The 2019 New Year's Fest Performance Grid

Updated 11/25/2019

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①	First United Methodist Church				Alan Smola		Patsy Cline Tribute Show			Alan Smola			Rod Stewart Tribute Show			Alan Smola			Elvis Tribute Show			Alan Smola			Alan Smola				
②	First United Methodist Social Hall				Zeemo the Magnificent				Zeemo the Magnificent				Zeemo the Magnificent			Zeemo the Magnificent			Zeemo the Magnificent									Vespers in the Chapel		
③	First Congregational UCC				Kenny Ahern		Who Hit John?		Kenny Ahern				Who Hit John?			Kenny Ahern			Who Hit John?			Kenny Ahern							
④	First Congregational UCC Social Hall						Samuel Nalangira			Mi Hiryu Daiko Drummers			Samuel Nalangira			Mi Hiryu Daiko Drummers			Samuel Nalangira			Mi Hiryu Daiko Drummers							
⑤	First Baptist Church	FP					WWU Brass Quintet			Crawlspace Eviction			WWU Brass Quintet			Crawlspace Eviction			WWU Brass Quintet			Crawlspace Eviction							
⑥	First Baptist Social Hall									LEGO City																			
⑦	Radisson | Kalamazoo Room				Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures		Ada LeAnn		Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures				Preston Magic Table		Ada LeAnn		Preston Magic Table		Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures			Ada LeAnn		Preston's Magic Show					
⑦	Radisson | Prairies Room				Keith Hall Quartet				Last Gasp Collective				Keith Hall Quartet			Last Gasp Collective			Keith Hall Quartet			Last Gasp Collective							
⑧	First Presbyterian Church				Clark the Juggler		Chris Kanpski Comedy		Clark the Juggler				Chris Kanpski Comedy			Clark the Juggler			Chris Kanpski Comedy			Clark the Juggler		Chris Kanpski Comedy					
⑨	First Presbyterian Social Hall				Out of Favor Boys																								
⑩	Kalamazoo Public Library				Once Upon a Princess | Hands-On Art for Kids 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.																										
⑪	Farmers Alley Theatre	FP			Jeremy Koch Broadway Show				Jeremy Koch Broadway Show							Jeremy Koch Broadway Show							Jeremy Koch Broadway Show							
⑫	Ladies' Library Association	FP			Hazeltree Music		Chase Gillin			Hazeltree Music			Chase Gillin			Hazeltree Music													
⑬	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts				Traditional Country Dancing				Skeletones				Traditional Country Dancing			Skeletones						Traditional Country Dancing			Skeletones				
★	Bronson Park				Tuba New Year 5:30-6:00 pm | Bittersweet Rides 5:30-10:00 pm | Gene Haulenbeek Caricatures 5:30-8:30 pm																											
	Bronson Park Celebration Tent				Vendors | Activities | Warming Tent																										
																Dancing with DJ Monte 8:30-11:45 pm														

BIDDERGY BALL DROP ● FIREWORKS

FP The Fast Pass has changed and it now requires that you sign up at www.newyearsfest.com for your advanced seating

ADMISSION BUTTONS

$7 ADVANCE SALE

(3 and younger are free!)
On December 31,
buttons sold in Bronson Park Tent for $10
(while supplies last)

BUTTON SALE LOCATIONS

Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center
210 Farmers Alley

Harding's Market & Marketplace
16 Locations

Kalamazoo Public Library
Downtown Branch—Circulation Desk
Oshtemo Branch—Customer Service Desk

Maple Hill Auto Group
5622 W. Main Street

Tuffy Auto Center
7027 S. Westnedge Ave.

Midtown Fresh Market
1693 S. Westnedge

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NEW YEAR'S FEST

210 Farmers Alley • Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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*Please observe parking signs, visit downtownkalamazoo.org for parking information.

NEW YEAR'S FEST

New Year's Fest is a performing arts festival started in 1985. New Year's Fest celebrates the power of cultural arts and the sheer enjoyment of a community gathering on New Year's Eve in the heart of downtown. It is designed to allow you to pick what you want to see. The performances are scheduled on a rotating basis with acts repeated throughout the night (typically lasting 30 or 45 minutes). Use the grid to plan out your schedule, circle your choices and also make a note of performances that might be your first and second choices. Since this is a volunteer-driven event, please take a minute to thank the nearly 300 volunteers it takes to host New Year's Fest. And, make sure to show them your button when you enter their performance sites.

Our downtown Bronson Park churches, the Kalamazoo Public Library, Farmers Alley Theatre, Ladies' Library Association, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and The Radisson are pleased to open their doors to New Year's Fest and the community as a way to support our performing arts and community celebration. As a guest, please respect these facilities. Many businesses, individuals, and foundations provide the financial support to cover nearly 80% of the cost for hosting this event. This fabulous support makes it possible to provide a general admission button for only $7 (advance sales). If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the Information Tent in Bronson Park or visit our website, www.NewYearsFest.com.

New Year's Fest is an independent 501(c)(3) organization run by the Board of Directors. These dedicated volunteers work throughout the year to plan and raise the money needed to support this event.

The 2019 New Year's Fest Board of Directors are:
Larry Potter, Dave Overton, Brenda Keelan, Steve Ellis, Elizabeth Start, Chris Shook, Sid Ellis, Michael Palmer, Dan Bunker, & Michael Deaton.

GREAT WAYS TO ENJOY THE FEST

New Year's Fest features a phone app that will help guide you through the evening's entertainment schedule. The app is free and can be downloaded through Apple or Google Play. Search for New Year's Fest and then download.

New this year, we will be launching an electronic reservation system through Local Hop. Once buttons go on sale, you will be able to sign up for a reservation where you see the FAST-PASS icon. Going to www.newyearsfest.com you will be able to click on the icon which will give you a direct link to the reservation system. You simply follow the prompts to obtain a reservation . Then with that printed ticket you will receive priority entrance for the shows. This ticket can be presented in a printed or "on your phone" format. FAST-PASS tickets are only valid for the specific time and performer listed on the pass. The FAST-PASS ticket still requires an admission button, and all seating is open on a first-come, first-served basis.

We recommend that you check the www.NewYearsFest.com website for updates regarding performances, locations, and any programming changes that happened between the time of this brochure's printing and December 31. Please watch for no parking signs when attending.

FOOD MENUS

Prices posted at each site serving food; menus subject to change.

Site #2: First United Methodist Church - hosted by the United Methodist Women - sloppy joes, chips, drinks, desserts

Site #9: First Presbyterian - Hosted by The Youth Group hot dogs, brats, nachos, chips, desserts, beverages

Site #12: Ladies' Library Association - sandwiches (vegetarian option), desserts, coffee, hot chocolate

Bronson Park:

- Ibison Concessions - pizza, sloppy joes, fries, elephant ears, hot chocolate, coffee, cider
- Big Moe's Barbecue - serving barbecue and side dishes

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NEW YEAR'S FEST DOWNTOWN KALAMAZOO

Performing Arts Festival

December 31, 2019

Indoor Performances
$7 Advanced Admission

MH Maple Hill auto group

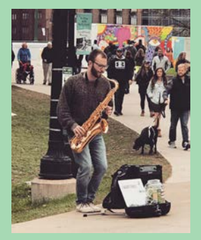
www.NewYearsFest.com

DUOS, TRIOS, QUARTETS, THEATRE AND MORE!

Jeremy Koch Sings Broadway
Farmers Alley Theatre
6:00 | 8:00 | 10:00 p.m.
If you love broadway musicals, you'll love hearing them sung by award-winning actor and singer, Jeremy Koch! Enjoy songs from Les Miserables, Jersey Boys, The Bridges of Madison County, a Disney Medley and more!
Fast Pass at www.NewYearsFest.com

MI Hiryu Daiko
First Congregational UCC Social Hall
7:00 | 9:00 | 11:00 p.m.
The mission of MI Hiryu Daiko (MI Flying Dragon Drummers) is to educate and entertain children and adults in Michigan by introducing them to the 2000 year-old authentic art of Taiko from Japan. Performances are dynamic and exciting, with great audience appeal.

WMU Brass Quintet
First Baptist Church
6:00 | 8:00 | 10:00 p.m.
Founded in 1966, the Western Brass Quintet is one of the most distinguished brass chamber music ensembles still active in the United States today. The ensemble has performed around the world including concert tours in Russia, Thailand, China, Sweden, and Germany.



Chase Griffin
Ladies' Library Association
6:45 | 8:30 p.m.
Chase Griffin is a solo saxophonist currently attending Western Michigan University. He plays recognizable pop songs and likes to play on the streets or local open mics. Singing through his saxophone is his favorite thing to do. Watch as he touches the audience in the way he projects emotions with his music.
Fast Pass at www.NewYearsFest.com

Keith Hall Quartet
Radisson Prairies Room
6:00 | 8:00 | 10:00 p.m.
The Keith Hall Quartet includes dynamic world-class performers, most of whom also teach at Western Michigan University. Saxophonist Andrew Rathbun, Pianist Matthew Fries, Bassist Andy Peck, and Drummer Keith Hall will perform jazz standards, new original compositions and a few fun surprises!

Hazeltree
Ladies' Library Association
5:45 | 7:30 | 9:15 p.m.
Hazeltree's Happy Trad Music New Year performance is a trad music ensemble of close harmonies, guitar, mountain dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, whistle, banjo, and drum. Join them as they perform traditional songs and tunes from Ireland, England, Scotland, and America.
Fast Pass at www.NewYearsFest.com

Tuba New Year
Bronson Park
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Watch as more than 30 members from all over the Midwest come together for an incredible experience and festival tradition. Hear the booming and thundering of Tuba New Year as they produce electrifying sounds, providing the perfect way to kick off the evening's celebration.

Crawlspace Eviction
First Baptist Church
7:00 | 9:00 | 11:00 p.m.
Back by popular demand, this improv and sketch comedy group will give you a laugh. They have been entertaining the Kalamazoo area since 2003 and, if you've got a funny bone, they will find a way to aggravate it in all the right ways!
Fast Pass at www.NewYearsFest.com

Magician Alan Smola
First United Methodist Church
5:30 | 7:15 | 9:00 | 10:45 p.m.
Don't blink or you'll miss it. Combining brand new magic and non-stop ridiculous comedy, this fast-paced show will have you on the edge of your seat from start to finish.

Out of Favor Boys
First Presbyterian Social Hall
7:15 | 8:45 | 10:15 p.m.
Out of Favor Boys has evolved from a blueish trio into a blues staple in Southwest Michigan. A night with Out of Favor Boys will get you a mix of blues favorites and original music of four CDs.

The Last Gasp Collective
Radisson Prairies Room
7:00 | 9:00 | 11:00
The Last Gasp Collective is a Kalamazoo based hip-hop band. Their music is infused with notes of jazz, gospel, and rock.

Clark The Juggler
First Presbyterian Church
5:45 | 7:15 | 8:45 | 10:15 p.m.
Clark the Juggler presents an action-packed show set to a dynamic rock soundtrack. Watch in awe as he juggles, balances, performs flow art, daring stunts, and all things beyond the ordinary.

SPECIALTY ACTS, DANCING AND TRIBUTE SHOWS

Traditional Country Dancing
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
5:45 | 7:45 | 9:45 p.m.
Would you care to dance? Bring a partner, or find one here! This is a lot like the dancing you've seen in Civil War or Jane Austen movies -- but friendlier, and more fun! Wear removable layers and comfy shoes. Karen Dunnam leads traditional

The Skeletones
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
6:45 | 8:45 | 10:45 p.m.
Watch one of the best R&B bands in Southwest Michigan and dance all night to the best dance party music around.

Who Hit John?
First Congregational Church
6:15 | 8:00 | 9:45 p.m.
Who Hit John? have been performing, jamming, busking around southwest Michigan since 2006. They've brought their energetic and original old time sound to bars, basements, street corners, and concert halls. Joined together by a love for acoustic music, this derelict group of misfits and prophets are intent on taking the world by storm one song at a time.

Chris Karpinski's Comedy Thing
First Presbyterian Church
6:30 | 8:00 | 9:30 | 11:15 p.m.
Born of the question, How's that comedy thing going? Chris Karpinski's Comedy Thing could be stand-up, storytelling, improv or mediocre magic. It's all about getting the audience to laugh. Watch for a special appearance by Marvin Mooseman.

Greg Lester's Puppet Adventure
Radisson Kalamazoo Room
5:45 | 7:15 | 9:30 p.m.
Greg Lester specializes in live puppet shows, featuring Jack and the Beanstalk. Adventure with Jack on his magical journey up the bean stalk.

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT A SHOWTIME

Lego City
First Baptist Social Hall
5:45 - 9:30 p.m.
Visit an amazing Lego City, made of more than 300,000 tiny building blocks of all shapes, sizes, and colors, with trains rolling around on Lego tracks. The Lego City display contains 55 Lego buildings, trains, and action figures. The display was designed and created by David Kohrman and Jason Spears.

Bitter Sweet Acres Belgians
South Street by City Hall
5:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Enjoy the sounds of gentle horse hooves as you ride through the sights, sounds and festivities around downtown Kalamazoo. Continuous carriage rides start in front of City Hall, taking you on a route throughout the streets of downtown.

Gene Haulenbeek's Caricatures
Radisson - Meadows Room Hallway
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Gene has been creating art his whole life, but started his own business creating amazing caricatures in 1990. Come see yourself turned into an incredible caricature!

Once Upon a Princess
Kalamazoo Public Library
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Join storybook characters from Once Upon A Princess for an enchanted evening of events! Singing, dancing, and storytelling for families and children with an opportunity for photos and autographs before and after all performance times.

DJ Monte
Bronson Park Celebration Tent
8:30 - 11:45 p.m.
They call it urban line dancing, and it is easy to do because you dance in a line with lots of other people. Oh, and you laugh too. Plus, with DJ Monte Janssen making the calls, anyone can do it.

Zeemo The Magnificent
First United Methodist Social Hall
6:00 | 7:15 | 8:30 | 9:45 p.m.
Zeemo does it all! With over 200 different yo-yo tricks in his repertoire, Yo-Master Zeemo performs a fast-paced one man circus act filled with tricks, classic juggling, precarious balancing stunts, and dazzling magic. Zeemo's zany personality and flare for excitement entice every audience.

Ada LeAnn
Radisson Kalamazoo Room
6:30 | 8:30 | 10:15 p.m.
She may be 14 but after you hear her vocals you may not believe it. Ada LeAnn showed off her incredible voice at the Battle of the Bands competition this past summer and won the opportunity to perform at New Year's Fest. Ada performs covers - mostly country, modern or classic. She is also a song writer and is scheduling the release this fall of her original music.

Donny Rod Tribute Shows
First United Methodist Church
6:15 | 8:00 | 9:45 p.m.
The Donny Rod Show is a special salute to three different tribute artists. Check the website and grid for specific times that Kelsey Rose (tribute to Patsy Cline), Donny Rod (tribute to Rod Stewart), and Elvis Kelly (tribute to Elvis) will be performing.

Kenny Ahern
First Congregational UCC
5:30 | 7:15 | 9:00 | 10:45 p.m.
Get ready to laugh, giggle, chortle, guffaw! Join Kenny in a hilarious world of playful pandemonium, where the audience happily becomes partners in play with his lovable, eccentric character. In his performance, to Laugh is to Live! Kenny pairs extraordinary artistry with delightfully daring antics in a heartwarming performance few can resist.

Samuel Nalangira
First Congregational UCC Social Hall
6:00 | 8:00 | 10:00 p.m.
Samuel Nalangria is a folk/world musician, dancer, and choreographer who has been performing since his childhood. He is a multi-instrumentalist and a master at many traditional instruments. Get ready to dance and most importantly have fun as Samuel leads the way.

The Magic of Preston Lyford
Radisson Kalamazoo Room
8:00 | 9:00 | 11:00 p.m.
*other times might be offered.
Preston's witty banter, comedic timing, and audience engagement are sure to pull you in. His relentless pursuit of illusions, both close up and on stage, will leave you wondering "How'd he do that?"

Biddergy Ball Drop
Bronson Park
11:45 p.m.
Biddergy will feature the return of a sustainable ball drop from nearly 200 feet. Following the ball drop, the sky above will become alive with celebration exactly at midnight with a fireworks show brought to you by Pfizer Inc.!