

Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, February 15, 2021

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Connecting Community with Creativity and Care](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium](#)
329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
Jan 20, 2021 - Mar 09, 2021 at 04:15 pm

A Bit About Classes: Our classes focus on process, building strong foundation that you can take with you to your adventures on or off the stage. We offer class for students age 3 through adult. Class Offerings include, introduction to theatre for our younger students; improvisation, jazz, and introduction to lighting. We also are offering Master Classes in Stage Combat and Writing for the stage. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

A Note About COVID-19: We all share a tremendous desire for human connection – theatre is simply more fun together! At the same time, we are making appropriate changes to our environment and our program to minimize the risk of spreading the virus – it is our responsibility to provide a safe place for our students to learn and grow. As theatre people do – we dug deep, researched, explored our options, and crafted a plan! In-person learning options have increased for winter and we pledge to continue following the advice of our local health department and others to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-1. Follow [link](#) to learn more about our procedures.



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

Presented by [Block Paper Print LLC](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)
Thursdays Feb 04, 2021 - Apr 29, 2021 at 05:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Course start dates: Feb. 4, Mar. 5, Apr. 1

ENROLL NOW

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

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. 60-min classes (interactive virtual class)

- Weekly Projects; 30 – 60 mins self-lead
- Post in the forum for feedback
- A mix of art supplies on-hand and new
- Find out in a free LIVE Q & A Webinar every Tuesday @ 12:15 [by registering here](#)



[Podcast Intensive Workshop](#)

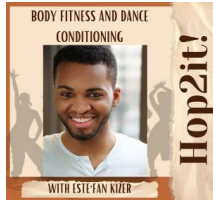
Wednesday Feb 10, 2021 - Apr 14, 2021 at 06:30 pm
Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Online Webinar or Course](#)
Cost: \$25 for PMN members, \$50 non-members

**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.



[Hop 2it! Body Fitness and Dance Conditioning Classes](#)

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

ADULT CLASS: Tuesday Feb 09, 2021 - Feb 22, 2021 at 06:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Thursday Feb 11, 2021 - Mar 25, 2021 at 03:30 pm

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!

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. Students will be asked to provide an emergency contact before entering class room.



[Make and Take: Laser-Cut Beer Caddy](#)

Presented by [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Kzoo Makers](#)

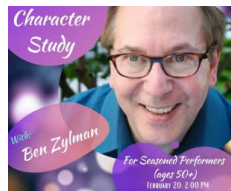
1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Friday, Feb 19, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Event is \$45 for single admission (Two for \$80).

Kzoo Makers Members: \$35 (Two for \$65)

Any night out is made better with lasers. Come check out Kzoo Makers’ industrial laser cutter. You’ll get a brief overview of how lasers work then make a six-pack carrier with your choice of art. Each guest receives one drink carrier. Additional laser cut items are available to purchase during event.



[Character Study](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium](#)

329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Saturday Feb 20, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Sign Up Today: <https://my.kazoocivic.com/events>

Participants will move well beyond the fundamentals of acting. With an emphasis on multi-faceted character creation we will focus on the impacts of environment, relationship and back story. Additionally, we will focus on the art of performing comedy. If you want to be a better actor, this is the workshop for you!

Ben Zylman, a multi-award winning actor/director with over 125 productions to his credit, has conducted workshops and master classes throughout the Midwest. He has worked with Jerry Seinfeld, Chita Rivera, Mayim Bialik and Renée Taylor as well as with Grammy award-winning artists Meredith Arwady and Timothy Nordwind.

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

6 Lucky Students may enroll in the “Participant Option.” This group will work directly with Ben receiving personalized feedback and instruction.

We also are offering a “Gallery Option.” This group will watch the workshop live and be able to post questions via chat that Ben will answer during the hour.



[Chinese Language and Culture Classes](#)

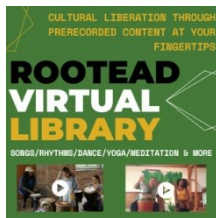
Presented by [Kalamazoo Chinese Academy](#) at WMU Sangren Hall
999 Rankin Ave, Portage, MI 49006
Sunday, Sep 13, 2020 - Jun 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Online Registration is highly encouraged at www.kzooca.org – Enrollment.
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.

KIDS & FAMILY



[Rootead Virtual Library](#)

Presented by [Rootead](#) at [Rootead](#), 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
24/7 from Nov 16, 2020 - Nov 16, 2021

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!

MUSIC

[Trampled By Turtles: Live at First Avenue](#)



Thursday Feb 04, 2021 - Feb 25, 2021 at 09:00 pm
Presented by Kalamazoo State Theatre at Kalamazoo State Theatre
404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

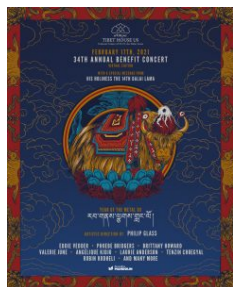
General Ticket Information: \$15-\$220 Series and Meet and Greet also available

The **Kalamazoo State Theatre** presents **Trampled by Turtles** in not one, but four livestream events **February 4th, February 11th, February 18th and February 25th, 2021!**

*“Since we can’t play in person shows, we went to our favorite Minneapolis venue, First Avenue, and filmed 4 unique sets. We dusted off material we haven’t played in years, including an ‘Old School’ set from the days we sat across the stage on folding chairs. Each set has full production and behind the scenes footage reminiscing about the music. A portion of each ticket / bundle sold goes towards **#SaveOurStages** to help independent music venues hit hard during the pandemic!”*

Trampled By Turtles is an American bluegrass/folk-rock band from Duluth, Minnesota. They have released eight full albums, three of which have reached US Billboard bluegrass chart number one spots. Their fifth release, Palomino, maintained a position in the Top 10 on the bluegrass charts for 52 straight weeks. Two years later, their crossover appeal landed them at number 32 on the Billboard 200 pop charts upon the release of their sixth album, Stars and

Satellites. In addition to major bluegrass and folk festivals, they began showing up at Coachella, Bumbershoot, and Lollapalooza.



[34th Annual Tibet House US Benefit Concert \(Virtual\)](#)

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

404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021 at 08:00 pm

General Ticket Information: \$25-\$250

Also available now are unique sponsor level cyber-tables starting at \$5,000

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

RSVP On [Facebook](#)

The **Kalamazoo State Theatre** is proud to present one of the longest-running and most renowned live cultural events in New York City, The **34th Annual Tibet House US Benefit Concert**, February 17th 2021.

The one-night all-star music event will return this year for a *special virtual edition* combining live and pre-recorded segments streaming via **Mandolin**, the premiere concert livestream platform for artists, venues, and fans. For the first time ever, this year's concert offers viewers around the world the unique opportunity to experience the warmth, sense of community and amazing music the evening has provided for so many years at **Carnegie Hall**.

Joining esteemed composer and artistic director **Philip Glass**, who once again curated this year's line-up, will be **Eddie Vedder, Phoebe Bridgers, Brittany Howard, Valerie June, Angélique Kidjo, Laurie Anderson, Tenzin Choegyal, Rubín Kodheli** and many, many more to be announced soon.

We are also deeply honored to announce that the concert will begin with a personal video message from **His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama**.

There are few events that stand the test of time, and for more than three decades this annual event has been a standout. For over 33 years, this consistently sold-out concert has assembled some of the most legendary and exciting names in music and art, dazzling concertgoers with its unique mix of surprises and mesmerizing performances.



[Virtual Special Event - Kudo Plays Hamelin, Interview by Zsolt Bognár](#)

Presented by [Gilmore Keyboard Festival](#) at [Epic Center](#)

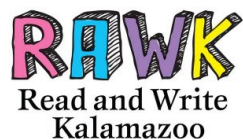
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Sunday Feb 21, 2021 at 04:00 pm

Free Admission. Sign-up required to view program. [Page for Event](#)

WORLD PREMIERE: Rachel Naomi Kudo, 2008 Gilmore Young Artist, will perform her commission of a new work composed by Marc-André Hamelin. The event begins with a premiere of Zsolt Bognár's Living the Classical Life interview with Marc-Andre Hamelin, and closes with a Q & A with all three.

LITERATURE & POETRY



[Read and Write Nights](#)

Presented by [Read and Write Kalamazoo \(RAWK\)](#) at Online

On the third Wednesday of each month from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

January 20, 2021 (registration opens January 4th)

February 17, 2021 (registration opens February 1st)

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](#)

VISUAL ARTS



[Modern Abstractions: Japanese Prints from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#)

314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Fridays & Saturdays from Dec 01, 2020 - Mar 07, 2021 at 11:00 am

Purchase tickets [here](#)

The year 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the Joy Light Gallery of Asian Art. Modern Abstractions: Japanese Prints from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection is a celebration of our benefactors' contributions to the KIA 's efforts to illuminate the significant cultural impact of the Arts of East Asia.

This unique exhibition examines modern Japanese printmakers of the 1970s and 1980s to reveal abstraction as a form of artistic experimentation and a means of global conversation.

Well-known printmasters like Toko Shinoda, Iwami Reika, Tesuro Sawada, and Fumio Tomita will be on view, alongside other master printmakers. Drawn from the extensive holdings of the Joy and Timothy Light Collection, these works present avant garde, dynamic, and precise techniques in Japanese printmaking, while also shedding light on a unique area of their collection.

This special selection of works on paper demonstrates how printmakers in Japan were on the pulse of "and even distinguished themselves within "global dialogues and happenings/practices surrounding abstract art.



[Ninth Wave Studio's 6th Annual Group Exhibition](#)

Presented by [Ninth Wave Studio](#) at [Ninth Wave Studios](#)

213 West Walnut Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Daily from Dec 04, 2020 - Mar 05, 2021 at 01:00 pm, 04:00 pm

Event Info [Here](#)

Join the Ninth Wave Studio for its current exhibition, 6th Annual Group Exhibition. The artists invited to participate were asked to submit artwork that exhibited outstanding examples of their talent that communicated a message and had not been previously exhibited in our gallery rooms. Clicking on the artwork images will take you to each artist's individual page where you can find pricing information and a link to each artist's artist statement. This exhibition will begin on December 4, 2020 and run through March 5, 2021.



[Unveiling American Genius](#)

Fridays & Saturdays from Jan 12, 2021 - Feb 28, 2021 at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 01:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#)

314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Event Info [Here](#)

Kalamazoo Institute of Art Unveiling American Genius Open Now

This reimagining of the KIA permanent collection will illuminate the ingenuity and innovation that arise from all corners of American society. Unveiling American Genius demonstrates our commitment to an increasingly more

inclusive and diverse representation of American artists within our holdings. The exhibition will explore key stories that women, African Americans, Latinx, and other artists have told about our culture, art, and history. Within this unique long-term presentation, viewers will see abstract and contemporary works, and reflections on traditional genres of painting, such as landscapes, still-lives, and portraiture.



[Through the Years: Selections from Our Asian Collection](#)

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#)

314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

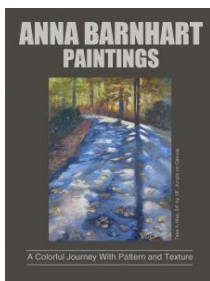
Fridays & Saturdays from Jan 30, 2021 - Mar 21, 2021

11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm

Through the Years: Selections from the Asian Art Collection is an expanded reflection on the KIA's holdings of East Asian art collected during the past 50 years. Featuring works that span from the seventh century BCE to present day, this exhibition will highlight artworks that include Chinese painting, Japanese printmaking, decorative arts, and contemporary ceramics.

Contemporary artists Arnold Chang and Sunghyun Moon, as well as renowned potter Shji Hamada and kiyo-e printmaker Hiroshige Ando, are among other notable artists. Through the Years will display some of the finest works in the museum's collection, acquired through the generosity of private donors and the Joy Light East Asian Art Acquisition and Exhibition Fund.

The growing collection of Asian art and the work of internationally renowned artists shown over the past 10 years has allowed the KIA to offer its patrons a fuller understanding of the history of art and the world around them. This dynamic display invites viewers to explore a range of themes, subjects, and the innovative use of materials. Not only will the virtuosity of these artists be evident in the works on paper, ceramics, and sculpture, but it will also reveal the vast contributions of East Asian Art to the fabric of art history.



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

Presented by [Ninth Wave Studio](#) at [Ninth Wave Studios](#)

213 West Walnut Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

24/7 from Feb 01, 2021 - May 31, 2021 at 01:00 pm

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

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.



[Framing Moments: Photography from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#)

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

314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Fridays and Saturdays from Feb 06, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 01:00 pm

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**

[At Home in the Studio](#)

Presented by [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](#).