

## **Young Artist Award**

The Young Artist Award, instituted in 1996 by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, is designed to encourage and recognize the next generation of artists in the community. Nominations for the honor are reviewed by a panel of arts educators. The winner is selected from graduating high school seniors who are nominated by their arts teacher or director as a Young Artist and who then are recognized in the Kalamazoo Gazette. Seniors who have participated in the Michigan Youth Festival also are eligible.

### ***Kjartan Code***

Kjartan Code, the son of David and Karin Code, is a 2008 graduate of Portage Northern High School. He works in various art forms, including photography, painting, sculpture, video and film, and 2-D and 3-D art. Code received the Juror's Award in the 2008 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts High School Area Show and also has been awarded numerous scholarships to attend national arts camps for visual arts as well as music. He has attended arts programs at Kendall College of Art and Design, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Education for the Arts, the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Code will attend the State University of New York (SUNY) at Purchase and study visual arts in the fall.

### ***Anthony J. Hamilton***

Anthony Hamilton is a 2008 graduate of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix High School. He is the son of Khalimah Williams of Kalamazoo. Hamilton made his debut at age 10 at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre in a youth production and has returned to the Civic stage at least once each year since.

He is an accomplished singer, actor, dancer and choreographer. He has performed in the honors choir of the Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival, won first place vocalist in the United Teen Talent Show for outstanding performer, and twice has received gold medals in the NAACP's Local ACT-SO competition. Hamilton will attend Western Michigan University in the fall.

### ***Kathryn Timm***

Kathryn Timm, a 2008 graduate of Schoolcraft High School, will be pursuing her love of visual arts when she attends Central Michigan University this fall. The daughter of Pat and Jerry Timm. She is the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships including Schoolcraft High School's Top Ten award. An avid photographer, Timm works in other media as well, including charcoal drawing, painting, print making and ceramics. In addition to her art studies at Schoolcraft High School, she has studied at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and through Education for Employment and Education for the Arts. She also has participated in two Kalamazoo Art Hop exhibitions.

Other honorees at the Community Arts Awards gala will be Community Medal of Arts winners Raymond Harvey and Judy Jolliffe, Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service winner Richard Tomlinson, and Business Arts Award winner TSI Consulting Partners, Inc. All honorees will be awarded during a ceremony at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre on the evening of September 11, 2008, and the ceremony is free and open to the public.

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