

**KALAMAZOO BLUES FESTIVAL
MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote, educate, and preserve the rich history of blues music as it concerns Kalamazoo and its impact on American culture and commerce in musical arts and industry.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Kalamazoo Blues Festival is a non-profit endeavor established to present a historical American art form. the blues, as a musical expression, celebrates the human experience in the glorious rebirth from struggle. In addition, the Kalamazoo Blues Festival has come together to present the recognition of 100 years of guitar making in Kalamazoo County. Kalamazoo has played a vital role in the origins and historical importance of world class manufacturing.

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY BLUES ASSOCIATION
(KVBA) BY LAWS**

Adopted for Summer Festival 1995

ARTICLE I--ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Kalamazoo Valley Blues Association (KVBA). It shall be incorporated as a Michigan non-profit corporation under public act 162 of 1982. Furthermore, it is organized with an educational status under Internal Revenue code Section 501 (c) (3) and Section 23701 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

ARTICLE II--PURPOSE

The KVBA has been organized to:

- *promote blues appreciation by sponsoring concerts, festivals, and community events.
- *foster greater awareness, education, and love of blues among young people.
- *cooperate and correspond with other blues-oriented groups locally and around the world.
- *exchange ideas and information that will enhance the program locally and nationally.
- *provide an opportunity for blues fans to meet and enjoy the fellowship of others with similar interests.

ARTICLE III--MEMBERS

Any person who shall appear at the annual meeting shall be deemed a member. Members may vote for the Board of Directors at the annual meeting and are welcome to attend all subsequent Board of Directors meetings.

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