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## 2020 Community Arts Awards Celebration Rescheduled

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.-** The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) is pleased to announce that the previously postponed 2020 Community Arts Awards celebration has been rescheduled and will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7 pm. The original awards reception was scheduled to be held in person on December 1, 2020 at the Wellspring Theater.

The April 14 celebration will premiere live on the Arts Council’s website at <https://www.kalamazooarts.org/2020-community-arts-awards/>. A digital program will be available for viewers to reference during the show. Credit for the video production for this event goes to the talented team at the Public Media Network.

“For over 35 years, the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo has been proud to recognize the exceptional artists, arts organizations, and arts supporters in the Kalamazoo area through the Community Arts Awards,” said Laura Latiolais, President of the Arts Council Board of Directors.

“Each honoree brings talents and skills that deepen the artistic richness of our community and we are grateful for their work. Congratulations to the nine winners of the 2020 Community Arts Awards.”

### 2020 Community Arts Awards Recipients

**Andrew Koehler** – Community Medal of Arts  
**Sandra Bremer** – Community Medal of Arts  
**Dr. Thomas G. Evans** – Community Medal of Arts  
**Shelby Alexander** – Adam F. Carter Young Artist Award  
**Fortitude Graphic Design** – Business Arts Award  
**Crescendo Academy of Music** – Epic Award  
**Michelle Stempien** – Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Award  
**Sonya Bernard Hollins** – Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Award  
**Kama Mitchell** – Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Award

*Full biographies of each of the recipients and award descriptions can be found on the ACGK website at <https://www.kalamazooarts.org/2020-community-arts-awards/>.*

The 2020 Community Arts Awards virtual celebration will feature speeches from award recipients and their nominators, as well as performances by Face Off Theatre Company, Farmers Alley Theatre, Jingqui Liu, Kalamazoo Chinese Academy, Kalamazoo West African Drummers, Last Gasp Collective, and Rooted Youth Dance Company.

Award recipients will receive an original piece of art commemorating their accomplishments. The recipient of the Adam F. Carter Young Artists Award will receive a scholarship to support the pursuit of higher education.

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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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