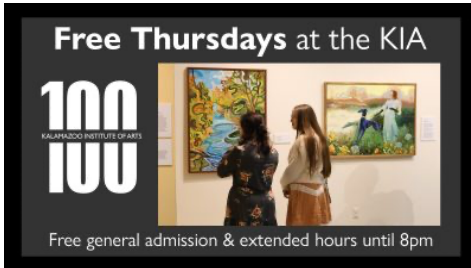


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FREE EVENTS



[Free Thursdays at the KIA](#)

Thursday, February 6 - Dec 18, 2025 at 11:00 am

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

Enjoy free general admission and extended hours until 8pm on Thursdays, thanks to generous support provided by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program and the Efroymsen Family Fund.



[Richard Phillips: Strokes of Freedom Rescheduled](#)

Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:00 am

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

Arrested in 1971 for a murder he didn't commit, Phillips was in prison for 46 years. Creating art enabled him to persist and deal with the injustice of his situation. "I didn't actually think I'd ever be free again. This art is what I did to stay sane," Phillips said. "I could get off into one of my paintings and just be in there for hours." Today, collectors and viewers alike appreciate the beauty he created throughout those long decades and Richard continues to paint.



[ArtBreak: Tejer](#)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 12:00 pm

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

In anticipation of Wellspring's annual RADFest, hear from this year's RADicle Resident! Puerto Rican movement artist Lourdes del Mar Santiago Lebrón will discuss their new work, Tejer, inspired by the process of weaving. They observe, "Tejido (weaving) relies on pattern making and repetition; the practice, much like dance, requires patience, consistency, and practice. The ephemerality of dance experiences can be exemplified by tejido, as loop stitches are never perfect and can be similar but never exactly the same." Their work explores the ways their ancestors have actively connected them to land through patterns of repetitive, consistent care, and how these patterns exist, merge, and change within them as a part of an ongoing lineage. Lourdes del Mar aims to create artistic explorations that heighten the senses, provoke inquisition, and demand attention. As a Queer Latine woman, they are committed to making art that is unapologetic, ideally aiding to create a world in which people think longer, feel harder, and experience life without hesitation. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, they are currently pursuing their MFA at Washington University in St. Louis. The RADicle Residency is a collaborative nature-based residency between Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers' RADFest program and The Croft of Horton Bay, MI. All hybrid events will be livestreamed to our [YouTube page](#) and can be found under the "Live" tab. Recordings of select past events are available on YouTube as well.

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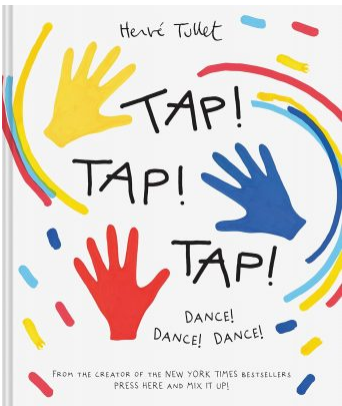


[Community Day: Movement and Play](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:30 am

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

Let loose and get in touch with your inner child! During this fun-filled Community Day, guests of all ages are invited to come to the KIA to move and play, to imagine and create. Following a special Art Detectives led by dancers from Wellspring's RADFest, guests of all ages are invited to gather for games of all sorts. Starting at 2:00, RADFest artists return for an invigorating program filled with music and movement. No judgment is allowed – just come out and play!



[Art Detectives: Tap! Tap! Tap!: Dance! Dance! Dance!](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:30 am

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

March is all about movement! Join us as we engage our hands with a story and a colorful painting project, followed by a fun movement session led by RADFest dancers. We will be using finger paints for the art project, so it could get messy. Stay with us for more art and movement activities! Community Day runs 11am-4:15pm.

[Art Detectives](#) is a free program for children 4-8 years old (but all ages are welcome). Join us as we read a story, look at art, and make a project to take home. Caregivers must stay with their children at all times. This is a free program; preregistration is encouraged. Adults, remember to register your children!

MUSIC



[Groovin' with the Geezers](#)

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Duke and The Loose Cannons](#) at Rugger's Up and Under, 711 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Old music is not just for old people; it's for everyone!

Life-craft musicians Duke and The Loose Cannons swing, jive and croon their way into your hearts during happy hour. All ages welcome. Your winning formula? Good Friends + Good Music + Good Food = Good Times (psa: You must be of legal age to consume adult beverages)



[Weis and Hunt at the Moonraker](#)

Thursday, Feb 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Presented by [Weis and Hunt Duo](#) at Moonraker Restaurant and Lounge, 14490 Beadle Lake Rd, (I-94 Exit 100), Battle Creek, MI 49014

The Weis and Hunt Duo perform various music from pop to Blues, Jazz, and some country sprinkled in. Bob Weis on guitar and vocals, and Bob Hunt on the synthiophone sax and Windcontroller. You will hear Dave Brubek's Take 5, Junior Walker's What Does it Take, Jerry Rafferty's Baker Street, All of Me, Blue Sky etc...

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[Appalachian Spring](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

With music that captures the essence of Spring, the concert hall is transformed into a picturesque field of green grass, floating butterflies, and singing songbirds. Copland’s optimistic *Appalachian Spring*, including folk tune “Simple Gifts,” paints dreamy landscapes while Coleman’s *Umoja*, meaning “unity” in Swahili, weaves in sweet and simple

melodies.

A dynamic guest violinist takes center stage for Vivaldi’s vivid interpretation. Robert Schumann found inspiration in the season of renewal for his very first symphony.

PROGRAM

- Spring from *The Four Seasons* | Antonio Vivaldi
- Umoja (Anthem of Unity)* | Valerie Coleman
- Appalachian Spring Suite* | Aaron Copland
- Symphony No. 1 in B-flat Major, “Spring” | Robert Schumann

THEATRE



[California Suite](#)

February 21- March 2, 2025 Ticket Prices:

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [The Parish Theatre](#), 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI

The Kalamazoo Civic presents Neil Simon’s “California Suite” in the Parish Theatre, February 21-March 2, 2025. From one of America’s most celebrated playwrights Neil Simon’s “California Suite” is set in Suite 203-04 at The Beverly Hills Hotel, four unique stories unfold as visitors from New York, Philadelphia, London, and Chicago check in, bringing their own “baggage” with them. Packed with Simon’s signature wit, unforgettable characters, and

physical comedy, California Suite is a must-see event that will leave you laughing, reflecting, and craving more.

Tickets: <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200453609>

Performance Dates:

- Friday, February 21 at 7:30 PM
- Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 PM*
- Sunday, February 23 at 2 PM
- Friday, February 28 at 7:30 PM
- Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 PM
- Sunday, March 2 at 2 PM

*Saturday, February 22 – ASL interpretation and audio description services available.

For seating assistance and additional information please contact the box office at 269-343-1313

Ticket Prices:

- \$32 – Adult
- \$25 – Senior (65+)
- \$25 – Student (13+)

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\$17 Children (12 & under)

\$22 – Groups (15 or more tickets)

Group Rates – Please call the Box Office at 269-343-1313 to purchase.



[Pop Scholars - Grand Rapids Improv Comedy Phenoms](#)

Friday, February 28, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#),
315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Returning to to the Crawlspace Comedy stage are Kalamazoo Improv Fest faves Pop Scholars! This team is “wicked smart and stupid funny”! Seriously, they’re super smart....and equally as hilarious! Don’t let this performance pass you by.

Show Date: February 28

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p



[Oh Hey! & Baby Steps – Improv Comedy](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#),
315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Oh Hey!

Tanja Rowland (Family Secret) and Sara Fish (Small Victories) join forces as the delicious duo, Oh Hey!

Baby Steps

Tara Sytsma and Bannon Backhus are Baby Steps. With our hand-shucked approach to comedy, there are a lot of ways we can make you laugh—for example, unintentionally—and if you really like character and story, you’ll really like this duo.

Now, baby steps to the theatre...

Show Date: March 1

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p



[Family Show](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#),
315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Grab the whole family and join Crawlspace Comedy Theatre for their next all-ages improv family show. Experience improv as never before. There will be interactive games and live improv comedy performances by Crawlspace Eviction and our very own Kids Improv Team! Bring the kids so they can see improvisors their own age having fun with this super-fun art form. You’ll also watch some of the best adult improvisors performing material suitable for all ages.

Who knows what other surprises will be in store for you at this Crawlspace Comedy Theatre Family Show. It might even include you!

Doors open at 1:30pm. Show starts at 2p.

TICKETS

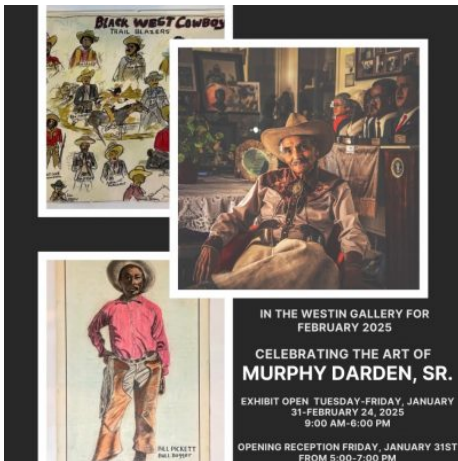
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\$5 Single Ticket

\$15 Family Ticket

Save on tickets for groups of 3-6. When completing your purchase please indicate how many will be in your group. Each “family group ticket” you purchase allows for up to 6 attendees. If you have more than 6 in your group you can purchase single tickets, or another “Family Group Ticket”.

VISUAL ARTS



[The Art of Murphy Darden, Sr.](#)

February 4, 2025 - Feb 28, 2025 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Presented by [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#),
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Art of Murphy Darden, Sr. will be exhibited in the Westin Gallery from, Tuesday, February 4 through February 28, 2025. Stop in to see the work of a Kalamazoo legend Tuesday – Fridays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Art will be on sale at the exhibit and proceeds will go to benefit grants programs of the Arts Council. Born in 1928 in the Deep South, Murphy Darden, Sr. was what is sometimes called an “outsider artist,” one who has come up outside the traditional art world. He was self-taught, learning about art by drawing as a kid with his twin brother, Irvin. Always on a limited income, he used materials he had at hand.

Murphy was creating and always working on some artistic pursuit or other, right up until he died. The lifelong mission of Murphy Darden, Sr. was to educate us about the cruelty of slavery and discrimination and to celebrate what African Americans were able to achieve in the face of overwhelming odds. He believed in telling the truth about Black History so that it would never happen again. He used his passion as an artist and black historian to educate. He spoke out against the injustices of slavery and the unfairness of discrimination that occurred from the post-Civil War period up to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. He believed in telling Black History – the truth of it – as it was and proclaiming the rights gained during the Civil Rights Movement to protect those rights into the future.



[The Illustrated Accordion, Exhibition](#)

February 13 – March 21, 2025 at 10:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Book Arts Center (KBAC) is celebrating its 15th annual Illustrated Accordion exhibition! This non-juried exhibition features nearly 100 unique hand-made books created in the accordion form by emerging and established book artists from all over the world taking this book form to a new level.

Artists’ Reception: March 7 from 5-8 pm during Art Hop.

Exhibition is on view through March 21, 2025. Gallery Hours: M–F | 10 am – 5 pm

View all entries online

at <https://kalbookarts.org/events/2025illustratedaccordion/> Make sure to click on both galleries to see them all.

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[Promising Artists Exhibit](#)

February 18 - April 28, 2025

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) and [Bronson Hospital](#) at [Bronson Hospital Atrium](#), 601 John St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

In partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, the Bronson Health Foundation cordially invites Kalamazoo Public School student artists, parents, art teachers, and administrators to the 2025 art exhibit “Promising Artists” from February 18 – April 28, 2025.



[An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

February 22 - June 15, 2025

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

The KIA’s centennial celebration continues with An Infinite Constellation of Love, opening in the Joy Light Gallery on February 22, 2025. This one-of-a-kind exhibition invites visitors to journey into the dazzling and boundless world of JooYoung Choi’s artistry. Visitors are invited to engage with Choi’s

interdisciplinary universe of videos, sculptures, paintings, and site-specific installations. Inspired by science fiction, fantasy, social justice, and Choi’s personal history, viewers can experience the artist’s fantastical realm filled with a cast of characters where art and storytelling converge to spark dialogue around identity, belonging, trauma, and resilience. Through her vibrant imagery and playful sculptures, Choi embraces the beauty of our differences and celebrates the power of connection within diverse communities. At the heart of this exhibition is a profound exploration of family, reimagined beyond the confines of a traditional “family tree.” In An Infinite Constellation of Love, Choi invites viewers to consider family as an ever-expanding constellation of relationships—defined not by biology alone but also by shared care, support, and love in all its forms.

Born in Seoul, South Korea in 1982, JooYoung Choi immigrated in 1983 through adoption to Concord, New Hampshire. While completing her BFA at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Choi returned to South Korea and reunited with her birth family, an experience that shaped her understanding of family and belonging. Since graduating with an MFA in 2012 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Choi has exhibited in numerous venues, including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR; Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY; The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX; and The Crow Museum of Asian Art, Dallas, TX, among many others. Choi’s artistic practice uses painting, video art, sculpture, animation, puppetry, music, and installations to create an expansive imaginary world called “The Cosmic Womb.” Her work has been featured by PBS Digital Studios, YTN (Korean Global News Network), the LA Times, and the Huffington Post. She has received many grants and awards, including support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Artadia, and has participated in numerous artist residencies to expand her artistic vision. JooYoung Choi is represented by Inman Gallery in Houston, TX.

To enhance your experience, the KIA encourages visitors and members to reserve tickets in advance. JooYoung Choi will also present an artist talk on March 20 and lead a family workshop on March 22. Space is limited, and registration is required for all programs.

Exhibition dates: February 22, 2025 – June 15, 2025

[View events in connection with this exhibition.](#)

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[Teen Book Arts Program](#)

Tuesday, February 25 - March 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Register for 1, 2, or all 3 workshops, by the registration deadlines.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

In-person

Tuesdays, Feb. 25, March 4, & 11, 2025

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The Teen Book Arts Program is a three-session exploration of Papermaking, Printmaking, and Bookbinding offered free of charge to students in grades 8-12, with advance registration. This program is an excellent opportunity for students interested in the visual arts, students planning on studying art in college, or students who want to add to their art portfolio for college applications. Attend one, two, OR all three sessions to incorporate all three processes into a finished book!

This Spring, we welcome book and paper artist Kelly Leitermann as our instructor for all three workshops. Students will work in the KBAC Gallery classroom space immersed in the Illustrated Accordion 2025 exhibition, which features 100+ accordion book interpretations created by U.S. and international book artists!

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6-8:30 p.m. – Paper Making and Pulp Design. *Register by Friday, Feb. 21.*

Tuesday, March 4, 6-8:30 p.m. – Linocut Printmaking. *Register by Friday, Feb 28.*

Tuesday, March 11, 6-8:30 p.m. – Accordion Book with non-adhesive cover. *Register by Friday, March 7.*