Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces KADI 2020 Round II Grant Awards

KALAMAZOO, Mich.- The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is pleased to announce the Kalamazoo Artistic Development Initiative (KADI) Fiscal Year 2020 Round II grant recipients. Generously funded by the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, this grant is designed to support individual artists in their endeavor to develop themselves and their art through projects or professional development.

“We were excited to see an increase in applications for Round II and pleased that professional development opportunities are starting to pick up again for individual artists,” said Kristen Chesak, Executive Director at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. “It has been a long and difficult year for professional artists of all disciplines, and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo hopes that our funding will continue to support the endeavors that make Kalamazoo such a great place to live.”

“We hope our community will support these projects by enjoying the fruits of our artists’ hard work and creativity,” said Chesak.

The KADI grants are one of the only grant programs in the region that specifically supports individual artists. This opportunity is available to individual artists twice a year with deadlines in May and December. More information on this and other grants can be found at kalamazooarts.org/grants.

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<td>JayLashay Young</td>
<td>ASA! Instructor Certification - dance fitness certification to deliver a fun, safe environment to the Kalamazoo Community</td>
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<td>Gabriel Giron</td>
<td>Star Gazing - a state of the art visual animation reminding the world of the importance and significance of each and every one of our lives</td>
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<td>Chris Ludwa</td>
<td>Arise! A Cry for Racial Equity [World Premiere Recording &amp; New Composition] - a new text setting and performance of Bach’s immortal cantata which addresses the racial inequities that still exist</td>
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Shantese Robinson  Dance Figures - spreading cultural awareness on Black, influential dancers that have made a positive impact in dance for the Black community

Christopher Biggs  Biggs/Rathbun/Hebert/Hall Nodes Project - this group will commission, rehearse, record, release, and perform 50 minutes of music

Patrick Rodgers  Your Own True North – a photography project focused on finding a personal truth and path, both literally and figuratively

Paul Bauer  Small Sounds Presents: One-Minute Instruments - educational & engaging one-minute videos that explore the history, culture & sound of instruments from across the globe

Kellen Deau  Prolific - a "prolific" project "producing many works" exploring the wonder of femininity specific to pregnancy, birth, and motherhood

Adam Schumaker  Love, Death, Sleep, Money - an album of songs - the first professional full-length album of songwriter Adam Schumaker

Evgeniya Kozhevnikova  Lift Up Your Hearts - uplifting musical settings of historically underrepresented poets by Jane Kozhevnikova (recording and online release)

Aubrey Rodgers  Art of the Design Process: A Video Series - a series of videos documenting and teaching steps in the Design Process for the Kalamazoo Community

Julia Brown  Harvest - a new body of work based on experiences living and working on a local organic vegetable farm

Benje Daneman  Kalamazoo’s Kanola Band Debut Album Project Completion

Gina Greene  Wild Honey Yoga: Into Being - a series of creative and reflective yoga videos and self-care podcasts that invite us to tend to ourselves and our wholeness

If you are interested in learning more about the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, the artists, projects, or professional development opportunities listed above, please contact Kristen Chesak at: (269) 342-5059.

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The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo exists to infuse arts and culture into the commercial, educational, and creative economies of our region.

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