

## Rotary Arts Minute 10/16/2023 Information provided by the



### FREE EVENTS



#### [Introducing Leslie Donaldson, Director of the Kirk Newman Art School](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Admission is free, but preregistration is encouraged!

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

This summer, the KIA happily welcomed Leslie Donaldson as Director of the Kirk Newman Art School. Get to know Donaldson as she speaks about her background, her vision for the Art School, and more. Donaldson brings more than 20 years' experience in varied arts management functions, including education, programming, marketing, fundraising, strategic planning, and entrepreneurship. Most recently, she served as the inaugural CEO of Commongrounds Cooperative, a nonprofit real estate cooperative in Traverse City. Her career also includes successful stints as the Director of Engagement for Interlochen Center for the Arts, the Executive Director for the Arts Council of Greater Lansing, and the Director of Arts Programs for the City of East Lansing. Donaldson holds an MFA from Rhode Island School of Design in Painting/Printmaking and a BFA in Studio Art from Michigan State University.



#### [Book Discussion: Nothing Special](#)

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Admission is free, but preregistration is encouraged!

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

New York City, 1966. Seventeen-year-old Mae lives in a rundown apartment with her alcoholic mother and her mother's sometimes-boyfriend, Mikey. She is turned off by the petty girls at her high school, and the sleazy, type men that she typically meets. When she drops out, she is presented with a job offer that will remake her world entirely: she is hired as a typist for the artist Andy Warhol. Warhol is composing an unconventional novel by recording the conversations and experiences of his many famous and alluring friends. Tasked with transcribing these tapes alongside several other girls, Mae quickly befriends Shelley and the two of them embark on a surreal adventure at the fringes of the countercultural movement. Going to parties together, exploring their womanhood and sexuality, this should be the most enlivening experience of Mae's life. But as she grows increasingly obsessed with the tapes and numb to her own reality, Mae must grapple with the thin line between art and voyeurism and determine how she can remain her own person as the tide of the sixties sweeps over her.

## MUSIC



### [Black Violin: The Black Violin Experience Tour](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Tickets range from \$41-\$61.

For more information, please visit or call our Miller Auditorium Box Office at (269) 387-2300.

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

The Black Violin Experience Tour showcases the two-time Grammy nominated duo Black Violin, brought to life by Kev Marcus and Wil Baptiste, invoking a mystifying musical fusion of exquisite classical sounds and exhilarating hip-hop beats. A concert performance that boldly merges centuries of music and unites audiences with a message of hope and possibility. Fans can expect to be immersed in a sound that transcends categories and celebrates ingenuity and ambition, proving anything is possible.

On stage, Kev Marcus gives an electrifying violin performance along with Wil Baptiste's magnetizing viola and vocal performance. Joining them are Nat Stokes on drums, DJ SPS on the turntable, and Liston Gregory on keys. Together they are reconceptualizing what a violin concert looks and sounds like, building bridges to a place where Mozart, Marvin Gaye and Kendrick Lamar harmoniously coexist. Black Violin invites you to think outside of the box.

### [Michigan Night featuring The Accidentals, Lindsay Lou, Patty Pershayla & The Mayhops, and the Jordan Hamilton Trio](#)

Friday, October 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm

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

**Doors: 6:30 PM | Show: 7:30 PM**

Experience an electrifying celebration of beloved musicians at the Kalamazoo State Theatre during our first-ever **Michigan Night** on **Friday, October 20**, featuring homegrown artists: **The Accidentals, Lindsay Lou, Patty Pershayla & The Mayhops, and the Jordan Hamilton Trio**. Come as you are, or channel your favorite musical icon and immerse yourself in captivating performances that will leave you breathless. There will also be a costume contest, tarot readings, trivia, and more.

#### **About The Accidentals:**

Originating from Traverse City, MI, The Accidentals formed a deep musical bond in high school and have since captivated audiences with their remarkable performances and collaborations with notable artists. They strive to inspire aspiring musicians through workshops and their nonprofit organization, Play It Forward, Again and Again.

#### **About Lindsay Lou:**

Michigan born artist Lindsay Lou's captivating vocals are capable of untold multitudes: a molasses-sweet instrument equally capable of clarion ache, slicing deep into the soul. The daughter of a literal coal-miner and millwright, and the granddaughter of a teacher gone Rainbow Gathering healer, Lou honed her honest and

resonant style with her bluegrass-inspired band, Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellys, and Michigan supergroup, Sweet Water Warblers (Rachael Davis, May Erlewine), excavating elements of bluegrass, folk, Americana, and soulful pop for their emotional depths. Whether bathing in the radiant sunset of Tennessee or digging into the rich loam of her midwest upbringing, Lou has an innate ability to bring an immediacy to both affairs of the heart and philosophical thought. On her new album *Queen of Time* (due September 29th from Kill Rock Stars), Lou captures a new arc of haloed beauty, becoming unattainable in her own way—a vibrant, powerful woman who can share herself with the world, and yet define a mystic sense of inner self as well.

#### **About Patty Pershayla & The Mayhaps:**

Patty PerShayla transitioned from small-town pageants to rock ‘n’ roll, leading the dynamic trio Patty PerShayla & The Mayhaps. With their blues-infused sound and energetic performances, they’ve gained a dedicated following, even winning Best Music Video at the Grand Rapids Film Festival.

#### **About The Jordan Hamilton Trio:**

Jordan Hamilton, cellist of Last Gasp Collective and the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, merges songwriting, loop pedals, sample machines, and vocals to create a sonic landscape of experimental hip-hop, folk, soul, and classical music. The Western Michigan University graduate aims to find new ways for the cello, a traditional instrument, to relate to a modern audience where it can be found playing the music of Bach, the Beatles, or Chance the Rapper. Filled with an eclectic range of songs, Jordan’s set is sure to capture the heart and mind while reflecting on new horizons.



#### **[Bachtoberfest](#)**

Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm

#### **Tickets:**

Regular-priced tickets start at \$25.

We offer a variety of ticket discounts for Teachers, Active/Retired Military, Government Aid Recipients, and Under 18.

*All pricing is subject to change.*

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

**Julian Kuerti**, Conductor

**[Arturo Ziraldo](#)**, Viola

#### **Featuring Principal Players of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra**

From Johann Sebastian Bach’s boundless musical imagination came six brilliant masterpieces: the Brandenburg Concertos. Full of unbridled virtuosity and spirit, KSO musicians take center stage for this Bachtoberfest celebration. Béla Bartók brings to life four eccentric musical characters in one of his most popular works, *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*. Sami Seif’s *Glory to the Voice* rounds out the concert with a fresh take on a traditional hymn.

PROGRAM

Béla **BARTÓK** | Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta

~ Intermission ~

Johann Sebastian **BACH** | Brandenburg Concerto No. 4

Sami SEIF | *Shubho Lhaw Qolo (Glory to the Voice)*  
Johann Sebastian BACH | Brandenburg Concerto No. 2



### [Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra in Concert](#)

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#) at Milwood United Methodist Church, 3919 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

This event is part of the 2023 Milwood United Methodist Church concert series! The concert is free, though donations are welcome. Sponsored by the Crescendo Academy of Music, the Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra (KMGO) 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.



### [KCC Music Faculty Artist Recital](#)

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Free Admission

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

The recital, which will showcase the high caliber artistry of KCC's accomplished music faculty, will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in the auditorium of the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 450 North Ave. The event is free and open to the public, though a freewill offering will be collected to support future music programming and initiatives at the College, including a planned concert tour of Austria in 2025.

## THEATRE



### [Exit Strategy](#)

October 19 - October 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Presented by [Face Off Theatre Company](#) at [Epic Center](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

How do you make it through detention? In the worst high school in the city, six Black students are stuck in Room 111. They flirt. They fight. They tease. Should they follow the rules and stay put, or find an escape? Are the walls keeping them in, or are stronger forces at play?



### [Pete Davidson Live](#)

Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm

This highly-anticipated evening will feature reserved seating throughout the theatre for this all ages event. There is a 6-ticket limit per purchase. \$48-\$88

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

Prepare for a night you'll never forget when comedian Pete Davidson makes his headlining debut at the Kalamazoo State Theatre on Saturday, October 21.

Doors: 6:00PM | Show: 7:00PM

Pete Davidson, renowned for his razor-sharp wit and captivating humor, is set to ignite the Kalamazoo State Theatre with a comedy show that promises pure entertainment. A luminary on NBC's legendary "Saturday Night Live" from 2014 to 2022, Davidson's magnetic presence and unique contributions to Weekend Update and original music videos have garnered him a massive global fanbase. Beyond his television triumphs, Davidson's comedic talents have left an indelible mark on the world of comedy. Don't miss the chance to witness Davidson's extraordinary journey through comedy. With a one-hour stand-up special for Comedy Central in 2016, he proved his ability to connect with audiences through relatable and unfiltered storytelling. His exceptional knack for humor led to a spot on Forbes' 30 Under 30 list that same year, solidifying his status as an emerging powerhouse in the entertainment realm. Davidson's comedic prowess continued to shine with the release of "Pete Davidson: Alive From New York" in 2020, further propelling him into the comedic stratosphere. Another prestigious accolade followed this exceptional achievement—Davidson's inclusion in Time's illustrious list of 100 Most Influential People of 2022.

## VISUAL ARTS



### ["Anima and Animus" sculpture exhibit by Patti Opel](#)

Monday – Friday, September 11, 2023 - Octpber 19, 2023 at 08:00 am

Free Admission

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

Opel's exhibit, titled "Anima and Animus," features 11 large-scale, wall-hung sculptures and will run from Sept. 11 through Oct. 19 in the KCC 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 business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. A gallery talk and closing reception – also free and open to the public – will be held with the artist on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the gallery. The gallery talk, part of the College’s continuing DeVries Lecture Series, will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. The closing reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.



### **Hot Glass on Tap!**

Friday, October 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Tickets are available presale and at the door until we sell out!

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#) at [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tickets are \$50 and include a hand-blown tumbler glass, free pour tickets for specially selected wines and local craft beers, a signature cocktail, catered snack bar, exciting glass making demonstrations with fire stunts, and music by a live DJ. Also available for purchase will be items from our gift shop and a hands-on glass art project in our kiln-fusing studio. This year’s theme is Oktoberfest, and we’ll be celebrating with German/Bavarian-inspired food, beers, and communal drink toasts. Expect a festive atmosphere with exciting visuals, groovy music, gorgeous art, and delicious food & drink! It’s Hot Glass on Tap at Glass Art Kalamazoo!