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## ACGK Concerts in the Park Series Kicks Off June 6 in Bronson Park

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.-** The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) is eager to announce the return of its **Concerts in the Park** series this summer in Bronson Park. Concerts in the Park is presented as part of **Summertime Live**, a collaborative effort across multiple organizations that will bring 43 concerts to six venues throughout Kalamazoo and the surrounding region from June through September.

Alternative Latin-rock collective, Cabildo, will kick off Concerts in the Park on Sunday, June 6, during **JumpstART Weekend**. Other regional acts set to perform this summer include reggae band INDIKA on June 27, and Shayna Steele, a country-gospel, soul & funk group on August 22.

Concerts in the Park will run on select Sundays June through August. All nine concerts start at 4 pm (unless otherwise noted) and are free to attend. A full list of additional Summertime Live concerts can be found online at: [www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/](http://www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/).

"It has been a long wait to be able to bring live entertainment back to our community, and I am so glad that our infection rates are down, vaccinations are progressing, mask mandates are lifting, and we will be able to enjoy the entertainment and each other in Bronson Park this summer," said Kristen Chesak, Executive Director of the Arts Council.

"We focused on programming a wide variety of entertainment and providing opportunities to our local arts organizations to perform outside for our community. For some of them it will be the first in-person performance since March 2020."

Local organizations slated to perform this summer include Kalamazoo Bach Festival, Kalamazoo Concert Band, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, and Kanola Band.

The ACGK is also proud to host Farmers Alley Theatre at Concerts in the Park for the first time. Farmers Alley Theatre will make two appearances, joining the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra on July 25 and then performing a solo engagement on August 15.

"Farmers Alley believes that music has healing powers and that the arts matter and are crucial to creating a joyous and thriving community," said the theatre's Artistic Director, Jeremy Koch. "We could not be more excited to be given such a wonderful platform to bring riveting Broadway music to Kalamazoo audiences."

Bronson Park is part of Kalamazoo's new Downtown Social District, so attendees can purchase food and drinks from any downtown restaurant and enjoy them in the park.

A full summer schedule and any location changes due to inclement weather can be found on the Art Council's website at [www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/](http://www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/). Location changes will be posted by noon of the day of the concert. The rain site for Concerts in the Park is the First Baptist Church, located adjacent to Bronson Park at 315 W. Michigan Avenue.

Concerts in the Park is sponsored by Encore Magazine, WMUK 102.1, the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, and the City of Kalamazoo Department of Parks & Recreation.

For inquiries about Concerts in the Park, please contact the Arts Council at [info@kalamazooarts.org](mailto:info@kalamazooarts.org).

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