

# ARTS & CULTURE



## BLACK ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

The Black Arts & Cultural Center develops potential and creativity in Blacks in the Kalamazoo area, advances the awareness of Black artistic ability, helps to preserve Black cultural heritage and enhance interactions among diverse groups.



## KALAMAZOO CRAFT BEVERAGE WEEK

A week long series of events in late January/early February that take place all around Kalamazoo county. It's a celebration of the local craft beverage industry highlighting Kalamazoo's breweries, wineries, and distilleries through special releases, food and drink pairings, meet the makers, and many interactive events.



## MILLER AUDITORIUM

Ranked as one of the top 10 facilities in the U.S., and is the third largest theatre in Michigan. Miller Auditorium has always been careful to never lose sight of its purpose in the cultural landscape of the community, and has become the premier center for performing arts not only in Kalamazoo, but also in all of Southwest Michigan.



## KALAMAZOO PRIDE

Kalamazoo Pride is a 2 day festival every June to celebrate LGBTQ+ pride and is a fundraiser for OutFront Kalamazoo which supports civic engagement and programs for youths in the community.



## ART HOP

A free event held on the first Friday of every month, Art Hop is an evening of art exhibits and events; one of the great things to do in Kalamazoo. It's fun, interactive and a great way to explore downtown that you can do alone, with friends or family, and you don't have to be "artist" to enjoy it!



## GILMORE PIANO FESTIVAL

The largest gathering of piano talent in the Western Hemisphere, the Gilmore celebrates the piano in all its variety and depth: including jazz, classical, pop, folk, swing, blues, gospel and everything in between. Over the three week festival, you'll encounter the piano as a solo instrument, with orchestras, in trios and duos, in bands and ensembles, and even in digitized form.



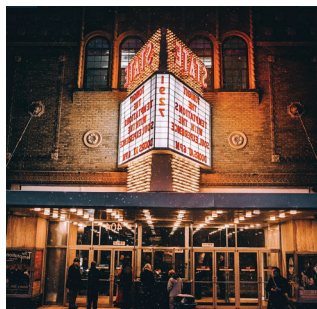
## KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra proudly celebrates 96 years of soul-prodding musical experiences and educational programming that stimulate audiences from the inside out. Founded in 1921, the KSO is the third largest professional orchestra in Michigan.



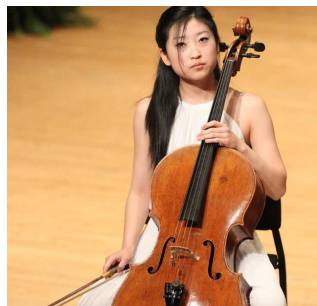
## KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Since 1924, the institute has offered art classes, exhibitions, lectures, events, activities and a permanent collection. Their mission is to cultivate the creation and appreciation of the visual arts in West Michigan.



## STATE THEATRE

The State Theatre has been a fixture in downtown Kalamazoo since 1927. The Kalamazoo State Theatre is currently part of the League of Historic American Theatres (LHAT), an organization that champions the restoration, preservation and ongoing operations of North America's treasured venues!



## STULBERG INTERNATIONAL STRING COMPETITION

An internationally recognized competition held annually in May that promotes excellence in string instrument performances by gifted artists under the age of twenty. More than 2,500 young string musicians from around the world have participated in its history.