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Tickets are Selling Like Hotcakes!

Over 250 tickets have been sold. Get your tickets now and save.

The Stuart Historic Homes Tour is just over 5 weeks away and we are looking forward to welcoming all the tour attendees to our neighborhood on Saturday & Sunday, October 4 - 5, from 12:00 - 5:00 pm each day. The momentum and energy around this event continues to build with more ticket sales, more sponsorships, and more partnerships with local businesses across Kalamazoo. Here is a sneak peak into three more tour homes.



The Loveland-Curtenius House (1909)

The unique style of this home is Mission, achieving its greatest popularity in the southwestern United States. This home was completed in 1909 for William and Ada Loveland. William was a prominent Kalamazoo businessman who became the president and general manager of the Watervliet Paper Company. In 1922, the home was sold to Alfred and Aimee Curtenius and they lived in the home until 1931. Alfred was a six term city commissioner.



The Arthur-Pratt House (1890)

Built by Arthur Pratt in 1890. Pratt operated a large "Road Cart" Business, where he made wagons and Road Carts. He then expanded his business and formed a partnership in 1893, naming it "Specialty Manufacturing Co. Pratt lived in the home until the late 1890's, and then moved into his private residence on South Street, which is now occupied by "The Park Club". This brick Queen Anne features a rounded bay window, stained glass, a grand staircase with a prism-glass rounded window, and also had a "dumbwaiter" when originally built.



The Kalamazoo House Bed & Breakfast, David Lilienfeld House (1878)

Built by David Lilienfeld in 1878. This home has both Italianate and Queen Anne architectural features, including large decorative brackets, an Asymmetrical Facade, and decorative window headers and casings. It remains as one of the last homes in the 300 block of South Street. David, a wealthy German immigrant, with his brother William owned the D. Lilienfeld & Brothers Cigar Company. This home was scheduled to be demolished in 1985, but was saved through the efforts of Lou & Annette Conti. Today, it is called "The Kalamazoo House", and operates as a Bed and Breakfast.

Next month The Stuart Mansion and The Kate Austin House will be featured. Click [here](#) to buy your Historic Homes Tour tickets today!



The Historic Homes Tour Will Turn Historic Porches & Patios into Performance Stages

MUSIC STOP | IMPHORMAL



Imphormal

Michael Jon DeHays is a freelance electric cellist, composer and recording engineer from Mishawaka, Indiana. His time is spent composing music, recording and mixing audio at Kickstart Studios, or performing on electric cello as Imphormal. Outside of music, he loves architecture, being in nature and is a member of the "Computer Geek, Tech-head Club of Michiana". His musical journey began with the cello at age 8 and grew to include the bass guitar. Additionally, service in the United States Air Force provided a solid education in analog and digital electronics which he promptly applied to audio engineering, recording, and performance technology. His compositions draw on inspiration from a wide variety of musical and non-musical genres. Inspirations include the works of Frank Lloyd Wright, Rudy Van Gelder, Vince Guaraldi, and Piero Umiliani. Michael has also long been surrounded and inspired by the arts and culture of Japan. This has a way of arising in compositions and mixing with his mainstream American roots. Michael and Imphormal can be reached at www.imphormal.com or via email at imphormal@startmail.com

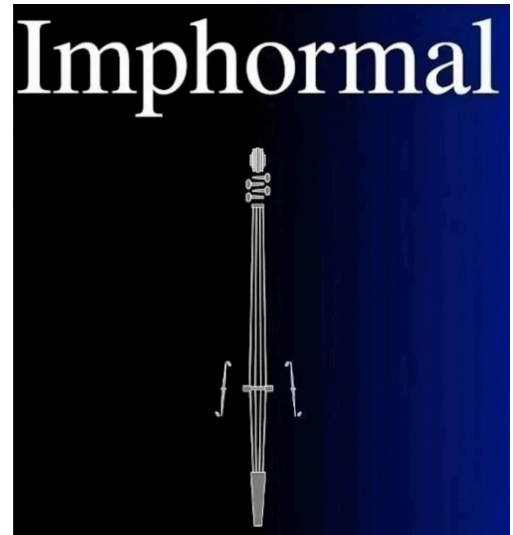
The Stuart Historic Homes Tour will be turning historic porches and patios into stages for local musicians to perform for the hundreds of tour attendees strolling through the streets of the historic districts of Kalamazoo. The tour will have three Music Stops that include a line up of over 10 musicians and bands.

MUSIC STOP | Imphormal

MUSIC STOP | Ray Bro, Hopie Jo, Church Creep, Caitlin Brooks

MUSIC STOP | Kalamazoo Music School

In this month's newsletter, the first two Music Stops listed above will be featured. The Music Stop - Kalamazoo Music School will be featured in our September Newsletter as well as the venues of all three music stops.



Imphormal is scheduled to perform on both days of the **Historic Homes Tour** on **Saturday & Sunday, October 4 - 5 between 12 - 5 pm.**



The Historic Homes Tour Will Turn Historic Porches & Patios into Performance Stages (continued)

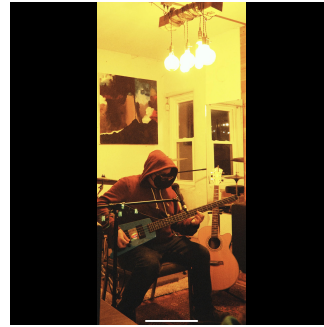
MUSIC STOP | RAY BRO, HOPIE JOE, CREEP CHURCH, CAITLIN BROOKS



Ray Bro



Hopie Jo



Creep Church



Caitlin Brooks

Ray Bro moved to Kalamazoo in August of 2021, and is blown away by the acceptance they've received from the community here. They are a talented singer, songwriter, and performer with a Bachelor of Music from Baldwin Wallace University. They host the open mic at Dormouse Theatre the last Wednesday of every month, and they're the Music Promoter at Dormouse Theatre. Ray is also a certified life coach through Upbuild, and looks forward to growing their client base in the coming months. Ray's music genre can be described as folk/indie/pop, which for now is fronted by Ray on guitar and vocals. In the near future, Ray is looking forward to getting their band, "Ray Bro and the Bush Administration", back up and running! Ray wants to thank the Stuart Historic Neighborhood for having them!

MUSIC STOP SCHEDULE

Sat, Oct 4, 12:30 - 2:00 | Ray Bro

Sat, Oct 4, 2:30 - 4:00 | Hopie Jo

Sun, Oct 5, 12:30 - 2:00 | Creep Church

Sun, Oct 5, 2:30 - 4:00 | Caitlin Brooks

Active since New Year's Day, 2012, **Creep Church** is a prolific composition project originally based in Providence, RI (now Kalamazoo, MI). Creep Church has been sharing their evocative, minimalist instrumentals throughout West Michigan beginning in 2018 and has opened for artists as diverse as Kee Avil and Speedy Ortiz. Described as cinematic by more than one listener, Creep Church utilizes solo guitar to create soundtracks for indie films that have yet to be produced.

Hopie Jo is a gender-fluid singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist with over a decade of experience performing music around the US Midwest and Pacific Northwest. Named appropriately for their fun and quirky stage presence, Hopie's music is expressive, whimsical, and playful with streaks of sadness and deep vulnerability. With nature-focused themes and emotive lyrics, Hopie invites themselves and us all on the journey toward self-acceptance and self-love. Her more recent work has been described by friends as meditative and spacious, allowing the listener to step into the present moment. You will find this guy crooning right into your heart!

Caitlin Brooks, born in Kalamazoo and raised in Richland, is largely self-taught in guitar and saxophone, supplementing her skills with sporadic private clarinet, saxophone, and guitar lessons. Originally trained classically, Brooks explored rock, blues, and jazz, culminating in the development of her unique neo-soul style, characterized by the fusion of rock's driving rhythms, blues' expressive phrasing, and jazz's rich harmonies. Brooks' warm, punchy alto voice enables her to create songs that appeal broadly.

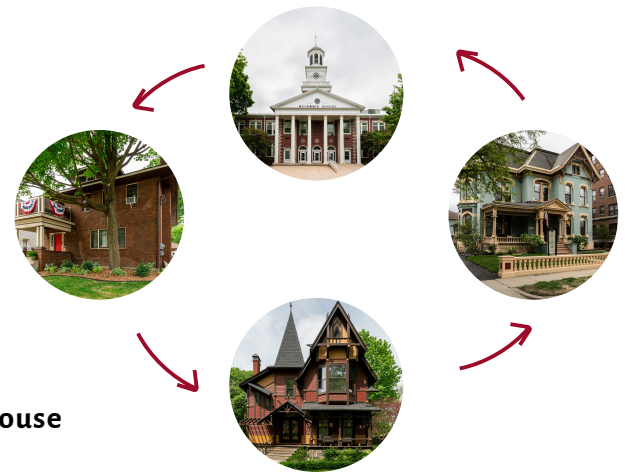


Navigating the Historic Homes Tour

Navigating the Historic Homes Tour just got a whole lot easier. A tour bus service has been added to make it more convenient and efficient to visit all the tour homes. The Tour Bus will make a continuous loop to transport tour attendees to three of the tour homes that are further than a block away from the Tour Headquarters.

The four stops the Tour Bus will make are the following:

- **The Tour Headquarters, Woodward Elementary School**
- **The Bolender-Todd Home**
- **The Chappell-Stewart Home**
- **The Kalamazoo House Bed & Breakfast, David Lilienfeld House**



Restaurant Stops on the Historic Homes Tour



The Stuart Historic Neighborhood Association wants tour attendees to experience all the great things that Kalamazoo, Michigan has to offer while they visit for the Historic Homes Tour. We have partnered with eight local restaurants that we highly recommend checking out whether for a quick bite between tour homes or drinks and dinner after a full day of exploring the historical destinations of Kalamazoo.

- Ice Cream Social, Will be stationed outside the Tour Headquarters, Woodward Elementary School on Oct. 4 and 5th
- Comensoli's
- Five Lakes Coffee
- Bell's Brewery
- WL Social House
- Martini's Pizza
- HUB Tavern & Grill
- Tacos El Perico
- WL Social House





Historic Homes Tour Sponsors & Partners

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Woodward Elementary School

Tour Homes & Owners

The Katie Austin House

The Bolender House

The Chappell-Stewart House

The French Allen House

The Kalamazoo House Bed & Breakfast

The Loveland-Curtenius House

The Arthur L. Pratt House

The Stuart Mansion

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