



CONNECTING
CHORDS
MUSIC FESTIVAL

2026

Festival Schedule

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Schedule subject to change.

Music at the Dark Sky Park

Friday, August 14 at 8:30 PM

Dr. T.K. Lawless Park, Vandalia, MI

The Birdseed Salesmen performs under the stars of the Dark Sky Park.

Migratory Music

FREE / Sun, Sept 13, 2:00-4:00 PM

Kalamazoo Nature Center

Area musicians perform throughout the KNC arboretum.

Biribá Union

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM

Bell's Back Room

A unique rhythmic cocktail of Brazilian music, American roots, hip-hop and jazz.

Sound & Spirit

FREE / Sunday, Sept 27 at 4:00 PM

Unity of Kalamazoo

Featuring musicians from across the area, representing diverse faiths and traditions

Duke Ellington Sacred Concert

Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

WITH WMU JAZZ ORCHESTRA + AREA ARTISTS
SUPPORTED BY THE JOHN STITES JAZZ AWARDS

A fusion of jazz, big band, gospel + spiritual themes by the acclaimed jazz musician

Kleinstuck Trail Walk

Saturday, October 10 at 6:00 PM

Kleinstuck Preserve

Featuring *Song of the Alvar*, a new project from percussionist Mike Weis

Stundom

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM

Bell's Back Room

The acclaimed trio blends Nordic folk traditions with classical chamber music.

Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM

Kalamazoo College, Light Fine Arts Bldg.

Experience the richness and vibrancy of traditional Korean performing arts.

The Lodger (1927)

Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

First Congregational Church

Silent-era Hitchcock thriller film with a live improvised score by organist David Briggs

Music Medicine Collective

FREE / Sat, October 24 at 2:00 PM

Kalamazoo Public Library (Downtown)

Meditative offerings from weavers of music, storytelling, and healing

Neta Elkayam + Amit Hai Cohen

Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 PM

Congregation of Moses

The musical duo invites listeners on a vibrant journey from Jerusalem to Morocco.

The Nagash Ensemble

Sunday, November 15 at 7:00 PM

Kalamazoo College, Stetson Chapel

Combining the spirituality of Armenian folk song and the energy of jazz + rock.

Ana Everling

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM

Dormouse Theatre

Centuries-old Romanian folk sounds with a modern, spellbinding voice



PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

November 20-22 (Three shows)

Wellspring Theater

A special partnership with Kalamazoo's amazing modern dance organization

Messiah Sing

FREE / Sun, Nov 29 at 4:00 PM

First Congregational Church

Sing-along to Handel's *Messiah*