



Arts & Culture

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Detroit Public Theatre
3960 Third Ave., Detroit, MI 48201

- 8:30 a.m. **Class Arrival & Breakfast by Hightower's Catering**
- 9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks: Dorian Grey**, Senior Director, Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Detroit Regional Chamber
- 9:05 a.m. **Ryan Myers-Johnson**, Executive Director, Sidewalk Detroit
- 9:35 a.m. **Break**
- 9:50 a.m. **Center Stage Detroit**
Juliano Bitonti, Director of Development, Detroit Opera
Harriet Carter, Senior Vice President, Destination Services, Partnerships & Events, Visit Detroit
Terry Rhadigan, Advisory Board Chair, Detroit Sports Commission, LD 18
Moderator: **Dexter Mason**, Executive Director, Change Collective; Board Member, Detroit Opera; Development Committee Member, Detroit Institute of Arts
- 10:35 a.m. **Break**
- 10:50 a.m. **State of the Arts: A Snapshot of Arts and Cultural Impact in Michigan**
Annamarie Borucki, Interim Executive Director, Detroit Cultural Center Association
Alison Watson, Director, Michigan Arts & Culture Council
Moderator: **Adam DesJardins**, Arts & Culture Program Officer, Fred & Barbara Erb Family Foundation, LD 46
- 11:35 p.m. **Performances**
- 12:20 p.m. **Lunch by Mezcal**
- 1:15 p.m. **Rhythms of Resilience: Detroit's Musical Legacy**
Paul Barker, Director of Development, Motown Museum
Michelle Jahra McKinney, Co-Director, Detroit Sound Conservancy
De'Sean Jones, Conductor, Composer, Founder, Urban Art Orchestra
Moderator: **Michelle Johnson**, Senior Program Officer, Detroit Program, The Kresge Foundation, LD 46
- 2:00 p.m. **LD 46 Talent Showcase Rehearsal and Setup Time**
- 3:00 p.m. **LD 46 Talent Showcase and Performances**
- 4:45 p.m. **Wrap-Up**
- 5:00 p.m. **Social Hour – Barcade 666 Seldon Street Detroit MI 48201**
- 6:30 p.m. **End of Session**