

MAGIK Directory of Artists Available for School Residencies and Performances

Please contact artists for price and availability.

Dance Ballet Arts Ensemble	Cathleen Huling 2018 Rambling Rd Kalamazoo MI 49008 269-345-3433 balletarts.home.att.net/ensemble.htm	A dance company dedicated to providing opportunities for our dancers to perform throughout the community in high quality productions.
Chinese Folk Dance Troupe	Dr. Li H. Li 5128 Grosse Pointe St Portage MI 49024 269-344-9125	The troupe performs traditional Chinese folk dances of various regions and classic art dances from different eras in colorful, original costumes.
Department of Dance Western Michigan University	David Curwen 1903 W Michigan Ave Kalamazoo MI 49008 269-387-5826	A one-hour lecture/performance on the art and discipline of dance, methods of training, diversity of styles, partnering, creative process, reference and collaboration to other disciplines, with audience involvement.
Encore Dance Company	Kathy Kadulski 315 E Delaware Decatur MI 49045 269-423-3461	Encore Dance Company opens up the art of dance to young people, seeing their peers perform with enthusiasm, dedication, and success.
Kalamazoo Ballet Company	Terry Bullard 431 E South St Kalamazoo MI 49007 269-343-3027	Kalamazoo Ballet offers education and entertainment as well as studio classes. Our mission is to share the joy of dance.
Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble	Aida Al Adawi 17 Utica Pontiac MI 48341-1172 248-332-2042 taston@oakland.edu	A high-energy program sharing the dance and music from North Africa through the Middle East.
Rhythm Dance Workshop	Beth LaBaren-Root blroot@yahoo.com	Rhythm Dance Workshop Introduces students to a percussive/stomp style of dance with elements of tap performed without tap shoes.
East Indian Dance	Malini Srirama 3588 Plymouth Rd, #185 Ann Arbor MI 48105 734-663-0153 malinisrirama@juno.com	Lecture demonstration, workshop, residency and performance on East Indian culture, music and dance, using audio visual aids and artifacts.
Irish Dance	Aine A. Wilkins 307 Inkster Ave Kalamazoo MI 49001 269-381-7873	Instruction in history, instruments, costumes and examples of Celtic dance, with emphasis on Irish dance from medieval through modern times.
Language Arts Writing/Folk Art/ Bookmaking	Joan Donaldson Pleasant Hill Farm 5859 124th Ave Fennville MI 49408 616-561-2850	Lecture presentation on how a book is made and a story developed, including a demonstration of Spencerian script, an Early American form of penmanship.
Bookmaking/ Literature	Carol Fenner 190 Rebecca Rd. Battle Creek MI 49015 269-963-8293	This program informs and stimulates students about books and the writing process. Topics may include the process of writing, editing, dealing with rejection, clarifying writing technique, illustrating and book production.
Poetry	Linda Nemecek Foster 2024 Wilshire, SE Grand Rapids MI 49506 616-452-7204	The program is designed to engender the curiosity and interest in poetry within each child, which is waiting to be discovered.
Poetry/Fiction/Memoir	Erin Hart 4228 Pembrook Kalamazoo MI 49008 269-383-8196	Erin offers writing workshops and dramatic readings in poetry, short stories and memoir. Workshops use process-writing method with hands-on activities.
African American Literature	Ethel Footman Smothers 441 Adams, SE Grand Rapids MI 49507 616 452-9211	This program deals with the writing process and helps students draw upon memories to tell their own stories.
Poetry and Science	Ann Williamson 3334 Valley View	A unique presentation using science as a metaphor for creative writing.

	St. Joseph MI 49085 616-439-2199	
Music Bilbo's Great Adventure	Kevin Henry PO Box 20133 Kalamazoo MI 49019 269-628-2261 kevin@warmweathermusic.com	Kevin shares with his audience the need to read classic literature, using his life's experience of overcoming a reading disability to inspire others to dream, to set goals and read.
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	Stacy Ridenour 359 S Kalamazoo Mall, Ste 100 Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 349-7759 webmaster@kalamazoosymphony.com	The engaging education programs of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra will connect your students with great orchestra music, professional musicians, and orchestra instruments in the classroom and concert hall.
Fontana Chamber Arts	Anne Berquist 359 S Kalamazoo Mall, Ste 200 Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 382-7774 info@fontanachamberarts.org	Fontana presents professional chamber music ensembles known for their educational outreach expertise, focusing on valuable interaction between the musicians and students.
Gemini	Laz & San Slomovits 2000 Penncraft Ct Ann Arbor MI 48103 313-665-0409 geminichidrensmusic.com	Twin brothers San and Laz play and sing original songs as well as traditional folk music.
PALamazoo Puppets	Susan Harrison PO Box 131 Plainwell MI 49080 269 344-4428 palamazoo@yahoo.com	PALamazoo Puppets is multiple-intelligence, interactive approach to active learning using music and movement and covering a variety of subjects.
Grand Rapids Community College Music Center	Brian Morris 143 Bostwick, NE Grand Rapids MI 49503-3295 616 234-4085 bmorris@grec.cc.mi.us	Humorous and entertaining sampling of jazz, classical, blues, folk, rock and Brazilian music to educate and expose children to a variety of styles of music and the guitar.
Marc Thomas and Max the Moose	Performing Artist Management c/o Paula Kreuter 1240 Prosper Dr Troy MI 48098 248-879-1943 maxthemoose.com	Marc entertains and educates young audiences with a unique combination of human and puppet theatre. Programs capture the delight of reading, or inspire wise choices and self esteem.
Musica Vera	Judith I. Whaley 827 Dobbin Dr Kalamazoo MI 49006 269 375-8843	A choice of different presentations, which can include recorders, voice, viol and keyboard; music of the Renaissance.
The Past In Person	Michael Deren 2640 Powell Ann Arbor MI 48104 734 663-9634 jmtderen@prodigy.net	Join us for an historical, musical, educational participative journey into the past through the music, songs, and words of the people whose labor built America.
Early Childhood/Nature Music	Sylvia M. Muehling 1025 Weaver Ave Kalamazoo MI 49006-5540 269 344-3985	Class includes singing and dancing in a wide variety of tonalities and meters.
Rags to Rich's	Rich Ridenour 6296 Redfern Portage MI 49024 269 321-8705 richridenour1@chartermi.net geocities.com/richridenour	Rich is a versatile artist, equally at home with the classics, American popular music, jazz, ragtime and comedy, too.
African American Music	Romeo Phillips & Clarence Small 6841 Welbury St Portage MI 49024 269 327-1736 phillips@net-link.net	The focus of this presentation is on the uniqueness and historical significance of African-American music, both secular and sacred.
Storytelling Miss Nettie Storytelling	Nettie Martin 2208 Skyline Dr Kalamazoo MI 49006 269 382-2577	Miss Nettie tells a lively story that will involve the audience in singing, surprises and loads of fun.
Magician/Storyteller Gordon Russ	Performing Artist Management c/o Paula Kreuter 1240 Prosper Dr	<i>The Magic of Reading, The Magic of Geography, The Magic of Self-Esteem.</i> A wholesome magic show, with a message.

	Troy MI 48098 248 879-1943 pamgnt@aol.com	
Rent a Rambling Naturalist	Wil & Sarah Reding 1811 W C Ave Kalamazoo MI 49004 269 343-1886 www.rentaramblingnaturalist.ws/	A choice of interactive theatrical presentations of Michigan topics with historical and environmental emphasis.
Shady Grove Storytelling	Robin Nott 16703 E CD Ave Augusta MI 49012 269 731-2335	Robin specializes in storytelling and folk singing on a variety of themes, which can be created to fit any age group and occasion.
African Storytelling	Shanta Joann Murdock PO Box 11 Kaneville IL 60144-0011 800 525-4749 mcs.com/~jmurdock/shanta/stories.html	In Stories & Songs of African People, Shanta involves her audience in an unforgettable experience of African culture.
Toad Hollow Storytelling	Ralph Morrison PO Box 45 Vicksburg MI 49097 269 649-3168	The blending of encouragement and hope with imagination and story in a conversational style of telling that makes for easy listening and audience participation.
Laughter That Matters	Tim Cusack 2115 Romence Dr, NE Grand Rapids MI 49503 616 774-7166 http://timcusack.com	Tim's show draws from heartfelt stories to drive home themes such as substance abuse prevention, character development and learning respect and accountability.
Jean & Martin Gal	Jean & Martin Gal 4155 Lake Terrace Dr Kalamazoo MI 49008 269 375-2733	The Gals are a storytelling team, with wide experience telling folk and original stories. Repertoire includes tales from many cultures.
Michele Gauthier	Michele Gauthier PO Box 189 Grand Junction MI 49056 616 434-6255	Entertaining and educational stories from many traditions, especially those of the Metis, Native American, African American, Middle East Dervish stories, legends of India and of Asia.
Native American Storytelling	Shawana Jane Murray 422 Edka Sturgis MI 49091 616 651-8998	Shawana tells the stories of the Woodland Tribes of Michigan known as the Three Fires, the Ottawa, Potawatomi and Ojibwe.
World Tales/Storywriting Workshops	Jenifer Ivinskis Strauss 1061 W Sager Rd Hastings MI 49058 616 945-4943 jvinstrauss@voyager.net	Jenifer tells enthusiastic, participatory tales from around the world and within the shared human experience, focusing on diversity and the connections that stories make for all of us.
Oni - African Folktales	Patricia Taylor 620 Elizabeth St Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 349-1741 ptaylor@wmich.edu	Oni presents the culture and tales of the West African region, islands of the Caribbean and people of African descent using songs, African instruments and interaction with the audience.
Theatre Civic Youth Theatre	Mychelle Hopkins 329 S Park St Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 343-2280	Civic Youth Theatre Repertory Company will bring a live performance to the schools in the area so that the students may experience the benefits of seeing live theatre.
Theatre Games	Mary Kay Allbee 2715 Parkview Ave Kalamazoo MI 49008 269 349-5598	This program is designed to explore creativity through a series of games and exercises; a workshop that helps students to express their hidden talents.
For a Good Time Theatre Company	Pat Parker PO Box 5421 Saginaw MI 48603-0421 517 753-3861 theatreco@aol.com	A variety of theatrical assembly programs are offered; the list changes yearly.
Dept of Theatre, Western Michigan University	D. Terry Williams 1903 W Michigan Ave Kalamazoo MI 49008 269 387-3220 wmich.edu/theatre	<i>Theatre in Education</i> Tour: A touring production featuring Theatre students presenting works suitable for grades K - 8.
Magical Rain Theaterworks	Ike Vasquez	Theatre techniques drawn from Latin American folk traditions, myths,

	27 Ravinia St Kalamazoo MI 49001 269 226-9172 http://www.searchusa.com/magicalrain/homepage5.htm	stories and contemporary theatre.
Riverlight and Company	J. Kline Hobbs 75 Wendell St Battle Creek MI 49017-3821 269 441-2707 jkline_hobbs@glfn.org	The tape/slide show includes selections from Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Lincoln's first and second inaugural addresses, the Gettysburg Address, and both Union and Confederate marching songs.
Royal American Folklore Touring Theatre	John Byrne 132 S Arlington Kalamazoo MI 49006 269-344-6851	A cultural, theatrical and educational presentation of story theatre/puppetry that enhances and illustrates art and literature, and appeals to a wide age range.
Washington Productions	Von & Fran Washington PO Box 3253 Kalamazoo MI 49003 269 342-7301	Presentations of the African American experience through productions or dramatized readings.
Mime	Rob Reider 1546 Mt Mercy, NW Grand Rapids MI 49504 616 735-9487	Rob's show consists of mime, juggling, and hilarious audience participation.
Puppetry	June Stoppels 5816 Coit, NE Grand Rapids MI 49525 616 235-0991	One-hour demonstration on history, use of and the making of puppets.
Visual Arts Fence Row Studios	Conrad Kaufman 2119 N Westnedge Ave Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 344-9501 fencerow@net-link.net	Conrad is a Realist painter whose primary focus is the natural world. His many public murals can be seen throughout the Kalamazoo area.
Watercolor Painting	Oswaldo Baez 3227 Ash, #2 Kalamazoo MI 49001 269 344-6062	A painting demonstration of watercolor technique, basic information about watercolor tools, how to start a painting and handling different types of surfaces.
Author/Illustrator	Jane Stroschin Henry Quill Press 7340 Lake Dr Fremont MI 49412 231 924-3026	A fun- filled and informative presentation on the process of writing and illustrating books.
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts	Maryjo Lemanski 314 S Park St Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 349-7775 museum@kiarts.org ; kiarts.org	A variety of outreach programs that include ARTreach, a traveling exhibit available to schools and libraries, and ART's (Arts Resources to Schools), classroom presentations of art objects and artifacts.
Lots O'Pots Pottery	Philip Wilson 645 W Fulton Grand Rapids MI 49504 616 776-0228	The presentation poses a problem solving situation, involving a variety of elements including hand-building pottery, tile making, sculpture.
Southwest Michigan Visual Arts Academy	Kirk Lewis 132 N Kalamazoo Mall, Ste 223 Kalamazoo MI 49007 269 345-7630	Demonstrations of painting, drawing, sculpture and printmaking, and lectures on art topics.
Printmaking/Watercolor Drawing	Joan Bonnette 15344 77th St South Haven MI 49090 616 637-0332	A choice of presentations tailored to your curriculum in the areas of printmaking, watercolor or drawing.
Calligraphy	Marijo Carney 2256 Tipperary Rd Kalamazoo MI 49008 269 381-8605	This demonstration shows various calligraphic styles, tools and media that are used by a professional calligrapher to create lettering art.
Drawing Workshop	Wendy Anderson Halperin 76990 14th Ave South Haven MI 49090 616 637-9144	In an assembly drawing workshop students draw together on the gym floor from provided research materials and learn recommended coloring technique.
Fiber Arts	Virginia Handy 3503 Edwards Rd Sodus MI 49126-9707 616 925-3836	Virginia seeks to encourage students in the history of hand spinning, as well as in the art of natural dyeing and other related crafts.

Art of Nature	Linda Manguiat-Herzog 5265 Swallow Ave Kalamazoo MI 49009 269 353-8988 kmhpath@aol.com	Landscape or still life drawing and monoprint demonstrations, encouraging young people to appreciate nature, using it as an inspiration in their artwork.
Art Therapy	Gay Walker 9708 Sterling Rd Richland MI 49083 269 629-4349	Programs with activities designed to help children process and deal with death, illness, accidents, local/national tragedy, etc., or to encourage creativity through exploration and risk-taking.