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## 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](http://kalamazooarts.org/grants).

Artist Name	Professional Development Opportunity or Project Title Description
Joshua Davids	STARworks Glass Residency - provides emerging artists a one-month term to develop new artworks and boost their careers
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JayLashay Young	ASA! Instructor Certification - dance fitness certification to deliver a fun, safe environment to the Kalamazoo Community
Gabriel Giron	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
Chris Ludwa	Arise! A Cry for Racial Equity [World Premiere Recording & New Composition] - a new text setting and performance of Bach's immortal cantata which addresses the racial inequities that still exist

*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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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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