

Rotary Arts Minute Reports presented by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo

8/12/2024

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Crescendo Fiddlers](#)

Monday

Jun 17, 2024 - Aug 12, 2024 at 06:00 pm

CLASS FEES:

\$115 for beginners class; \$175 for advanced class

Need-based financial aid is available

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Director [Joanna Steinhäuser](#) teaches folk fiddle music from various cultures, including Celtic, American, Canadian, Scandinavian, and Chinese styles. In addition to weekly classes, the Crescendo Fiddlers perform throughout the summer at regional folk music festivals, community events, and farmers' markets. Membership is open to violin, viola, and cello players of all ages who have played for at least three years for Advanced Fiddlers, or around two years for Beginning Fiddlers.

CLASS SESSION:

2024 Crescendo Fiddlers meet from June 17 – August 12

CLASS DAYS AND TIMES:

Mondays from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm for beginning fiddlers

Mondays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for advanced fiddlers

DANCE



[Movement Reservoir Dance Company Season Launch](#)

Friday

Aug 16, 2024 at 06:00 pm

Ticket includes Event Admission, Catering, Access to Cash Bar, MRDC Preview Performance, and Participation in the Silent Auction. If you would like to attend but cannot manage the cost financially, we are offering a limited supply of Financially Accessible Tickets. If you can, please support other community members who would like to attend by donating a ticket/ticket(s) to add to our supply of Financially Accessible Tickets. Any remaining proceeds will go towards continuing these ticket options at future events.

Presented by [Movement Reservoir Dance Company](#) at [Kalamazoo Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition](#), 315 W. Michigan Avenue

Movement Reservoir Dance Company will be holding their annual Season Launch Fundraiser to celebrate the start of the performing part of their season and raise funds to continue bringing dance opportunities to the Kalamazoo community and beyond. The Season Launch will take place at the KNAC in downtown Kalamazoo on August 16th, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This will

include an evening full of connecting with MRDC dancers and others in the community, music, light bites, drinks, a silent auction, and a preview performance from MRDC. Come support the dancers of MRDC as we strive to make the dance community more accessible and inclusive by providing more opportunities for dancers and community members to participate in dance in various ways. We cannot do the work we are doing to create change without your help. Come celebrate with us on Friday, August 16th, and support a cause that is near and dear to our hearts!



[Movement Reservoir Dance Company Summer Intensive](#)

Sunday, Saturday

Aug 17, 2024 - Aug 18, 2024 at 09:30 am

Register today online using the link provided. You can register for Individual Masterclasses, Single-Day Passes, or Two-Day Passes.

Presented by [Movement Reservoir Dance Company](#) at The Space Dance Company, 3731 Covington Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Take dance classes from several Movement Reservoir company members, Hope College Dance Department Chair, Matthew Farmer, and Wellspring Dance Company member, Angel Sutton. Classes will include Modern, Ballet, Injury Prevention & Training for the dancer, Yoga, and more! We offer multiple options to attend our intensive. You can choose from individual classes (\$20 for a 90-minute class or \$15 for a 60-minute class), a Single-Day Pass (\$100), or a 2-Day Pass (\$175).

If you need financial assistance to attend, please consider attending our auditions on July 21st 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at The Space Dance Company for a chance to receive a partial or full scholarship to our summer intensive. If you have missed our audition date but still require financial assistance, please contact us at MovementReservoir@gmail.com.

FREE EVENTS



[Lunchtime Live! - Youth & Teen Talent Show](#)

Friday

Aug 16, 2024 at 11:30 am

Free Admission

Presented by [City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kzoo Parks and the Kalamazoo Civic are excited to host the Youth & Teen Talent Show again this summer! Youth and teens 18 and under can participate in the talent show with music, dance, comedy performances, and more!

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. The talent show will be held during Kzoo Parks [Lunchtime Live!](#) event on Friday, August 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bronson Park (200 S Rose St). The show will be hosted by Von Washington Jr., the Executive Director of Community Relations for the Kalamazoo Promise.



[Concerts in the Park 2024: Prior Noon](#)

Sunday

Aug 18, 2024 at 04:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Prior Noon is an up-and-coming country band making waves in the Great Lakes state of Michigan. Hailing from the small town of Lowell, Prior Noon is made up of friends, and even a pair of brothers, who have grown up together playing music and figuring life out. These shared experiences and memories contribute to the band's undeniable chemistry on and off stage. Prior Noon's signature sound draws from their small-town roots and coming-of-age experiences and is inspired by artists such as Lady A, Maren Morris, Keith Urban, and Taylor Swift.

Concerts in the Park is a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, with support from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Kzoo Parks, WMUK, Encore Magazine, and the Michigan Arts & Culture Council. It is one of Kalamazoo's long-standing traditions offered in June, July, and August in Bronson Park delivering a unique offering, unlike any other. Each concert is free and is friendly for the entire family. Bring chairs or blankets for your comfort!

There is not a rain site for Concerts in the Park. If inclement weather is expected the concert may be canceled by 2:00 pm that same day.

On-street parking is available all around the perimeter of the park. Additional parking is nearby at the South Street Parking Garage.

MUSIC



[Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins](#)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 - Sep 25, 2024 at 05:00 pm

Live Music Schedule: August 14 – [Grace Theisen Trio](#) – Powerhouse Americana

Presented by [Gilmore Car Museum](#) at [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins | Presented by: [DeNooyer Chevrolet and Your West Michigan Chevy Dealers](#), and supported by [GR Auto Gallery](#) at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition!

It is **FREE** to bring your collector car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. On good weather nights, the fun **starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm**, with both George & Sally's authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. With live music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you and your family won't forget! So, plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories.

General:

With the exception of the Blue Moon Diner, the Grill, and the Carriage House, all other Museum buildings are CLOSED during Cruise-Ins. If inclement weather is predicted, the Cruise-In will still take place, but scheduled cruise time will be shortened to 7pm.

Type of Cars:

Limited to show field cars only (classics, muscle, antique, special interest, hot rods, etc).

Parking:

Within the museum grounds there will be designated areas for parking. Each lot will be filled on a “first here” basis – no reserved or special parking.

Food Service:

The Grill will be open – serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips.

George & Sally’s Blue Moon Diner – serving regular diner menu items.

The Carriage House – serving beer, wine, and spirits.

If inclement weather is predicted, the Grill will NOT be open. Regular menu items will be available in the Diner from 5 – 7pm.



The cure for a Blue Monday? Nothing but Duke will Do!

Monday

Aug 12, 2024 at 05:00 pm

FREE

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

Extra-strength Duke and The Loose Cannons will wash the sleep out of your eyes, the wax out of your ears and the blah out of your Monday! They brighten your colors and put ‘groovy’ in your socks. Duke and the Loose Cannons lather up splashy Jazz, Rock and Soul to rinse the gray out of your day.

THEATRE



RIDDLED WITH ENGLISH

Saturday

Aug 17, 2024 at 07:30 pm

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

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Since the dawn of time, improv troupe Riddled with English has entertained the masses. Now, it’s your turn. High energy, short games, with lots of laughs. Get ready to get Riddled with English!

Show Date: August 17

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$10
Doors Open: 6:30p

VISUAL ARTS



[2024 West Michigan Area Show](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
May 03, 2024 - Aug 18, 2024 at 11:00 am

Adults \$5 / Students \$2

Free for members, children through age 12, and active military personnel

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

The work of West Michigan's talented artistic community is on view during the annual West Michigan Area Show. Opening Friday, May 3, this crowd-pleasing annual juried exhibition was carefully curated from more than 300 submitted entries, ranging from paintings, prints, and photos to mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, and mixed-media works. This year's juror is Jessica Silverman, founder of Jessica Silverman Gallery in San Francisco. The eponymous gallery was founded in 2008 after Silverman completed an MA in Curatorial Practice at the California College of the Arts, after receiving her BA from Otis College. The gallery represents artists who make museum-worthy art at all stages of their careers.

Awards totaling more than \$5,000, including the \$1,000 Helen Sheridan Memorial Grand Prize, are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in the varying media represented in this highly anticipated exhibition. Visit the exhibition before June 24 to vote for the People's Choice Award, which is sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. The People's Choice Award winner will be announced at Art Hop on Friday, July 12 at 6:00pm.

As part of the KIA's 100th year, more than three decades of Purchase Prize winners will be on view during the 2024 West Michigan Area Show.



[Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

May 18, 2024 - Aug 18, 2024 at 11:00 am

Clearly Indigenous Special Exhibition Admission

Adults: \$13

Seniors (60+), Active Military, Groups (10 or more): \$8

College Students (18+ with ID) & Youth (ages 7-17): \$7

Children (ages 6 & younger): Free

Museum Members: Free based on membership level

Admission price includes all Special Exhibitions and the museum's permanent collection galleries.

We strongly recommend advance ticket purchase. Guests purchasing tickets on site may experience a wait to enter this exhibition. Plan ahead and purchase your admission tickets online or a timed entry ticket at the Guest Services Desk. Timed entry tickets are available 30

days in advance. Nonrefundable tickets are “final sale” tickets that may not be returned for a full refund after purchase.

Admission discounts such as [Art Bridges Foundation Access for All](#), [Museums for All](#), and [Blue Star Museums](#) may also be available. See those program pages for more information or call 269-349-7775 to speak with a Guest Services team member.

Some exhibitions, programs and events carry an admission charge or registration fee beyond the museum’s general admission and include admission to exhibitions and the collection galleries as part of that admission charge or registration fee.

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

To honor of our 100th Anniversary and continue our commitment to presenting the myriad of voices that make up the American experience, the KIA is pleased to present Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass. Clearly Indigenous is a groundbreaking exhibition giving broader and overdue recognition to a wide range of contemporary Native American and Indigenous, Pacific-Rim artists working in glass. The importance, rarity, and excellence of this milestone event are not to be missed. Clearly Indigenous includes nearly 100 glassworks created by twenty-nine Native American artists, four Pacific Rim artists from New Zealand and Australia, along with selections from leading glass artist Dale Chihuly. Chihuly was a part of a collaboration between the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) which resulted in establishing a glass program and a hot shop for the IAIA. This stunning exhibition embodies the intellectual content of Native traditions, newly illuminated by the unique properties that can only be achieved by working with glass. Whether reinterpreting traditional stories and designs or expressing contemporary issues affecting Indigenous societies, Indigenous artists have created content-laden bodies of work via the medium of glass. Clearly Indigenous demonstrates the generations of Indigenous artists who have and continue to investigate the expressive properties of glassmaking. Among the artists included in this seminal exhibition are Larry Ahvakana (Inupiat), Dan Friday (Lummi), Carol Lujan (Diné), Robert “Spooner” Marcus (Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo), Lillian Pitt (Warm Springs, Wasco, Yakama), and Preston Singletary (Tlingit). Don’t miss this exciting exhibition on view throughout the summer at the KIA!

Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass was originated by The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The traveling exhibit was curated by Dr. Letitia Chambers, and is toured by International Arts & Artists.



[The Anniversary Show: Promised Gifts from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

May 25, 2024 - Sep 01, 2024 at 11:00 am

Adults \$5 / Students \$2

Free for members, children through age 12, and active military

personnel

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

The Anniversary Show: Promised Gifts from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection showcases a diverse selection of Chinese and Japanese artworks on paper. Presented in collaboration with prominent local collectors Joy and Timothy Light, this exhibition not only celebrates the beauty and cultural significance of these pieces but also marks the generous promised gift from the Lights.

This exhibition delves into the artistic heritage of China and Japan by exploring a variety of media, including ink paintings, calligraphy, and woodblock prints. Among the distinguished artists featured are Huáng Bīnhóng, whose masterful ink landscapes rendered with a sense of tranquility and reverence, capture the timeless beauty of the Chinese countryside. Tan Yin's delicate brushwork and poetic compositions evoke a sense of contemplation and introspection, inviting viewers to reflect on the ephemeral nature of the human experience. Toko Shinoda's dynamic compositions and expressive brushstrokes fuse traditional techniques with modern sensibilities, resulting in artworks that resonate with energy and vitality.

From the bold experimentation of contemporary artists to the timeless elegance of classical masters, this exhibition offers a glimpse of China and Japan's artistic evolutions. *The Anniversary Show: Promised Gifts from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection* celebrates the enduring legacy of Chinese and Japanese Art while highlighting the generosity of the Light family, whose promised gift enriches our collection and the cultural heritage of Kalamazoo.



[Iceland: An ART 220: Landscape Photography Class Exhibition](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Jun 13, 2024 - Aug 29, 2024 at 08:00 am
Free Admission

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

The photographs were shot during an 11-day class trip to the country as part of the College's ART 220: Landscape Photography course in May. Subjects include stunning views of glaciers, ice caves, mountainous hills, rocky beaches and other primarily natural native landscape scenes.

"Iceland: An ART 220: Landscape Photography Class Exhibition" opened June 13 and will run through Aug. 29 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 summer gallery hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.



[Pen Dragons Calligraphy Guild: Synchronicity](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Jun 17, 2024 - Aug 16, 2024 at 10:00 am

Free and open to the public

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

On view: 6/17/24–8/16/24

Opening reception:

7/12/24, 5–8 pm (*During Art Hop*)

This group exhibit explores various media, surfaces, content, and letterforms. Many paired pieces by individual members inform each other through materials, concepts, and design. The content of the exhibit is as wide-ranging as the guild members, who share a love of lettering and handmade objects.



[Steve-O](#)

Friday

Aug 16, 2024 at 07:00 pm

This event has an age restriction 18+. This event is reserved seating. A limit of eight (8) tickets per purchase applies.

Ticket Prices: \$36-\$56

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Doors: 6PM | Show: 7PM

JACKASS star, stand-up comedian, and New York Times best-selling author, **Steve-O**, returns to the **Kalamazoo State Theatre** August 16, 2024.

ABOUT STEVE-O

Steve-O, born Stephen Gilchrist Glover on June 13, 1974, is a renowned stunt performer, actor, and television personality. He gained fame as a member of the cast of the hit MTV show “Jackass,” where he performed a variety of dangerous and outrageous stunts. Known for his fearlessness and wild sense of humor, Steve-O quickly became a fan favorite on the show. In addition to his work on “Jackass,” Steve-O has appeared in numerous films and television shows, showcasing his unique brand of comedy and willingness to push the boundaries of entertainment. He has also embarked on a successful stand-up comedy career, touring around the world and gaining a loyal following of fans.

Despite his wild antics and larger-than-life persona, Steve-O has also been open about his struggles with addiction and has worked to overcome these challenges through sobriety and self-improvement. He has used his platform to raise awareness about mental health and addiction issues, inspiring others to seek help and make positive changes in their lives. Steve-O continues to entertain audiences with his daring stunts, comedic talents, and larger-than-life personality. He remains a beloved figure in the entertainment industry, known for his infectious energy and unapologetic approach to life.