

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Media Project Incubator](#)

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Apr 22, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 - Presented by [Public Media Network](#)

359 S. Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Media Project incubator is designed to make media accessible to people in our community who have great ideas but aren't sure how to make them happen:

People who can't afford studio time or attend all-day training sessions. People who don't usually see themselves represented in public media. We are particularly interested in shows made by and for people of color, LGBTQ folks, immigrants, and people of marginalized genders. [Sign up here](#)



[Voices For Change Documentary Collaborative](#)

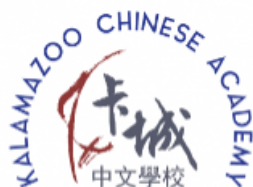
Saturdays at 10:00 am from May 08, 2021 - Jun 26

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Public Media Network](#), 359 S.

Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Voices for Change Documentary Collaborative puts the control of media in your hands to share authentic stories and shift existing narratives in media. The Spring 2021 Collaborative prioritizes LGBTQ+ community members to engage in the creative process of creating a short documentary. The goal is to amplify stories and experiences of people in the greater Kalamazoo area who identify as queer, transgender, nonbinary, and/or intersex.

Participants will be encouraged to research an issue of personal and community relevance, receive mentoring and training about media production and complete the program by producing a short-form narrative video to be shared in a public screening and discussion and broadcast aired on Public Media Network. Each participant will have access to our professional community media team and resources. This will include the access to Public Media Network's production equipment library, technical training, and mentoring needed to develop artistic and media making skills. [How to join: complete the application found here](#)



[Chinese Language and Culture Classes](#)

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

Presented by [Kalamazoo Chinese Academy](#)

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.



[Make It! Fused Glass Ramen Noodle Bowl](#)

Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 12:00 pm

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#)

at 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Who doesn't want to eat out of a beautiful glass bowl they created? In this class you will learn glass kiln fusing techniques and create a functional ramen noodle bowl of your own using frits, stringers, hand tools, and a grinder. These bowls make great gifts as well! Bowl size: 8" x 8" x 3" Each ticket includes entry for one person, and supplies for one noodle bowl. \$110.00



[Make It! Glass Beads](#)

Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 01:00 pm

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#) 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Learn to shape and decorate your own glass beads with colorful patterns in this "Make It!" class. Enjoy the experience of melting color rods of glass on a torch and applying the molten glass to a mandrel. You will have an experienced glass artist at your side to demonstrate and guide you through the process. Keep the finished glass beads for yourself or give them as the perfect gift! \$70.00

DANCE



[Wellspring Community Dance Showcase](#)

Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 07:00 pm

Presented by [Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers](#)

at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#)

7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

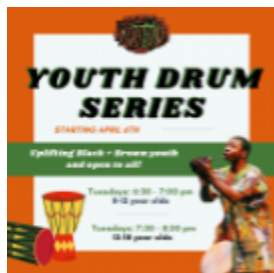
Join the Wellspring Dance Academy's Youth Performing Ensemble and others for a Community Dance Showcase on Saturday, May 22 at 7 pm. Tickets are FREE but must be reserved to enter. This event is generously supported by and will take place at the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

Featuring:

- Wellspring Dance Academy's Youth Performing Ensemble
- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kalamazoo

- Youth Development Initiative- Kalamazoo
- YMCA- Move with Joy

KIDS & FAMILY



[Rootead Youth Drum Series](#)

Tuesday, Apr 06, 2021 - May 25, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Presented by [Rootead](#) at [Rootead](#)

1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Join the Rootead Youth Drum Series! It is for dedicated youth interested in expanding their drum vocabulary and knowledge. Only 9 spots are available for each session, so register as soon as possible!

8-12 year olds: Tuesdays from 6:30-7:00 pm – [Register here](#)

13-18 year olds: Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm – [Register here](#)

Scholarships are available. [Apply here.](#)

[Rootead Virtual Library](#)

Nov 16, 2020 - Nov 16, 2021 at 01:00 am, 01:00 pm

Presented by [Rootead](#) at [Rootead](#), 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.

LITERATURE & POETRY



[Tournament of Writers](#)

Apr 02, 2021 - Jun 04, 2021 at 10:00 am

Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The Tournament of Writers, originally started by Deb Christiansen of Schoolcraft in 2015, is an annual writing competition for authors in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties. The goals of the competition include building a writing community within the communities we serve, encouraging and supporting writers, providing opportunities for improving writing skills, and connecting readers to writers through the power of storytelling.

There are three categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry. Within each of these categories, we also have age divisions: Junior (through 7th grade), Young Adult (8th grade through 25 years), Adult (26 to 50), and Senior (51+). The competition is accessible to all writers, new as well as seasoned writers. Entries are judged using a rubric system.

All entries are published in a collection, the Small Town Anthology series. The tournament culminates with a book release and book signing celebration. 3 entries per person, one for each genre: Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry for one flat submission fee of \$10.

MUSIC



[“Songs in the Key of Mom” - A Farmers Alley Virtual Concert Celebrating Mother's Day](#)

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#)

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

May 08, 2021 - May 31, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Tickets for this digital event are \$9.99.

Mother's Day is fast approaching and as West Michigan's premier professional theatre, Farmers Alley Theatre is offering a great opportunity to celebrate that most important person with our newest Spotlight Session Event: Songs in the Key of Mom – available beginning May 8th. Featuring seven incredible female vocalists and Farmers Alley Favorites, this unique online concert event is the perfect way to tell Mom that you care this Mother's Day – with the gift of song! This virtual concert will be sent directly to your email address beginning on Saturday, May 8th and the concert will be available to purchase throughout the month of May. Tickets can be purchased by going to www.farmersalleytheatre.com.

THEATRE



[Face Off Theatre Company Presents: I Am Grace](#)

Sunday,Friday,Saturday

May 21, 2021 - May 23, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at Dormouse Theatre, 1030 Portage St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Face Off Theatre Company is excited to present this new work by Vickie G.

Hampton as a part of our New Play Series. “I Am Grace” drops viewers into the living room of the Lloyd family on the day that young Grace is brought home from a mental health institution. Set in the early 1940s in rural Georgia, the family has no legal or financial recourse, so, in the aftermath of Grace’s brutal assault, leans

heavily on their faith. But with a devastating new development, the weight of the crisis crushes even their strong faith and each family member must take his or her own tormented journey to deliverance.

[A Midsummer Night's Dream and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee](#)

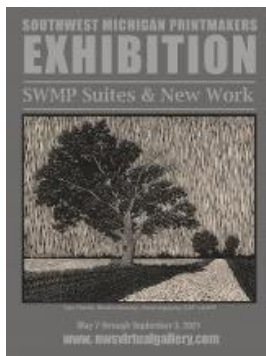


May 21, 2021 - Jun 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 05:00 pm, 06:00 pm

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Join us for our inaugural outdoor Spring season of theatre! Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and the delightfully funny musical The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will BOTH be performed in repertory May 21 – June 6 in the Miller Fountain Plaza. We miss seeing our patrons, and we're excited to share the work of our students with you again. So bring your friends and your lawn chairs and we'll see you in the plaza! All tickets are \$15.

VISUAL ARTS



[SWMP Suites & New Work Virtual Exhibition](#)

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

May 07, 2021 - Sep 03, 2021 at 12:00 am

Presented by [Southwest Michigan Printmakers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PRINTMAKERS

Begun in the late 1970s, the Southwest Michigan Printmakers (SWMP) is a diverse and informal group of regional artists/printmakers dedicated to the creation of hand-made and fine art prints. Meeting bi-monthly, the group encourages artists working in printmaking and promotes excellence in the various print mediums. Through exhibitions of their works, SWMP helps to encourage public knowledge, understanding, and support for printmaking.

NEW WORKS

New Works are those prints created by members outside of any SWMP framework. These prints illustrate the members' commitment to their craft and ongoing exploration of their individual bodies of work.

SWMP SUITES: 'H2O' AND 'LIGHT AND DARK'

These were the two broad themes responded to by participating members of SWMP in 2019 and 2021 respectively. The resulting group of prints are considered a suite and were editioned for an exchange between the participants. These two print collections illustrate the many forms and mediums printmaking offers and reflect the individual artist's interpretation of the themes.

Exhibition Dates: May 7 through September 3, 2021.



[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.



[From Earth and Fire: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics](#)

Mar 26, 2021 - Jun 17, 2021 at 11:00 am

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

Inspired by the popularity of last year's exhibition highlighting Japanese ceramics, the [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) presents this exciting new show. This new exhibit will illuminate some of the most cutting-edge, energetic, and original works acquired by the Horvitzes over the last three years.

Showcasing nearly twenty works, the exhibition highlights the shift from functional forms to artworks that challenge and expand the imaginative properties of the medium. This exhibit will be available from March 26, 2021 to June 17, 2021.



[The Illustrated Accordion Exhibition](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

April 9 – June 18, 2021 Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Gallery

Join the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center for our 13th annual Illustrated Accordion exhibition. Each year the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center (KBAC) sponsors a non-juried exhibition The Illustrated Accordion, showing in the KBAC Gallery in late spring. Open to all emerging and established artists, this exhibition focuses on books created in the accordion form. Featuring works of book artists from all over the world, the books in this exhibit take this book form to a new level. Every book that has been entered in previous Illustrated Accordion exhibits are available to view through our website.



[KIA High School Area Show & Young Artists of Kalamazoo County](#)

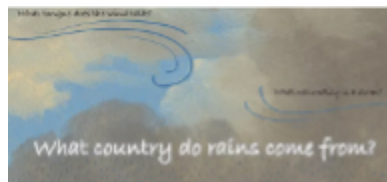
Apr 30, 2021 - May 30, 2021 at 01:00 pm

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

The KIA is excited to announce that for the first time ever we are combining the annual High School Area Show (9-12th grade) and Young Artists of Kalamazoo County (K-8th grade). Both shows highlight an immense amount of artistic talent, delighting visitors of all ages for over 40 years.

[9th Annual Westminster Art Festival](#)

May 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 at 01:00 pm



Presented by [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#)

1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

The 9th Annual Westminster Art Festival, a celebration of art, earth care, and faith, will be held May 1 – June 30, 2021. The 2021 theme is “What Country Do Rains Come From?”



[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

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.](#)