

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.



GILMORE INTERNATIONAL KEYBOARD FESTIVAL

The largest gathering of keyboard artists in North America, the festival features more than 50 pianists and 200 artists in nearly 100 concerts and events. From classical to jazz in presentations from solo recital to musical theater, the festival achieves acclaim for presenting music in the highest artistic caliber.



KALAMAZOO CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sample over 150+ releases from some of America's best craft breweries! All the bases are covered from the legendary brew selection, to the live music entertainment and local food & retail vendors. The festival is hosted in both the spring and fall in the heart of Kalamazoo.



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.



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 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.



KALAMAZOO PRIDE

Kalamazoo Pride is a 2 day festival fundraiser for OutFront Kalamazoo, to support civic engagement and programs for youths in the community. A wide range of entertainment, more vending options, and more family-friendly activities make this a must



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!



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!



STULBERG INTERNATIONAL STRINGS COMPETITION

One of the longest continuous standing competitions in the U.S. for musicians under the age of 20. More than 2,500 young string musicians from around the world have participated in its history.