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FREE EVENTS

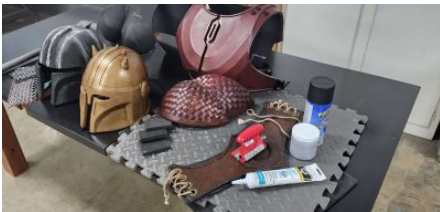


[Kalamazoo Calendar Project Exhibit](#)

Tuesday – Friday, December 6, 2024 – January 24, 2025

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

The Kalamazoo Calendar Project is the featured exhibit in the Westin Gallery from December 6, 2024 – January 24, 2025. Come see the art behind the calendar, learn more about the artists! For over 20 years, a group of Kalamazoo artists has created an annual suite of 12 original hand-pulled silkscreen prints, which masquerades as a monthly calendar. While the individuals involved tend to change slightly from year to year, the hope and belief of the group is that, even with widely varying backgrounds and experiences, the fact that we all call Kalamazoo home communicates and represents something essential about life in this particular place. Other than that bit of faith, the common denominator of the prints is that they're all on the same size sheet of paper. If you fall in love with a specific image, keep it up for a few months, and rotate through the rest at your own pace; we're sure you'll find a favorite.



[Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup](#)

Sundays, January 12, 2025 – March 23, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot, LLC](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

The Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-4:30 pm. You will have a chance to introduce yourself and a maker-related topic, then mingle and participate in a group activity. Bring a project if you have one you'd like to share. You are invited to come down and see who is in your network. Connect on Discord <https://discord.gg/mT86YZXm33> Looking forward to seeing you there! P.S. If you would like to join remotely, please connect to the Kzoo Makers voice chat on Discord.

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

[Art Bridges Access for All Day - Free Admission](#)

Thursday, Jan 23, 2025 at 11:00 am

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



Art Bridges
Foundation

ACCESS
FOR ALL

As part of the KIA's mission to cultivate the creation and appreciation of the visual arts in West Michigan, we are proud to be working with Art Bridges Foundation to increase access to museums and foster engagement with local audiences. Enjoy free general admission at the KIA every fourth Thursday of the month, featuring extended hours thanks to generous support provided by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program.

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[The 45th Kalamazoo Lunar New Year Gala \(the Year of Snake\)](#)

Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Presented by Chinese American Association of Greater Kalamazoo at [Chenery Auditorium](#), 714 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Aiming to promote harmony, mutual understanding, and diversity, we invite you to come and join us to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which is the most important celebration observed in Asian countries, with cultural and historic significance. **The festival signals the beginning of spring, and the start of a new year according to the lunar calendar.** Please come and join us for a fun night: Winning Lucky Red Envelope/Lion Dance/Martial Arts/Yo-Yo (Diabolo)/Folk Dance/Musical/Ribbon Dance/Qipao Show/Rap/C-Pop Dance/Dragon Dance/Roaming Magician handing out Chinese New Year gift.

MUSIC



[Adam Main and Friends "Nights & Weekends" Album Release Party at The Clover Room](#)

Friday & Saturday, January 24 - 25, 2025 at 8:00 pm

Presented by [The Clover Room](#), 1501 Fulford St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

\$18.00

Doors @ 7:30 pm / Show @ 8 pm

Songwriter, guitarist, and Michigan native Adam Main celebrates his new jam-centric album “Nights & Weekends” with two shows at The Clover Room. The all-star band will include Anders Dahlberg, Dave Tranquilla, Carolyn Koebel, Cori Somers, and Bob Wallis, with special guests Patti Ann McNulty and Grace Theisen. Main was a founding member of Kalamazoo’s The Bremens, Pound & Beers, The Celeste Allison Trio, and currently performs with Grace Theisen.



[Weis & Hunt Duo](#)

Friday, January 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Weis and Hunt Duo](#) at Hilton Garden Inn, 303 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

We are a Family-Friendly Musical Duo. We are a duo but with a full sound utilizing guitar, woodwinds, and brass. We do our version of covers that include various genres, including Pop, Jazz, and Blues. Bob Weis plays guitar and also runs the drums. He is an excellent vocalist who can do it all. Bob Hunt is a sax and wind controller player. We specialize in playing clubs and restaurants. Venues like us because the wait staff can hear orders and the patrons can have normal conversation without being overpowered. Patrons like us because they can hear many songs they know but nobody else plays.

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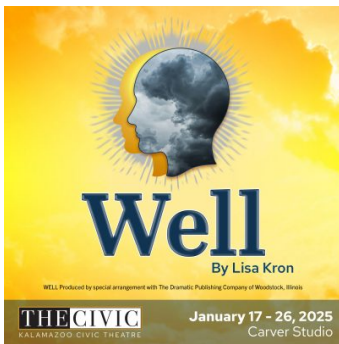
[Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet featuring Elden Kelly at The Clover Room](#)

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [The Clover Room](#), 1501 Fulford St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Recognized in the Jazz Times 2010 Critic’s Poll, the **DAVE SHARP WORLDS QUARTET** masterfully blends rhythms, sounds, and textures from across the globe with world music inspired original compositions. Featuring oud, violin, electric bass, synthesizer and world percussion, the WORLDS QUARTET is fueled by the spirit of jazz, world music and dynamic exploratory improvisation. Bassist, composer, and bandleader Dave Sharp leads the WORLDS QUARTET to explore music traditions from Turkey, Egypt, Ukraine, India, Bulgaria and Greece. The quartet has appeared at Ascona Jazz Switzerland, Detroit Jazz Festival, Lansing Jazz Fest, Concert of Colors Detroit, Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Bach Music Festival, Lansing Harmony Celebration Lansing, Rasa Indian Arts Festival Ann Arbor, and intimate venues such as Kerrytown Concert House, Blue Llama Jazz Club, Music Hall Jazz Cafe Detroit, UrbanBeat Events Center Lansing, and Riverfolk Music and Arts Blacksmith Shop Concert Series in Manchester.

THEATRE



[Well](#)

Friday – Sunday, January 17 - 26, 2025 at 2:00 or 7:30 pm

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

The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre presents *Well*, January 17-26, 2025, in the Carver Studio. From the mind of Kalamazoo College alum Lisa Kron, *Well* is a heartfelt and witty exploration of health, family, and community. Set in Lansing, Michigan, this semi-autobiographical play invites audiences into the life of Lisa and her activist mother through a series of flashbacks and candid asides. As the narrative unfolds, it delves into the complexities of caregiving, the messiness of memory, and the surprising ways we

define what it means to be “well.”

Tickets: <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200453463>

Performance Dates

January 17-26, 2025

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM

Sundays at 2 PM

Saturday, January 17, 2025 – ASL interpretation and audio description services available.



["Into the Woods" Auditions](#)

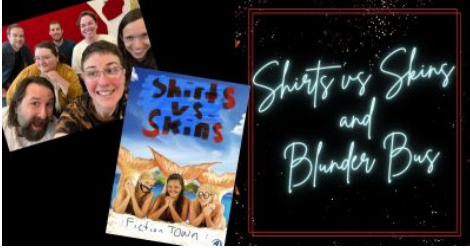
Thursday – Friday, January 23 - 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at Binda Performing Arts Center, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017

Auditions for the musical – the first full mainstage collaboration for between KCC and What A Do Theatre – will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, January 23 and 24, at KCC’s Binda Performing Arts Center, on campus at 450 North Ave. Individuals auditioning need only attend one night. Auditionees should wear clothes they’re comfortable learning choreography in and come ready to sing 30 seconds of any song from “Into the Woods.” All are welcome to audition

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regardless of experience, but actors selected must be at least 16 years old by opening night March 14. Auditions are open to all community members and KCC students alike. Those interested in auditioning for the play should complete the online “Into the Woods” [Audition Form](#) in advance.



[Shirts vs. Skins & Blunder Bus Improv Comedy](#)

Friday, January 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Shirts vs. Skins

GR based improv group that aims at inventing exciting new forms and interesting new shows. Form Description: we run a form called Fiction Town where we create an entire interconnected fictional town, full of intersecting lives and characters to make you feel like you’re visiting some Americana someplace you’ve never been. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zrIDqoFXyc>

Blunder Bus

All aboard for Blunder Bus! *Honk Honk* This Kalamazoo-based group performs a medley of short and long form improv to celebrate the comedy of everyday life, blending grounded moments with quirky twists. Some of their signature shows include It’s a Blunderful Life, L is for the Way You Laugh With Me, School’s Out, & Blunder Bus From Hell.

**Intended for mature audiences.*



[TBD & Bench Back Booth Chicago Improv Comedy Explosion](#)

Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Bench Back Booth

Bench Back Booth is the duo Craig Uhlir & Steve Nelson. Craig and Steve perform on the long-running iO Chicago team and Kzoo Improv Fest favorite Deep Schwa. Craig initially became a fan favorite at the fest with his duo Middle Age Comeback. Steve and Craig absolutely crushed at the 2024 Fest, so we had to have them back.

TBD

Veteran Improvisors Tom Blandford, Bryan Day, & Dann Sytsma’s powers combine to create TBD!

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VISUAL ARTS



[Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century](#)

Until February 16, 2025

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

For 100 years, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts has served as an art museum and community-based art school for local, regional, and national audiences. In honor of our centennial, the KIA is proud to present Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century. This exciting exhibition pairs and occasionally groups artworks from different periods, artists, and genres creating compelling connections and dialogues, while also illuminating the breadth of the KIA’s collection. Themes

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such as abstraction, environment, identity, and portraiture converge with artistic expressions and innovative practices offering shared narratives and often unexpected parallels. These thoughtful and at times, unusual, selections offer new perspectives and deeper insights into artistic processes spanning several centuries, while also emphasizing notable events and moments during the last century. *Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century* also explores how artists grapple with the human condition, question society's most pressing issues, and draw from their unique cultural contexts and individual experiences. Expect new and familiar works in dialogues that offer fresh ways to consider age-old subjects and genres of artmaking, while also celebrating the distinctiveness of the KIA's collection, its arts school, and educational programs.



["Where They Live: Drawings by Emily Luyk"](#)

January 21 - February 13, 2025

Presented by [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Luyk's exhibit, titled "Where They Live," will run through Feb. 13 in the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center's Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. An opening reception with the artist – also free and open to the public – will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in the gallery