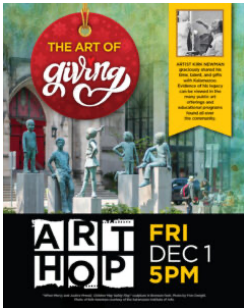


ART HOP



[Art Hop December 2023 - The Art of Giving](#)

Friday, Dec 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm

FREE

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Various Locations

Artwork is the gift that keeps on giving. The December 2023 Art Hop will focus on businesses, organizations, and artists that give back to the local and global community through art. Kirk Newman is an artist who shared his time, talent, and gifts with Kalamazoo and evidence of his legacy can be viewed in public art offerings and educational programs all over the greater community. Join us on December 1, 2023 at the Westin Gallery in the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo office for an exhibit and silent auction of works by Kirk Newman. This exhibit will include framed drawings and prints, wrapped prints, and maquettes created by Newman over his lifetime. A visit to the gallery will include the viewing of Newman's process sketchbooks! On your way to and from the Westin Gallery please stop into the 38 official Art Hop stops highlighting art gifts created by over 100 local artists all around our city. Plan your Hop at [https://kalamazooarthop.org/!](https://kalamazooarthop.org/)



[Silent Auction @ December Art Hop - Works of Kirk Newman](#)

Friday, Dec 1, 2023 from 12:00-8:00 pm

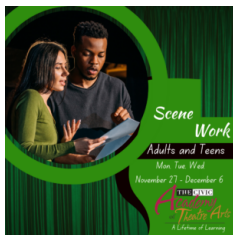
Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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This silent auction will run from 12:00 – 8:00 pm EST on Friday, December 1, 2023. The Westin Gallery in the offices of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo will be open from 12 – 8 pm as well so patrons may view and bid on the artwork. Access to a computer will be provided in the gallery and information/instructions on how to participate on phones and other smart devices will be available. The auction takes place online for those unable to attend in person. Details on accessing the auction will be updated at noon on December 1 here in this event and on all online resources of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the MAGIK grant, a program specifically intended to fund collaborative efforts between community groups or neighborhood associations, and artists and arts organizations that are working with youth. These projects result in the growth and development of the youth involved and have a meaningful impact on the neighborhood or community in which the project takes place.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Scene Work - Acting Class](#)

Monday, Nov 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Class Fee: \$168

6 @ 2 hour classes.

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

If you're on the hunt for a confidence boost onstage and want to level up your acting game, we've got the perfect solution: our Scene Work class led by the amazing Shannon Hill. Get ready to dive into the nitty-gritty of character development and scene collaboration. In no time, you'll be wowing audiences with your newfound acting prowess! With only six classes to attend, you'll be amazed at the transformation you'll undergo during this two week series. Don't miss out on this golden opportunity to refine your skills and take center stage like a pro!

FREE EVENTS



[Buy Local Art & Gift Fair](#)

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023 at 9:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#) at 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Find one-of-a-kind, creative gifts for everyone on your holiday list. If you work up an appetite, Grampa's Pasties is serving up delicious breakfast and lunch options or frozen varieties to go. Enter the Buy Local Raffle for a chance to win gift baskets filled by our talented artists and vendors. All raffle proceeds support KNC.

Free admission to the Fair and trails all day!

MUSIC



[Jazz Combo Showcase](#)

Monday, Nov 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [WMU School of Music](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Featuring undergraduate students from Western's internationally acclaimed jazz studies program.



[Birds on a Wire](#)

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [WMU School of Music](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

David Colson features Birds on a Wire in the Dalton Recital Hall.



Bullock Series

Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Adult Tickets \$15

Senior Tickets \$12

Student Tickets \$5

Presented by [WMU School of Music](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

WMU String Day Featured Artists — MingHuan Xu, Violin; Roger Chase, Viola; Paul York, Cello; Dale Anderson, Double Bass; and Winston Choi, Piano



WMU JAZZ MASTERS SERIES - Dave Holland

Thursday, Nov 30, 2023 at 7:30 pm

WMU Jazz Masters Series

Tickets \$15 (Seniors \$12, Students \$5) available at:

<https://wmumusic.ludus.com/>

Presented by [Andrew Rathbun](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The Irving S. Gilmore School of Music's JAZZ MASTERS SERIES presents master bassist and composer DAVE HOLLAND. Dave Holland has been creating consistently innovative music which has propelled a professional career of more than 50 years, and earned him top honors in his field including multiple Grammy awards and the title of NEA Jazz Master in 2017.

Over the course of his career, Dave Holland has never stopped evolving, reinventing his concept and approach with each new project while constantly honing his instantly identifiable voice. From the electric whirlwind of Miles Davis' Bitches Brew-era band to the elegant flamenco of his collaboration with Spanish guitar legend Pepe Habichuela; accompanying the great vocalist Betty Carter in her last years to forging a new sound with the pioneering avant-garde quartet Circle alongside Chick Corea, Anthony Braxton, and Barry Altschul; standing alongside legends like Stan Getz, Hank Jones, Roy Haynes, and Sam Rivers to providing early opportunities to now-leading players like Chris Potter, Kevin and Robin Eubanks, or Steve Coleman; Dave Holland has been at the forefront of jazz in many of its forms since his earliest days.

Performing with Holland will be the Advanced Jazz Ensemble, and the Western Jazz Collective, comprised of WMU's acclaimed jazz faculty. The University Jazz Orchestra will present some of Holland's challenging works for big band, with the composer as featured soloist.

An event not to be missed!



Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra in Concert

Friday, Dec 1, 2023 at 06:00 pm, 7:15 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum welcomes back the Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra for their annual holiday performance with two sets at 6:00 and 7:15 pm. The [Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra](#) is a plucked string ensemble of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and bass. The KMGO was founded in 2003 to revive the mandolin orchestra tradition in Kalamazoo. The orchestra enjoys performing a wide variety of music including classical, world, and traditional mandolin orchestra music. We have premiered original music composed for the orchestra and have sponsored workshops with international mandolin virtuosi. The Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra is sponsored by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#). Membership is by audition.



Rising Star | Sean Mason Trio

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm

In-Person Tickets Adult: \$28

In-Person Tickets Student: \$7

Livestream Tickets: Name-Your-Price

Presented by [The Gilmore](#) at [Wellspring Theater](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 204, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Pianist and composer **Sean Mason** began teaching himself piano at thirteen, starting with the music of his upbringing – gospel, soul, and R&B. Based in New York, he studies at Juilliard and leads the Sean Mason Quintet. In his hometown of Charlotte, NC, he leads the Sean Mason Trio. He has played at Smoke Jazz Club, Smalls Jazz Club, Lincoln Center, the Rochester Jazz Festival, and the Montana Folk Festival. He was featured on National Public Radio’s Jazz Night In America on its “Youngbloods” series, and he played on the soundtrack for the Netflix production *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*, and *Tulsa Burning: The 1921 Race Massacre* on The History Channel. His debut record of original compositions, *The Southern Suite*, was produced by Branford Marsalis and will be released this fall on Blue Engine Records, the label of Jazz At Lincoln Center. “Watch out for this kid...” — Branford Marsalis

THEATRE



Monologue Competition

Nov 9, 2023 - Dec 11, 2023

There are NO tickets offered because this is an online event. Voting for your favorite competitor can be done through our monologue competition website! Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at [Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre \(formerly Epic Theatre\)](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 205, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

All are welcome to compete with the exception of the competition’s panel members (see About the Panel to meet our panel members). **There are no age restrictions – all ages are**

welcome. Whether you're right here in Kalamazoo or across the world, the competition's **virtual format** allows for anyone to show off what they got!

The competition is divided into two categories: Emerging Actors and Established Actors. **Emerging Actors are those without professional or educational training in acting** and/or have no professional acting credits. **Established Actors are those with professional or educational training** and/or have professional acting credits.

In this competition, your donation to Face Off Theatre Company is your vote. \$1 = 1 vote. You can vote as many times as you'd like, for whoever you want, with whatever amount you'd like!

All donation amounts will be tallied after **voting closes on Monday, December 11th at 11:59pm** and the winner will be announced at our 2024 Season Announcement!

The grand prize winner will receive \$100.00 cash prize, and the runner-up will receive \$50.00 cash prize.



[The Sound of Music](#)

Friday-Sunday, Nov 24, 2023 - Dec 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium](#), 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

“The world’s most beloved musical” – The Sound of Music won five Tony Awards and five Oscars. The inspirational story, based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trapp, follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household.

The Sound of Music in the Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium, November 24-December 17, 2023.

Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://kazooCivic.ludus.com/200435191>

Ticket prices range from \$17-\$30. For more information and group rates, please call our box office at 269-343-1313.



[Next Stop, Broadway](#)

Thursday – Saturday, Nov 30, 2023 - Dec 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm

General Admission tickets are \$24, Senior tickets are \$19, Student tickets are \$10, and WMU Student tickets are \$7. Student and WMU Student tickets require the patron to bring their student ID when they check in at the performance.

Our box office hours are Tuesday-Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. as well as an hour and a half before each performance. You can always leave a message, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Season passes and tickets are always available [online](#).

Email: theatre-info@wmich.edu

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Western Michigan University’s annual cabaret showcases our senior musical theatre majors while they perform alongside this year’s guest star, Lauren Worsham! Lauren Worsham is a Tony-nominated actress and singer. She was nominated for a Tony and won Drama Desk and Theatre World awards for the role of ‘Phoebe’ in A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder (2014 Tony winner for Best Musical). She recurred on multiple episodes of The CW’s Valor. She was seen in New York City Center’s gala production of Sunday in the Park with George and the Encores! productions of Call Me Madam and Big River. Other favorite roles include ‘Lisa’ in Dog Days at Montclair Peak Performances, Fort Worth Opera, and LA Opera for director Robert Woodruff; ‘Flora’ in Turn of the Screw at New York City Opera for Sam Buntrock; ‘Amy’ in Where’s Charley? at Encores! for John Doyle; ‘Cunegonde’ in New York City Opera’s Candide, and ‘Olive’ in the first national tour of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Lauren performs frequently in concert at the Getty Villa, Carnegie Hall, 54

Below, Joe's Pub, Caramoor, Merkin Hall, Oregon Bach Festival, Galapagos Art Space, and New York City Opera's VOX. Lauren placed second in the Kurt Weill Foundation's Lotte Lenya competition. She's a founding member of the band, Sky-Pony. More at laurenworsham.com.



[Every Brilliant Thing](#)

Thursday – Sunday, Nov 30, 2023 - Dec 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Every Brilliant Thing runs for three weekends from November 30 through December 17. Tickets start at \$36. \$10 rush tickets are offered for all performances starting 1 hour prior to curtain (subject to availability, theatergoers must be present at the box office). Student ticket pricing is \$15 for all shows. Preview performance tickets on Thursday, November

30th are \$25.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

“Ice cream.” “Water fights.” “Peeing in the ocean and nobody knows.” In Every Brilliant Thing a boy’s handwritten list to cheer up his despondent mom becomes a surprisingly funny and poignant ode to humanity. This one-of-a-kind solo performance is a dramatic comedy that will capture your heart and lift your spirit, taking audiences on a transcendent and tender coming-of-age journey that reminds us to pay attention to life’s smallest joys — and to each other.

Bringing this production to life is actor and storyteller Steve McDonagh. A fixture of the Chicago theatre scene with memorable roles in productions at The Goodman Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare, Music Theatre Works, and The Court Theatre, he is thrilled to be sharing this beautiful work with Michigan audiences. Steve is also a celebrity chef, best known as the winner of season one of The Next Food Network Star and as co-host of the network’s Party Line with the Hearty Boys.



[The "I Am" Acting Workshop](#)

Saturday – Sunday, Dec 2, 2023 - Dec 3, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at [Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre \(formerly Epic Theatre\)](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 205, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Are you ready to unleash your inner performer? Look no further! We are thrilled to announce our upcoming acting workshop that will take your skills to new heights!

Join us for an intensive and immersive acting experience where you’ll learn from seasoned professionals and gain valuable insights into the art of acting. Whether you’re a beginner or have some experience under your belt, this workshop is designed to cater to all skill levels.

Here’s what you can expect from this workshop:

Engaging activities and exercises to enhance your stage and on-camera presence and confidence.

Techniques to develop believable characters and bring them to life.

Insights into script analysis and the art of storytelling.

How to take the best headshots

Collaboration with fellow actors to create memorable scenes.

You must be 16 years or older to participate.

There is a workshop fee of \$25. Once you fill out this google form, you will receive a confirmation email from faceoffproductionmgmt@gmail.com on how to submit payment and additional info.

If you need scholarship for this fee or have any further questions, please email faceoffproductionmgmt@gmail.com.