 7 days in advance of each class week.



Chinese Language and Culture Classes

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

Presented by Kalamazoo Chinese Academy at WMU Sangren Hall, 999 Rankin Ave, Portage, MI 49006

Online Registration is highly encouraged at www.kzooca.org-enrollment

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.

Yearly Registration Fee: \$30

Chinese language tuition \$280/year

Chinese folk dance tuition \$200/year

Free class tryout is welcome!



Podcast Intensive Workshop

Wednesday Feb 10, 2021 - Apr 14, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Cost: \$25 for PMN members, \$50 non-members

Presented by Public Media Network at Online Webinar or Course

Have you always wanted to start a podcast, but not sure how to get started? Do you want to share your voice with the community?

Join the Public Media Network Podcasting Intensive to explore how to use podcasts to amplify your voice and connect with a larger community. You'll meet virtually to gain skills in podcasting and produce a podcast series. At the end of the training series, we'll help you host a listening party for the community followed by a discussion on the podcasts. Then join our larger podcast community by becoming a member of our podcaster network. Connect with other podcasters in your community and find support for producing more podcasts.



Public Media Network's Neighborhood Voices Network Training Meeting

Tuesday Mar 02, 2021 - Apr 27, 2021 at 06:00 pm

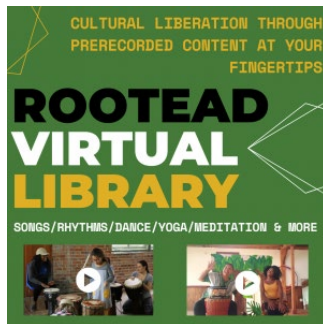
Presented by Public Media Network at Online Webinar or Course

Public Media Network is launching its second cohort of the Neighborhood Voices Network this March to put control of the media in your hands. If you are interested in media and journalism and want to use your voice to provide representation for your community, then the Neighborhood Voices Network might be for you.

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.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3pJekxE>

KIDS & FAMILY



Rootead Virtual Library

Available online 24/7

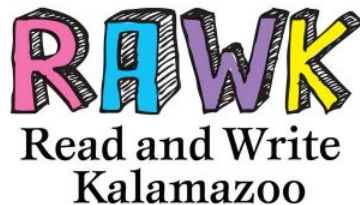
Presented by Rootead at 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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 a part of the Rootead Collective!

LITERATURE & POETRY



Read and Write Nights

Wednesday Jan 04, 2021 - Apr 21, 2021 at 06:15 pm

Presented by Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK) at Online

March 17, 2021 (registration opens March 1st)

April 21, 2021 (registration opens April 1st)

Pre-K through 5th grade students work in small groups with volunteers for a virtual picture book read-along followed by a writing activity in response to the story. Participants receive a FREE book!

More Info Here

MUSIC



Castalian Quartet

Feb 26, 2021 - Mar 25, 2021 at 07:30 pm

Presented by Fontana at Online

Join Fontana for the livestream of Castalian Quartet on February 26, available through March 25. Recent winners of the Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship Award, Lyon International Chamber Music

Competition, Young Classical Artists Trust, and more, the London-based Castalian Quartet is rapidly emerging as an exciting voice in the international chamber music scene.

The quartet has performed widely throughout Europe, and recently gave its debut North American recitals at The Philips Collection (Washington D.C.), Lincoln Center (N.Y.), Middlebury College (Vermont), Salle Bourgie (Montreal), Vancouver Recital Series, and Banff International String Quartet Festival. This livestream will be filmed on location in London. **Buy Ticket [Here](#)**

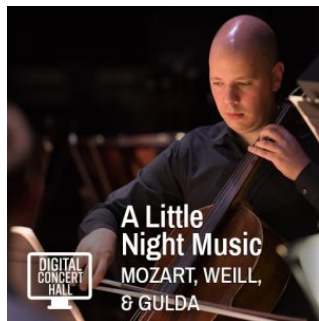


[One Time Live Series](#)

Sunday Mar 14, 2021 - Mar 28, 2021 at 09:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

The **Kalamazoo State Theatre** presents **Dwight Yoakam** in the first 3 episodes of his new livestream series **“One Time Live” March 14 & 28**. Join the KST alum and GRAMMY-winning entertainment icon as he and his full band perform iconic albums live, from start to finish.

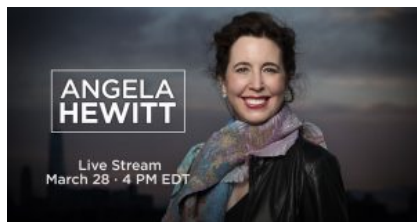


[Digital Concert Hall: A Little Night Music](#)

Friday Mar 26, 2021 at 07:00 pm, presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Register online to view the streamed concert by naming your per-ticket price, with a minimum amount of **\$20**. The suggested price per ticket is **\$35**, which helps the KSO offset production costs and support our musicians. Some discounts are available for this concert.

You may access this concert as often as you'd like from its premiere date through **April 30, 2021**, by clicking on the [My Digital Content](#) button after registering. [Subscription packages](#) also are available for the **Final Friday Digital Concert Hall** series.



[Virtual Special Event - Angela Hewitt](#)

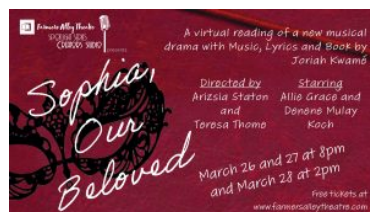
Sunday Mar 28, 2021 at 04:00 pm

Free Admission. Sign-up is required to view the program.

Presented by [Gilmore Keyboard Festival](#)

Internationally-renowned pianist Angela Hewitt presents a not-to-be-missed program that demonstrates her command over a wide-ranging repertoire. Join us for this very special live stream by one of today's most admired and respected keyboard artists. [Page for Event](#)

THEATRE



[SOPHIA, OUR BELOVED: A Virtual Reading of a New Musical Drama by Joriah Kwamé](#)

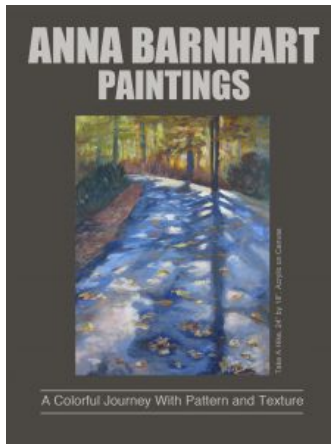
Mar 26, 2021 - Mar 28, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 08:00 pm

“Free Admission” – Online only! Free virtual tickets available starting March 12th on our website: www.farmersalleytheatre.com

Farmers Alley Theatre's CREATOR STUDIO premieres with a virtual reading of the new musical drama called SOPHIA, OUR BELOVED – *Streaming March 26th – 28th via Ludus Anywhere Seat*

From the mind of award-winning local composer Joriah Kwamé, *SOPHIA, OUR BELOVED* is the inaugural event of the Farmers Alley Theatre Creators Studio and will stream digitally on Ludus Anywhere Seat on Friday March 26th & Saturday March 27th at 8pm and Sunday March 28th at 2pm. Tickets will be free to the public but do require registration online.

VISUAL ARTS



The Paintings of Anna Barnhart Virtual Exhibition

Feb 01, 2021 - May 31, 2021 at 01:00 pm

Presented by [Ninth Wave Studio](#) (Virtual)

Join the Ninth Wave Studio for its current virtual exhibition, The Paintings of Anna Barnhart. This is an exhibition of acrylic paintings by Southwest Michigan artist, Anna Barnhart. This body of work explores the texture and versatility of the medium with the organic forms of nature.

Facebook Post [Here](#), Virtual Exhibition [Here](#)



Framing Moments: Photography from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Feb 06, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 01:00 pm

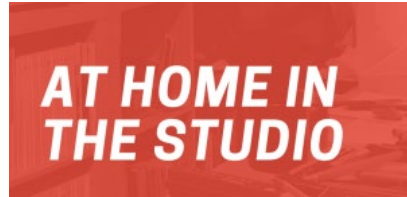
Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Curated by internationally renowned author, curator, historian, and photographer, Dr. Deborah Willis. As a Professor and Chair of the Department of Photography & Imaging at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Framing Moments will explore what it means to make and collect photography.

Culled from the Kalamazoo institute of Arts distinctive photography collection, ranging from the mid-19th century to the 20th century, extending to the 21st century, this presentation will explore how photographers create images that reserve moments, people, and places.

Willis states, for the last 60 years, KIA curators attempted to build a unique collection based on the aesthetic, political, and everyday moments of their time. By focusing on the times they were made and collected, Willis reimagines and explores what stories and moments the KIA curators were drawn to by iconic photographers, such as: Ansel Adams, Dawoud Bey, Matthew Brady, Sheila Pree Bright, Barbara Crane, Imogen Cunningham, Walker Evans, Dorethea Lange, Danny Lyon, Barbara Morgan, Vik Muniz, Shirin Neshat, Gordon Parks, Irving Penn, P.H. Polk, Diego Rivera, Cindy Sherman, Lorna Simpson, James VanDerZee, Edward Weston, Minor White, Garry Winogrand, Ernest Withers, Marion Post Walcott, among many others.

This seminal exhibition will feature approximately 125 photographs that juxtapose international and regional photographers who captured topographic images of iconic buildings, explored modern photographic aesthetics, and documented pivotal moments of social change and conflict, revealing everyday life. **Event Info [Here](#)**



At Home in the Studio

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

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](#).