



To commemorate 100 years since Latvia declared its independence the Kalamazoo Latvian Association is celebrating at **Western Michigan University**. The weekend has received support from the Ministry of Culture of Latvia.

Program

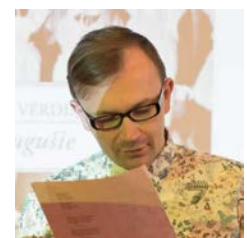
Saturday, March 24

At the Richmond Center for Visual Arts at WMU – Room 2008

- 12:00 Registration
- 12:30 Introduction
- 12:45 Mark Svede – Latvia Lately: Recent Contemporary Art and Its Institutions
- 1:45 break
- 2:00 - Linda Treija –Generations of Latvian Artists in North America: Similarities and Differences
- 3:00 break
- 3:15 - Kārlis Vērdiņš – Queer and Transgender Representation in Latvian Émigré Literary Culture
- 4:30 Lectures conclude

At the Kalamazoo Latvian Center – 100 Cherry Hill St. - \$30/\$15

- 6:00 Cocktail hour
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Concert – Juris Ķeniņš, cello and Gunta Laukmane, piano



Sunday, March 25

At the Richmond Center for Visual Arts at WMU – Room 2008

- 1:00 Juris Ķeniņš - You Probably Know a Latvian Musician
- 2:15 break
- 2:30 Pre-concert talk

At the Dalton Center - Recital Hall

- 3:00 Latvian Centennial Concert - WMU University Chorale and University Symphony Orchestra



Exhibits

Signs for Those Seeking Light –at the Richmond Center - Rita Grendze’s art exhibition of Latvian tablecloth designs made from pages of books hangs in the atrium

Treasures of Latvia - at the Richmond Center – 15 Latvian companies working in the U.S. and 5 other “treasures” from Latvia

Sharing our Stories: The Baltic Diaspora at Home in Canada - at the Kalamazoo Latvian Center – oral histories of Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Baltic German seniors on what it means to be Baltic, and the experience of migration and settlement

Registration and payment for dinner

Though most of the events are free, please register ahead of time, as we will have nametags and need to plan refreshments. Send in the paper registration form or register online at <http://kalamazoolatvians.com/centennial-arts-weekend/>

Cost: \$30 (\$15 students) for dinner and the concert Saturday night, the rest is free

3 ways to pay:

1. Pay online <http://kalamazoolatvians.com/event-payment-page/>
2. Mail in check to “Kalamazoo Latvian Association” to
100 Cherry Hill St. Kalamazoo, MI 49006
3. Cash, check or charge at the door - **but please pre-register!**

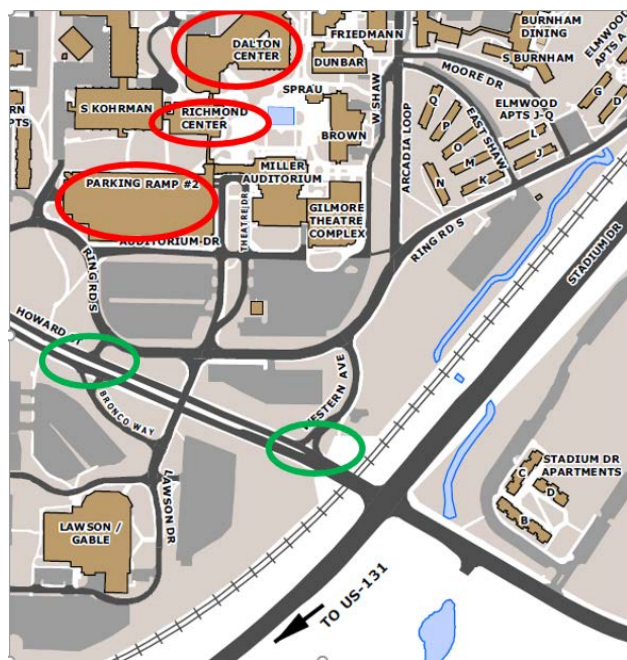
Map and parking instructions

Enter campus from Howard Street at one of the two points in the green circles on the right side map.

Parking for visitors to Western Michigan University is available free on weekends in the Parking Ramp, but **only in the W sections**. They will ticket you for expired meters or parking in other areas.

From the second floor of the parking ramp there is a bridge that will take you right into the Richmond Center and it goes through to Dalton Center.

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