

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](#) at [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.

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.

What if I have more questions?

Email Lucy at Lwaters@publicmedianet.org



[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

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](#)



[Make It! Fused Glass Garden Stake](#)

Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 12:00 pm or 02:30 pm

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#) at [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#)

326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Saturday, May 15

Two Sessions to Choose From:

12 pm – 2:00 pm | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

(cleaning and sanitizing in between sessions)

Price: \$70.00

Do you love the outdoors, gardening, and art? This class is for you! Join the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center for a fun afternoon of making your own fused glass garden stake. Learn the basics of cutting and preparing your project for the fusing process and explore various color applications. Each order includes 1 garden stake. These projects make great gifts! Each ticket includes entry for one person and supplies for two garden stakes.



[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

Yearly Registration Fee: \$30

Chinese language tuition \$280/year

Chinese folk dance tuition \$200/year

Free class tryout is welcome!

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.

FILM & VIDEO



[Herbology Presents: The Big Lebowski](#)

Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 08:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#)

404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Doors: 6:15 pm | Show: 8:00 pm

The Kalamazoo State Theatre is excited to announce Herbology Presents: The Big Lebowski Saturday, May 15, 2021. Get your "Dude" on and watch this cult classic movie the way it was meant to be seen... on the big screen at the Kalamazoo State Theatre!

IMDB Storyline:

The Big Lebowski (1998): Jeff 'The Dude' Lebowski is mistaken for Jeffrey Lebowski, who is The Big Lebowski. Which explains why he's roughed up and has his precious rug peed on. In search of recompense, The Dude tracks down his namesake, who offers him a job. His wife has been kidnapped and he needs a reliable bagman. Aided and hindered by his pals Walter Sobchak, a Vietnam vet, and Donny, master of stupidity.

COVID-19 Safety Information

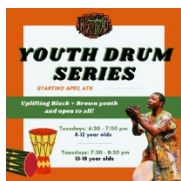
Due to guidelines implemented by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, all events held at the Kalamazoo State Theatre will be reduced capacity and subject to social distancing guidelines until further notice. Temperature checks and masks will be required to enter the facility and attend the event. All seating will be reserved and separated into pods of no more than four (4) to ensure social distancing.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are \$10. All seating is reserved and assigned by pods of no more than 4. Please find your entry time at the top of your ticket. The first entry time is 1 hour and 45 minutes before showtime. You must enter with your entire pod. No refunds.

This event is rated R: Restricted, Children Under 17 Require Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian. This rating means the film contains adult material such as adult activity, harsh language, intense graphic violence, drug abuse, and nudity.

KIDS & FAMILY



[Rootead Youth Drum Series](#)

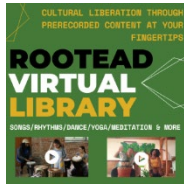
Tuesday, Apr 06, 2021 - May 25, 2021 at 06:30 pm

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](#)

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.

MUSIC



[Dudok Quartet](#)

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

"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.



[Straight No Chaser: Virtual Insanity](#)

Sunday, Friday, Saturday

May 14, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 03:00 pm, 07:00 pm, 08:00 pm, 08:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The Kalamazoo State Theatre invites you to join a cappella group, Straight No Chaser, virtually for a special series of shows on May 14, 15, and 16. Virtual Insanity is a four-show concert series with special guests Tim Foust and Austin Brown from Home Free. Each show in the series will have a unique setlist that includes SNC fan favorites and at least one never-before-performed song.

Along with single streams and show bundles there is also the option to participate in unique VIP opportunities such as a soundcheck viewing, virtual meet and greet, and private 2-song performance. Join SNC live from the comfort of your own home for a concert experience you won't want to miss!

General Ticket Information:

\$20-\$300

Series and merch bundles available



[Virtual Rising Stars - Avery Gagliano](#)

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Gilmore Keyboard Festival](#)

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Avery Gagliano displays her affinity for Chopin in a program that includes the composer's Mazurkas, Op. 56. Chopin wrote more than 50 mazurkas – or dance miniatures – during his lifetime; this was written somewhat later in his life and is hallmarked by a lively middle section bracketed by a wistful opening and a pensive close.

Ms. Gagliano, winner of first prize and best concerto prize at the 2020 National Chopin Competition of the United States, is a young artist who captures audiences with her sensitivity, emotional depth, and musical expression. She has collaborated with several symphonies in the US and is an avid chamber musician. During the 2020-21 season, she will make her recital debut at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Ms. Gagliano currently resides in Philadelphia and studies at the Curtis Institute of Music with Gary Graffman and Robert McDonald.



["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

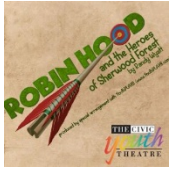
Tickets for this digital event are \$9.99.

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! 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



[Robin Hood and the Heroes of Sherwood Forest](#)

May 14, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

Enjoy the live streamed digital content of Robin Hood and the Heroes of Sherwood Forest on Friday, May 14 – Sunday, May 16. Rather than a set ticket price, you may pay any amount over \$5.00. Suggested amount: \$15.00. **Event Info** [Here](#)

VISUAL ARTS



[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.

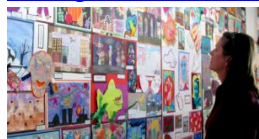


[The Illustrated Accordion Exhibition](#)

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

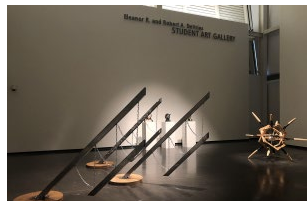
The 9th Annual Westminster Art Festival, a celebration of art, earth care, and faith, will be held May 1 – June 30, 2021. The 2021 theme is “What Country Do Rains Come From?”



[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](#).



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

Buie earned an emerging artist Mary L. Nohl Fellowship in 2012; the Love of Humanity Award from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and the prestigious Joan Mitchell Painters & Sculptors Grant in 2015; the 2019 Kresge Artist Fellowship in the Visual Arts; the 2019/2020 Grant Wood Fellowship in Printmaking at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA; and the 2020 Fellowship.art award, a top accelerator award and program funded through gener8tor. Buie's work has been acquired by major institutions and private collections nationally and reviewed on Hyperallergic.com and Essay'd.com