

## ART HOP



### [Art Hop - May 7, 2021](#)

Friday May 07, 2021 at 06:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#)

### Join us for Art Hop on Friday, May 7 from 6-8 pm!

This month, Art Hop will feature over 20 unique local artists at various locations in downtown Kalamazoo. Grab a drink at one of our local bars and restaurants, and sip, hop, and shop from 6-8 pm.

The Kalamazoo State Theatre will be kicking off its popular summer concert series, State on the Street, featuring live music from Blue Veins from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please maintain a 6-foot distance from others and utilize the free sanitizer pumps located around the Art Hop stops.

### Volunteer for Art Hop!

We are seeking volunteers to help out during Art Hop and with event set-up and clean-up. We will have volunteer positions available at Art Hop each month. [Sign up now!](#)

### Do you want to participate in Art Hop?

Sign up by May 10 to be a part of Art Hop on June 4! The participation fee for artists and businesses is \$50. [Sign up now!](#) Questions? Contact us at [arthop@kalamazooarts.org](mailto:arthop@kalamazooarts.org)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### [Media Project Incubator](#)

Tuesday, Thursday

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

Presented by [Public Media Network](#)

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](#)

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

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Public Media Network](#)

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



#### **Chinese Language and Culture Classes**

Sunday 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

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.

## FREE EVENTS

### [Project Show 'n Tell - Virtual Edition](#)

Thursday

May 06, 2021 at 07:00 pm

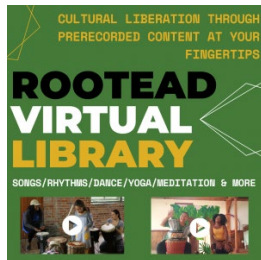
Presented by [Serendipity Spot](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

CALLING ALL CREATORS!!! If you are a crafter, hobbyist, artist, business owner, knitter, do it yourself-er, maker, foodie, and other categories not named, we want to know what you are working on! We know you are making things. Here is a chance to take a turn to share or just sit and learn.

Moderated by Stacy Belinsky (Serendipity Spot/Kzoo Makers) and co-hosted with Christopher Kaminsky (Lakeshore Fab Lab).

\*\*\*\*UPDATED 2/1/2021\*\*\*\* Stay an additional hangout time after the presentations and chat with the group for 30 minutes or until 9pm, whichever is earlier.

## KIDS & FAMILY



### [Rootead Virtual Library](#)

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](#)

Apr 02, 2021 - Jun 04, 2021 - 24/7

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. There is a limit of 3 entries per person, one for each genre: Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry for one flat submission fee of \$10.

## MUSIC



### [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.](#)



### [Dudok Quartet](#)

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

Apr 17, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 07:30 pm

Presented by [Fontana](#) at Online

Join Fontana for the livestream of the Dudok Quartet on April 17, available through May 16. Without a doubt one of Holland's most versatile and appealing string quartets, the Dudok Quartet, will present its calling card in Amsterdam's Studio 150.

“With frank and inspired playing, we share the core of the music with listeners all over the world”, the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam says. This beautiful ensemble is rightly the winner of the prestigious Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award 2018. This livestream will be filmed on location in Amsterdam. **Buy Ticket** [Here](#)



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

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

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

**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](http://www.farmersalleytheatre.com).

### **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.**

## THEATRE



### [Almost, Maine](#)

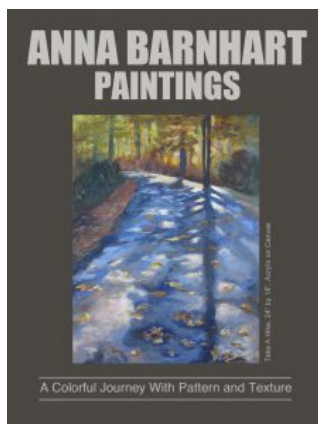
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Apr 30, 2021 - May 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#)

Enjoy Almost, Maine with On Demand Digital Content. These shows will be live streamed and closed captioning is available. Rather than a set ticket price, you may pay any amount over \$5.00. Suggested amount: \$20.00.

Event Info [Here](#)

## 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](#) (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.

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. **Event Info [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

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.



**[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](#)

Apr 30, 2021 - May 30, 2021

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

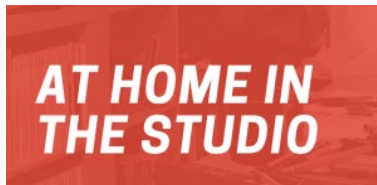


[9th Annual Westminster Art Festival](#)

May 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021

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?” [More Event Info Here](#)

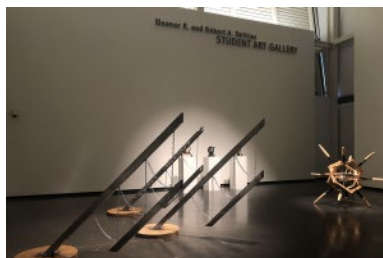


[At Home in the Studio](#)

Nov 16, 2020 - May 31, 2021

at [Western Michigan University - Richmond Center for Visual Arts](#)

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](#)

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.