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## Island art reflects diversity

"Island Reflections: The Contemporary Art of Curaçao" celebrates the art and culture of the island of Curaçao by focusing on 10 studio artists who live and work on the small Caribbean island located just off the coast of Venezuela. The exhibit opens Aug. 19 at Deprea Art Center and Gallery at Hope College in Holland.

Curator Susan Wilczak first traveled to Curaçao in January 2010 and returned a year later to attend an art exhibit at the Curaçao Museum.

"These visits opened my eyes to not only a historical legacy of artistic achievement on Curaçao but also to a large, diverse and prolific contemporary community of artists, working at a high level in a variety of media and styles," Wilczak said. She selected five men and five women using a variety of mediums, including painting, sculpture, photography, installation and video.

The artists' reflections are a result of the diversity of the history of the island: Dutch influences, multi-cultural influences, slavery, politics, religion, trade, industry, natural environment and island life itself.

Wilczak said the exhibit will "enhance the efforts of Hope College to bring diversity to the College and to the community."



NW. Tickets TBD (356-2000, [www.thebob.com](http://www.thebob.com)).

**Aug - HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE**  
Thru Aug 11, "Return to the Forbidden Planet," an intergalactic comedy. Thru Aug 12, "Children of Eden," a Biblical musical adventure. Thru Aug 13, "I Remember Mama," a Norwegian family relocates to San Francisco. All three: DeWitt Theatre, 141 E 12th St. Holland. Aug 1-10, "Guy on Ice," comedic musical. Knickerbocker Theatre, Holland. All shows 8 pm. \$20-\$26 adults, \$17-\$24 seniors, \$10 children 18 and younger (box office, 616-395-7890 or [www.hope.edu/hsrt](http://www.hope.edu/hsrt)).

**Thru Aug 7 - "FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE":** Mason Street Warehouse presents a musical of high-energy jazz and dance. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. 400 Culver St. Saugatuck. \$36.50-\$39.75 adults, \$33-\$36.50 seniors and students, \$26 Sun matinee (269-857-4898 or [www.masonstreetwarehouse.org](http://www.masonstreetwarehouse.org)).

**Aug 11-27 - "SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR":** Circle Theatre presents a romantic comedy about a love affair between two people, married to others, who rendezvous once a year. 7:30 pm, 5 pm Sun. Aquinas College PAC, 1607 Robinson Rd SE. \$25 (456-6656, [www.circletheatre.org](http://www.circletheatre.org)).

**Aug 12-28 - "THE 39 STEPS":** Mason Street Warehouse presents a fast-paced production with more than 150 characters in a comedic whodunit. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. 400 Culver St. Saugatuck. \$36.50-\$39.75 adults, \$33-\$36.50 seniors and students, \$26 Sun matinee (269-857-4898 or [www.masonstreetwarehouse.org](http://www.masonstreetwarehouse.org)).

**Aug 12-28 - "BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY":** The story of the three years in which he became the world's top recording artist, with more than 20 of his greatest hits. 7:30 pm, 2 pm Sun. Red Barn Theater, 3657 63rd St at Blue Star Hwy. Saugatuck. \$25 (269-857-5300 or [redbarnsaugatuck.com](http://redbarnsaugatuck.com)).

**Aug 20 - RIVER CITY IMPROV:** Calvin College alumni improv team weaves skits, games and songs with audience suggestions. 6:30 pm doors open, 7:33 pm show. Gezon Auditorium, Calvin College, 3201 Burton St SE. \$9 (at door or Calvin box office), [www.rivercityimprov.com](http://www.rivercityimprov.com).

**Aug 25-28 - "HALCYON/ENDYMION":** Star Turn Players present two one-act musicals based on Greek mythology, written by Joel L. Schindlbeck and Christian Vigrass. 8 pm Thu-Sat, 3 pm Sat and Sun. Dog Story Theater, 7 Jefferson Ave SE. \$12 adults, \$8 students and seniors (894-1252 or [www.dogstorytheater.com](http://www.dogstorytheater.com)).

**Aug 31-Sep 4 - SCOTT NEVIN'S ONE NIGHT STAND:** Standup comedian presents inside Hollywood gossip, personal anecdotes and vocal impressions. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St. Saugatuck. \$36.50-\$39.75 adults, \$33-\$36.50 seniors and students, \$26 Sun matinee (269-857-4898 or [www.masonstreetwarehouse.org](http://www.masonstreetwarehouse.org)).

## Museums & Attractions

**Aug - AIR ZOO:** More than 50 rare aircraft, plus exhibits, educational activities, full-motion flight simulators, 4-D Missions Theater, Magic Plane Space Ball, Zero G, Michigan Space Science Center. 9 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, noon-5 pm Sun. 615 Portage Road, Portage, (269) 382-6555, [www.airzoo.org](http://www.airzoo.org). See website for admission prices.

**Aug - BINDER PARK ZOO:** Aug 6-7, Reptile Weekend. Aug 7, Breakfast for the Animals. Aug

13, Savanna M Play Day; bage Overnight Safari on a Summer natural, lush Wild Africa e pm Sat, 11 am seniors, \$10.95 Division Dr, B binderparkzoo

**Aug - BLAND**  
Grand Rapids town GR (\$3). (\$3). Aug 25, Wild Foraging tems, trails, r Buildings (log schoolhouse). pm Mon-Fri. Tr Hillburn Ave NW center.org. Fre

**Aug - CAPPON**  
Restored Capp home of Holla Holland. Tiny of early settler pm Fri and Sat. Museum. (616) org.

**Aug - COOPER**  
2-Sep 30, Quilt Annual Tractor tractors from 100-year-old ba pm Tue-Sat. \$ 3-18, under 3 fr 8555, [www.coc](http://www.coc)

**Aug - COOPER**  
stored 1920s-e rides at 11 am adults, \$9.50 2-12, under 2 f Aug 13: one-ho \$7.50; 30-min \$4, 311 Danfor advance tickets

**Aug - DEGRAA**  
for kayaking e Bees (\$3). Aug 27, Hypertufa includes Interp mals, SkyWatc cies. Trails ope Tue-Fri, 10 am holidays. 600 C 1057, [\*\*Aug - FREDER\*\*  
\*\*TURE PARK:\*\* A exhibits includ Farm Garden, 3 nature trail, tra has sculpture carnivorous pla and gift shops. Tue, 11 am-5 pm students with 1000 East Beltl gardens.org.](http://www.deg</a></p>
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**Aug - GERALD**  
exhibits include White House Ov House. 9 am-5 college student