

Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, May 24, 2021

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Media Project Incubator](#)

Tuesday, Thursday

Apr 22, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 at 06:30 pm

The participation fee for Public Media Network members is \$25, non-members is \$50. A limited number of Participation Fee scholarships are available.

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

Media Project Incubator

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.

Who should join the Media Project Incubator?

You, if you have an idea for a media project, one time or ongoing series, that fits our mission: "Public Media Network empowers people through media to amplify creative expression, community dialogue, and cultural understanding." And if you have some time to learn media production (podcasting, video, storytelling) and create a media project.

How do I join?

[Sign up here...](#)

What happens next?

Our facilitators will help you develop your idea into a production plan, and teach you how to start creating your media. We'll then help you put it all together along with other creators in your incubator cohort. We'll then set a premiere date for your content, launch your program, and promote it with listings on our website and other platforms. We'll work with you to organize a community screening and discussion of your work. At the end of your program season, you will own everything you made under a non-commercial creative commons license, and you will be all set to keep producing media content for the community.

What is the price to participate?

The participation fee for Public Media Network members is \$25, non-members is \$50. A limited number of Participation Fee scholarships are available.

There is no fee to apply to the program.

When does the program start?

April 22nd, 2021

When will the incubator group meet?

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30PM – 8:30 PM EDT

What if I have more questions?

Email Lucy at Lwaters@publicmedianet.org



[Voices For Change Documentary Collaborative](#)

Saturday

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

Cost to participate: Free

Participants may apply to receive a stipend to assist with travel needs or other costs that may prohibit participation in the program, up to \$200.

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

Join the Voices for Change Documentary Collaborative to learn how and produce a short 5-minute documentary video on a topic important to you.

Support for Voices for Change is made possible by The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, and a grant from the John E. Fetzer Institute Fund of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

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.

Participation in Voices for Change is determined by application. Space is limited. Participants may apply to receive a stipend to assist with travel needs or other costs that may prohibit participation in the program, up to \$200.

Fast Facts about the Voices for Change program

Start date: Saturday, May 8th, 2021

End Date: June 26, 2021

Public Screening Event: To be determined by participants

Meeting days: Saturdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Open production lab times to be determined based on participant availability.

Virtual and Hybrid meeting options available

Cost to participate: Free

[How to join: complete the application found here](#)

FREE EVENTS



[Artist Happy Hour - May 2021](#)

Wednesday

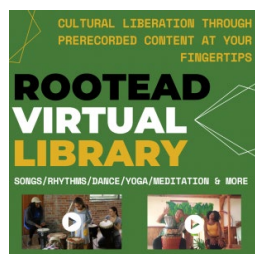
May 26, 2021 at 06:00 pm

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

May 2021 Artist Happy Hour Discussion Topic: ACGK Membership

Whether you are a current Arts Council member or are interested in becoming a member, we want to hear from you! What challenges are you currently facing as an artist or organization? How can we best support you in your artistic endeavors? Come have a candid, open discussion about ACGK membership with us on Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm. This is a free event that takes place virtually via Zoom. **The first 10 non-members to attend will receive a free ACGK individual membership!** [Register in advance on Eventbrite!](#)

KIDS & FAMILY



[Rootead Virtual Library](#)

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

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.

Download the app and become apart of the Rootead Collective!

LITERATURE & POETRY



[Tournament of Writers](#)

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

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

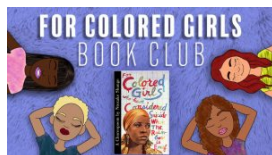
Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Annual Writing Competition

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.



[For Colored Girls Book Club](#)

Friday

May 28, 2021 at 07:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Public Library](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

A book club celebrating the beauty, strength, and power of Black, Indigenous, and phenomenal women of color around the world through literature. All readers welcome.

Please [register](#) to receive Zoom link. Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.

MUSIC



[Rootead Youth Drum Series](#)

Tuesday

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

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](#)

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! This is an in-person class and will begin April 6th.

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.](#)

RSVP on Facebook.



[Digital Concert Hall: Peter and the Wolf](#)

Friday

May 28, 2021 at 07:00 pm

Register to view the streamed concert by naming your per-ticket price, with a minimum amount of **\$10**. The suggested price per ticket is **\$25**, which helps us offset production costs and support our musicians. You may access this concert as often as you'd like from

its premiere date through **June 30, 2021**.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) and [Ballet Arts Ensemble](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

[Ballet Arts Ensemble of Kalamazoo](#) joins the KSO to present the delightful childhood classic Peter and the Wolf, a musical story of seven characters, each represented by one or more instruments: strings (Peter), flute (Bird), clarinet (Cat), oboe (Duck), bassoon (Grandpa), horn (Wolf), and timpani and bass drum (Wolf).

The orchestra closes the program with *Mother Goose Suite* from French composer Maurice Ravel. He wrote this airy, rhythmic piece for friends' children to capture the feelings of childhood innocence and lightness.

ONLINE/STREAMING



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

**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. 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.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Farmers Alley Theatre continues to innovate online with Spotlight Sessions Vol. 2: “Songs in the Key of Mom”

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!

Our **Spotlight Sessions Series** will feature incredible singers performing songs based on a theme. For our second installment, ***Songs in the Key of Mom***, you will receive a special video concert, delivered right to your email address beginning on **May 8th** or whenever you purchase a ticket after that date. Artistic Director Jeremy Koch has put together an amazing lineup of singers, all of the outstanding performers, and Farmers Alley Theatre alumni.

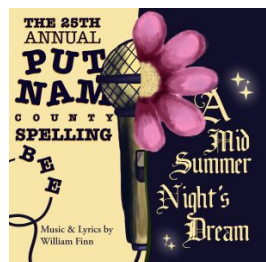
Featuring songs across the canon of musical theatre, the great American songbook, and popular music, this virtual concert features some extremely talented women. Here’s a look at who’s scheduled to perform: **Denene Mulay Koch** (*The Bridges of Madison County*), **Whitney Weiner** (*It Shoulda Been You*), **Julie Nemitz** (*Does Anybody Have a Map?*), **Jamila Sabares-Klemm** (*Monty Python’s SPAMALOT*), **Jasmine Franklin** (*Little Shop of Horrors*), **Cassandra Blair** (*Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike*), and **Michele Maika Berg** (*Fun Home*).

So let Mom know she’s the most important person in your life by celebrating her musically with **Spotlight Session Vol. 2: *Songs in the Key of Mom* – Available beginning May 8th.**

Need flowers or dinner to complete this Mother’s Day gift package? Farmers Alley is committed to supporting other local small businesses and we are proud to announce that this event is being sponsored by the following partner organizations:

**Wedel’s Nursery, Florist and Garden Center
Millennium Restaurant Group**

THEATRE



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

Sunday, Friday, Saturday

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

All tickets are \$15.

WMU students can receive one free ticket per valid Bronco ID. Contact us at theatre-info@wmich.edu to reserve your free student ticket.

The box office is only open for phone service. There is no walk-up service at this

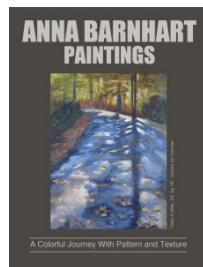
time.

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



[The Paintings of Anna Barnhart Virtual Exhibition](#)

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

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

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

Ninth Wave Studio (Virtual)

The Paintings of Anna Barnhart Virtual Exhibition

February 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021

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](#)



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

Friday, Saturday

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

The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts presents a new exhibition: From Earth and Fire: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics, from the Carol and Jeffrey Horvitz Collection.

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 KIA gallery hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 11 am to 5 pm. Tickets to visit the gallery are \$5 for non-members and free for KIA members. Appointments can be made [online](#).



[The Illustrated Accordion Exhibition](#)

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

Apr 09, 2021 - Jun 18, 2021 at 12:00 am

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.

The Illustrated Accordion exhibition focuses on books created in the accordion form. The structure of an accordion book is simple: a long piece of paper is folded into pages that can be read like a book or spread open and displayed like a banner. 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.

Please Click on the images to see more information about the piece. If you are scrolling through the gallery please make sure to view Gallery 2, halfway down the page. After viewing Gallery 1 click on an image in Gallery two see the rest of the show The Gallery works best on a computer.

Please contact Katie if you are interested in purchasing one of the books in this show.



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

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

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

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

Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo Institute of Art

High School Area Show & Young Artists of Kalamazoo County

April 30 through May 30, 2021

If you are an artist in grades K-12, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts wants to celebrate you and your creativity!

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.

For more details regarding artwork submission and details,

visit https://www.kiarts.org/page.php?page_id=1718.



[9th Annual Westminster Art Festival](#)

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

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

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
9th Annual Westminster Art Festival
May 1 – June 30, 2021**

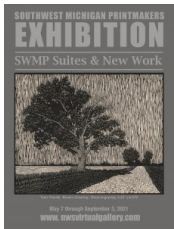
The 9th Annual Westminster Art Festival, a celebration of art, earth care, and faith, will be held May 1 – June 30, 2021. The 2021 theme is “What Country Do Rains Come From?”

Visual art submission dates: April 5 – 14

Poetry submissions: March 1 – April 14

[Submission Information Here](#)

[More Event Info Here](#)



[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.

This is the artist directory of Ninth Wave Studio’s current group exhibition. Clicking on each artist’s name will take you to their individual page.

AT HOME IN THE STUDIO

[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

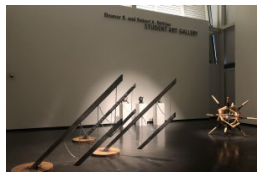
Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Room 2008, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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](#).



[Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition 2021](#)

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

Apr 23, 2021 - Apr 22, 2022 at 12:00 am

Presented by [WMU Gwen Frostic School of Art](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The Richmond Center for Visual Arts is pleased to announce the 2021 juror for the Frostic School of Art Annual Student Exhibition, Tyanna Buie.

[About the event](#)

[Online Gallery](#)

A Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI native, Tyanna Buie is Assistant Professor/Section Chair of Printmaking at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI. A nationally recognized visual artist, she earned her BA from Western Illinois University and her MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Buie has attended such Artist-in-Residency programs as the Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, LA; the Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale, NY; and the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. She maintains a close connection to the community by hosting printmaking workshops and demonstrations, while participating in Healthy Neighborhood Initiatives through the production of public art created for underserved neighborhoods and communities in Milwaukee, and Madison, WI.

Buie has been a visiting artist lecturer in Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Arizona, while continuing to exhibit her works in numerous juried, group and solo exhibitions throughout the country. Her extensive exhibition record includes The Contemporary Invitational Print and Drawing exhibition at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, The Haggerty Museum of Art, The Racine Art Museum, The Red Bull House of Art, N'NAMDI Center for Contemporary Art, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, The Milwaukee Art Museum, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Wriston Art Center, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and the Alice Wilds.