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Concerts in the Park to be Live Streamed

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) has announced that their remaining performances for Concerts in the Park will be live-streamed rather than in-person events. Part of the ACGK’s Summertime Live series, Concerts in the Park is one of Kalamazoo’s long-standing traditions and is typically held in Bronson Park on Sundays throughout the summer.

Previous to the pandemic, the series drew hundreds of attendees to downtown Kalamazoo’s Bronson Park to hear a variety of music performed by local musicians. After great consideration, and to adhere to Governor Whitmer’s Executive Orders to help curb the spread of COVID-19, the decision was made to move Concerts in the Park to an online platform.

The ACGK has partnered with the Public Media Network to deliver the live stream. Musicians will perform live from the Jolliffe Theatre and be broadcast via an online live stream at www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park.

The first Concerts in the Park live stream took place Sunday, Aug. 16, with the Knific Quartet featuring Rhea Olivaccé performing.

The remaining two concerts will be held on the final two Sundays in August, both beginning at 4 p.m.

Motown, blues, jazz, and R&B cover band Airtight will perform on Aug. 23, while world music group Michigan Global Roots Celebration featuring An Dro, Samuel Nalangria Trio, and Michigan Hiryu Daiko Japanese Taiko, presented by Carolyn Koebel will perform on Aug. 30.

“As our world is constantly changing we have had to find new ways to adapt and I am pleased that while no longer in person, we are still able to deliver these concerts live to the community,” said Kristen Chesak, Executive Director of the ACGK. “We held our first live stream concert last weekend and received positive feedback. We would like to thank our generous sponsors and the Public Media Network for supporting Concerts in the Park and making the live stream possible.”

Concerts in the Park is sponsored by Encore Magazine, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, and City of Kalamazoo Department of Parks & Recreation.

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