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### **NEW YEAR'S FEST**

New Year's Fest is a performing arts festival, started in 1985, making the fest 39 years old. New Year's Fest celebrates the power of cultural arts and the sheer enjoyment of supporting artists through a community gathering on New Year's Eve, in the heart of downtown. We depend on the community to support this event through participation, volunteering, financially donating, or sponsoring the event. Every year, we are honored to present this event that is designed by and for the community.

Make sure to check out the website for up-to-date information on performances. We are hoping to add performances as space becomes available, and we are looking for ways to enhance popup events in Bronson Park. Buttons are limited this year due to space restrictions, so make sure to get your buttons early.

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 2024 New Year's Fest Board of Directors are: Larry Potter (President), Dan Bunker (Vice-President), Brenda Keelan (Treasurer), Steve Ellis (Secretary), Michael Deaton, Sid Ellis, Sariah Metcalfe, Adam Ostrander, Elizabeth Start, and Chris Shook.



























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# **GREAT WAYS TO ENJOY THE FEST**

New Year's Fest website is filled with information about how to enjoy the festival. We recommend using the "Entertainment Page" to reference the performances. These pages, by category, provide information about the artists and the opportunity to direct link to their social media pages. Then, we suggest that you used the performance grid to plan out what performances you want to see, and in what order due to the timing of the performances. We recommend actually circling the performances on the grid.

Please check the website, NewYearsFest.com for updates regarding the food trucks in Bronson Park, performances, locations, and added live music on the Stage in Bronson Park.





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The 2024 New Year's Fest Performance Grid

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# TUBAS, PARK PERFORMERS, LEGOS, BALL DROP AND THE FIREWORKS



The event starts with Tuba New Year performing from the Bronson Park stage at 6 p.m. for a 45 minute concert performing the Harvey Phillip's Tuba Christmas. This is a special musical performance from a score that is only played in Kalamazoo on New Year's

Another tradition of New Year's Fest is the presentation of Lego City. Children and adults alike are surprised by the resemblance to our own Downtown Kalamazoo. Lego City is scheduled for KNAC from 6:15 to 9: p.m. If you



have never seen it, it is indeed impressive and a great celebration of everyone's favorite childhood toy: Legos! A holiday classic and must see site at NYF!

One of the last programs to be scheduled are the live performances from the Bronson Park Stage. If the weather prediction is on the "warmer side" then bands will be scheduled to perform from the stage. Please check the website for an update on the music schedule.



The Ball Drop is a favorite of New Year's Fest and thanks to the support of Mavcon, Biddergy, and MacAllister Rentals, the traditional celebration of count downs happens just before midnight. Most people gather on Church Street, but we encourage people to join us around the stage in Bronson Park to help celebrate the coming of a new year. The fireworks will kick off at the stroke of midnight with a show

that can be seen throughout downtown. The impressive fireworks display has been a tradition at New Year's Fest and serves as a community gathering to welcome in the New Year.

### **ENJOYING THE FEST**

New Year's Fest is designed to be an event that allows you to enjoy all of downtown and visit a restaurant or take advantage of the downtown Social Districts. As we get closer to December 31, we will update the website information about restaurants, Central Commons/Social District beverages, and food trucks in Bronson Park. New this year, there will be an eating tent in Bronson Park. Please note that Central Commons beverages are welcome in the outdoor (tent) venues, but are not allowed in the indoor venues.

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### MUSIC, BANDS, AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT - NEW YEAR'S FEST 2024

Magician Alan Smola First United Methodist Church 6:00, 7:45, 9:30, 11:15 p.m.

Don't blink, or you'll miss it. Combining brand-new magic and nonstop, ridiculous comedy, Magician Alan Smola's fast-paced show will have you on the edge of your seat. He comes back to Kalamazoo, despite all the big corporate shows he does each year, because he is a NYF staple!





Ventriloquist Richard Paul First United Methodist Church Social Hall

6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 p.m.

He's That Funny Puppet Guy.

A high energy, funny family show mixes puppets, magic, music, and a whole lot of audience participation. Children, teens, and adults will be laughing out loud and thinking, "This guy has too much time on his hands."

#### Ariel, Rapunzel, Spiderman Bronson Park Heated Tent 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Olivia Grace & Company is honored to add some magic to New Year's Fest. They work to create the highest quality character entertainment in the world! Ariel, Rapunzel, and Spiderman will make your experience as memorable as possible. And, they love to sign autographs, visit, and take pictures.





Zion Lion
First United Methodist Church
6:45, 8:30, 10:15 p.m.
Zion Lion is a multi-talented
Kalamazoo-based band playing
music from the Caribbean and
African diasporas, i.e. reggae,
steel pan, calypso, soca, and zouk.
You will certainly be in the mood
to dance or tap your feet to the
rhythms! Yeah mon'

# WMU Broncords Presbyterian Church

6:45, 8:30, 10:15 p.m.
Established in 2007, The WMU
Broncords is Western's very own tenor/bass A Cappella group.
Open to all majors and identities, the WMU Broncords sing and perform pop music in various new and exciting arrangements.
To see more of what they do, follow them on our social media!



# Work in Progress Radisson Ballroom

9:45-11:00 p.m.
Work in Progress is
Kalamazoo's R&B Motowr
& Blues Band. The
amazing sound, their
harmony, and connection
to what Motown is and
can be is what makes this
band one to remember.
Plus their style is one to
remember.



#### Selkie First Presbyterian Church Social Hall 6:15, 7:30, 8:30 p.m.

The three multi-instrumentalists in Selkie play in the Celtic tradition and beyond. They write music inspired by Michigan's natural places, sing in Gaelic, French and English, and can play dance music for days.

#### DJ Monte Bronson Park Heated Tent 8:30-11:45 p.m.

It's time to close out 2024 with DJ Monte. Under the heated tent, it's a place to stop in, enjoy great music, celebrate the ability to do a few dance moves, and then keep visiting all the great venues and artists. The music will warm you up.



### The Rebel Eves

6:45, 8:30, 10:15 p.m.
Comprised of three Michigan bred award winning songwriters, Katie Pederson, Grace Theisen and Jilian Linklater have spent the better part of the last decade writing, touring, and harmonizing across the country with successful solo careers. With a motto of connection over perfection, in less than one year the trio has reached new heights in their collaboration, outselling venues. Percussionist Carolyn Koebel will be

playing with the Rebels for the night.



Clark Lewis
Presbyterian Church
6:00, 7:45, 9:30, 11:15 p.m.
Clark Lewis is a juggler, stunt
performer, and all-around
showman. Hailing from the dark
forests of Northern Michigan. he
has honed his craft from an early
age, with specialties in juggling,

extreme balance stunts, sideshow,

and music.

# Oba the Artist Radisson Ballroom | 6:15-7:00 p.m.

In a single, one-time-for-the-evening show, Sidney "Oba" Ellis will be performing a comedy show. Oba the Artist has been in the Kalamazoo comedy scene for a long time, and this is a show that will make you laugh and think.



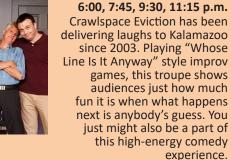
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Since coming together in 2003, the Out of Favor Boys have evolved into a blues staple in the region. OFB won the 2017 West Michigan Blues Society Blues Challenge, winning the right to represent WMBS in the

International Blues Challenge in

Memphis in 2018.



# Crawlspace Eviction





6:15, 8:00, 9:45 p.m.
Sophia's originals are fresh, talented pop music with very seasoned vocals. In addition to writing her own music,
Sophia has enjoyed co-writes with two-time Grammy Award Winner Rebecca Lynn Howard, Industry legend Rick Beresferd, newcomer Linde LaChance, and Brian Maher.



# Bootstrap Boys City Centre-2nd Floor

From Mich bringing music so of tradition they' their end

From the heart of Grand Rapids, Michigan, The Bootstrap Boys are bringing a fresh sound to the country music scene. With their unique blend of traditional country and modern rock, they're captivating audiences with their energetic live performances and heartfelt lyrics.

#### Gemini Moon KNAC Social Hall 7:00, 8:15, 9:30 p.m. Joe Chamberlin formed

Joe Chamberlin formed Gemini Moon becuase it is soulmates bound by music. It's a combination of fresh interpretations of classic and moderen covers and guitardriven originals with male/female mixed harmonies.

