

# Naturally Connected

## Final Arts Midwest - World Fest LADAMA is bringing Latin Pop to Albion this April!

April 2025

The final Arts Midwest World Fest experience is coming this April with the Latin pop music of LADAMA.



Arts Midwest World Fest - LADAMA

LADAMA is an ensemble of female musicians from across the Americas who write and arrange original music influenced by music from their respective countries, Colombia, Brazil, and Venezuela, to create a unique sound with universal appeal. As well as performing as a touring band, LADAMA strives to engage youth in their respective communities in the process of music-making, composition and audio production through collaboration and performance workshops celebrating cultural exchange as a source for creativity. With rhythm and percussion driving their original compositions sung in Spanish, Portuguese and English they combine disparate, traditional roots music with pop.

During their weeklong residency in Albion, LADAMA will offer workshops throughout Marshall Public Schools, community venues such as Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum, Stirling Books & Brew, Forks Senior Center, and Albion District Library, and conclude their week with a live performance at 3PM April 19th at the Bohm Theatre.

Throughout the three-year Arts Midwest partnership, Albion has experienced five other groups including the Alaskan Inuit group: Pamyua, Ghanaian musician: Okaidja Arfroso, Brazilian band: Paulo Padiha e Bando, Taiwanese group: A Moving Sound, and Jordanian performer: Farah Siraj. Sam Porter, local guide and ambassador for each group, shared "it has been a privilege taking all the World Fest groups around our community. It is exciting to see our community members experience different cultures through music, as well as the interest and engagement our youth have with each performer."

The Arts Midwest World Fest programming may be coming to an end, but the enjoyment and immersive experience is not! The Albion community has enjoyed the culture sharing experience of World Fest so much that an Albion spin-off is in the works! Expect the same great experience of student involvement, community workshops, and final performances. The goal is to launch Albion World Fest this fall, stay tuned for more information!

## Exciting Updates at INNOVATE Albion

INNOVATE Albion has started a new construction plan – the installation of an elevator!

This addition will ensure that the entire building is accessible to all and create easier transportation for some of the larger and heavier robots.

With the support of the Albion Community Foundation and former State Representative Jim Haadsma's office, INNOVATE Albion was able to raise the needed \$450,000 investment to complete this project. Executive Director, Caroline Hurteau shared her sentiments around the project. "The installation of this elevator will ensure that our entire building is accessible to all regardless of their physical limitations leaving no one behind when it comes to experiential STEM education. This project has been in the works for several years and we are elated to have broken ground. We expect to take our first ride on the elevator in August 2025."

INNOVATE Albion is a center for robotics and advanced engineering located in the heart of downtown Albion.

More exciting installation updates to come!



Located at 200 W Center Street



## Available Units with the Albion Housing Commission

The Albion Housing Commission is accepting applications for 3 and 4 bedroom units. Applications can be picked up in person at 1300 Copper Street, or printed from [albionhousingcomm.com](http://albionhousingcomm.com).

Office Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30A - 4:30P  
(Closed 12P - 12:30P for lunch)  
Tuesday - 12P - 4:30P  
Closed Thursday



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# On the Hunt with Albion Eggstravaganza

**The History**  
 Since 2019 Albion Eggstravaganza has created joyous memories for Albion's youth through the largest egg hunt in the community. When the City of Albion announced the cancellation of the egg hunt in 2019, a group of Albion High School (AHS) Alumni, including Nathan Fuentes, jumped into action to give back into the community. Through fast donations and a quick park reservation, the first year of the Albion Eggstravaganza was underway with about 50 participants.

Since 2019, the event has grown tremendously. In 2024, the event had nearly 600 people with over 300 baskets, 20 bikes/scooters, and more than 12,000 filled eggs. The continued goal of the organizers is to provide each child with a basket, toy, or prize in addition to the eggs they collect.

The organization itself has changed too! Beginning with the impact of AHS Alums, Albion Eggstravaganza is now a 501c3 non-profit so more businesses can participate with the excitement.

**The Details**  
 Soon after Easter ends, the shopping for baskets for the next year begins. That's how long the preparations last to create this amazing hunt. From there, the non-profit begins their large haul shopping for basket items and candies about 6-8 weeks prior to the event. This is nothing compared to the work on the day.

Dependent on the quantity of volunteers, it can take a few hours to stuff over 12,000 eggs, plus a few hours to scatter eggs, arrange baskets and bikes, and start the grills for the free food afterwards. For the time put in, Albion Eggstravaganza shared that the eggs will be picked up in within minutes!

This year the non-profit is aiming to have over 15,000 eggs, making it one of the biggest hunts in the state!



**The Impact**  
 Albion Eggstravaganza continues their work because the individuals want to continue to provide a special event to the Albion youth and community at large. It is also a fun way for community members, businesses, AHS Alum, and past residents to give back.

If you are looking to support Albion Eggstravaganza, they are always looking for donations: monetary, unopened bags of Easter candy for the eggs, new eggs, small toys, crayons, chalk, books, and other items that can fit in Easter baskets. Volunteers are always needed on the event! To learn more about how you can support contact Albion Eggstravaganza via their Facebook page or at albioneggstravaganza@gmail.com.

**This year's Albion Eggstravaganza is April 19th at 12PM in Victory Park.**

*Capturing Albion*  
**COMMUNITY PHOTO CONTEST**  
 Celebrate Albion with a three part photo contest at Pure Albion!  
 ROUND 1  
**GROWTH & VIBRANCY**  
 Submission Deadline  
 APRIL 15TH  
 SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS HERE!  
 PURE ALBION  
 Questions? Contact info@purealbion.com

*Mark your calendars!*  
**NEIGHBORHOOD clean up**  
 CURBSIDE PICK - UP ONE DAY ONLY  
 Scan for a list of Accepted & Not Accepted Items!  
 All Items must be curbside by 7AM, please do not put out items prior to June 14th.  
 SATURDAY  
**21 JUNE**

**4th of July Fireworks Fundraiser**  
**2025 Goal: \$18,000.00**  
 Donations can be dropped off to:  
 P.O. Box 238, Albion MI 49224  
**GREATER ALBION**  
 Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

**DDA Façade Grant Deadline - April 30th**  
 Downtown Albion businesses, get support with façade improvements through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)'s façade grants.

**Run Albion: Run the Rock 5K**  
 Race by Albion College's iconic campus rock as you run or walk a 5K! Strollers and dogs welcome. Registration required. Visit [runalbion.com](http://runalbion.com) to register prior to the race, or register on-site.  
 APRIL 25  
**RUN ALBION**

**Friday bohmnite**  
 10PM APRIL 25TH  
 \$5 PER TICKET

**BROADWAY at the Bohm**  
 1PM Saturday, April 12th  
 Timeless treats & a classic musical!  
 \$25 per ticket.  
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 Signature Series

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**Read more stories here.**  
 Scan the QR code to read more stories on the Downtown Albion website.  
**Have an upcoming community event?** Share it with [ambassador@albionfoundation.org](mailto:ambassador@albionfoundation.org)! We love including all events on the newsletter, online calendar, and social media pages.



To submit feedback or information contact [ambassador@albionfoundation.org](mailto:ambassador@albionfoundation.org).



# April 2025

Upcoming Events

## TUESDAY

**1**  
**9A - 4P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**6P** Magic: The Gathering Club  
*Albion District Library*  
**7P** "T-Time Tuesdays" Movie Series  
*Bohm Theatre*

## WEDNESDAY

**2**  
**10:30A** Spring Break: Escape Rooms  
*Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum*  
**12P** Documentary Series  
*Albion District Library*  
**4P** Men's Baseball  
*Albion College*  
**4P** Albion Knitters  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**6P** Zumba  
*The Body Shop*

## THURSDAY

**3**  
**9A - 4P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**5:30P** Kai Time  
*Albion District Library*  
**5:30P** Euchre Night  
*Albion District Library*  
**6P** "This Is Not My Hat" - A Storywalk at Whitehouse Nature Center  
*Meeting at Albion District Library*  
**6P** Beginners Vinyasa Flow  
*The Body Shop*  
**7P** "A Year to Save the Earth" Concert  
*Albion College Norris 101*

## FRIDAY

**4**  
**10A** Make Your Own Marble Maze  
*Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum*  
**1P - 3P** AHCA Community Table of Albion Food Pantry  
*Albion College Wesley Hall*  
**4P** Men's Baseball  
*Albion College*  
**5P - 7P** St. John Church Lenten Fish Fry  
*St. John Church*  
**2P - 8P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*

## SATURDAY

**5**  
**10A - 2P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**1P** Blues Workshop  
*Dickerson Music Co.*  
**1P** Dungeons & Dragons Club  
*Albion District Library*  
**1P** Coffee Hour with Jim Haadsma  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**1P** Men's Lacrosse  
*Albion College*  
**1P** Really Really Free Market  
*Albion District Library*

## SUNDAY

**6**  
**9A** Restful Zen Beginners  
*The Body Shop*  
**1P & 3P** Women's Softball  
*Albion College*

## MONDAY

**7**  
**10:30A** Children's Story Time  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**7P** Blues @ The Bohm with Mandalyn and the Hunter  
*Bohm Theatre*

**8**  
**9A - 4P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**3P - 5P** AHCA Community Table of Albion Drive-Thru Distribution  
*Albion College Wesley Hall*  
**3P & 5P** Women's Softball  
*Albion College*  
**4P** Women's Tennis  
*Albion College*  
**4P & 6P** Boys Varsity Baseball  
*Marshall High School*  
**4P & 6P** Girls Varsity Softball  
*Marshall High School*  
**4:30P - 6P** Albion After Hours (Greater Albion Chamber)  
*Bohm Theatre*  
**6P** Writing Circle  
*Albion District Library*  
**7P** Women's Lacrosse  
*Albion College*  
**7P** "T-Time Tuesdays" Movie Series  
*Bohm Theatre*

**9**  
**5A** Beginners Vinyasa Flow  
*The Body Shop*  
**12P** Documentary Series  
*Albion District Library*  
**4P** Men's Tennis  
*Albion College*  
**4P** Track Meet  
*Marshall High School*  
**5P** Girls JV Soccer  
*Marshall High School*  
**6:30P** Girls Varsity Soccer  
*Marshall High School*

**10** Albion College Purple & Gold Weekend  
**8A - 5P** Annual Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium  
*Albion College Science Complex*  
**9A - 4P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**4P** Girls Varsity Tennis  
*Marshall High School*  
**4P & 6P** Girls Varsity Softball  
*Marshall High School*  
**4P & 6P** Boys Varsity Baseball  
*Marshall High School*  
**6P** Open Study Group  
*Albion District Library*  
**6P** Yarn Craft Club  
*Albion District Library*  
**7P** Student Leadership Awards  
*Albion College Kellogg Center*  
**7:30P** Sam Shepard's TRUE WEST  
*Albion College Herrick Theatre*

**11** Albion College Purple & Gold Weekend  
**2P - 8P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**5P - 7P** St. John Church Lenten Fish Fry  
*St. John Church*  
**6:30P** Friday Trivia hosted by Julia Mulkey  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**7:30P** Sam Shepard's TRUE WEST  
*Albion College Herrick Theatre*

**12** Albion College Purple & Gold Weekend  
Marshall High School Sports Fest  
**TBA** Men's Lacrosse  
*Albion College*  
**TBA** Girls Varsity Tennis  
*Marshall High School*  
**8:30A** HEM Spring Hunter Show (Horses)  
*Albion College Equestrian*  
**9A** Girls Varsity Tennis  
*Marshall High School*  
**10A** Girls Varsity Softball  
*Marshall High School*  
**10A - 2P** Galleries Open  
*Bobbitt Visual Arts Center*  
**11A, 1P, & 3P** Boys Varsity Baseball  
*Marshall High School*  
**12P** Women's Lacrosse  
*Albion College*  
**1P & 4P** Men's Baseball  
*Albion College*  
**1P & 3P** Women's Softball  
*Albion College*  
**1P** Broadway at the Bohm - Grease - reserve your seat  
*Bohm Theatre*  
**1P** Precinct 3 Coffee and Conversation  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**2P** Sam Shepard's TRUE WEST  
*Albion College Herrick Theatre*  
**7:30P** Sam Shepard's TRUE WEST  
*Albion College Herrick Theatre*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>9A</b> Restful Zen Beginners <i>The Body Shop</i></p> <p><b>2P</b> Songwriter Justin Loukotka <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>10:30A</b> Children's Story Time <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Girls Varsity Tennis <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> Tax Day</p> <p>Round 1: Capturing Albion Community Photo Contest Deadline <i>Pure Albion</i></p> <p><b>9A - 4P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>3P - 5P</b> AHCA Community Table of Albion Drive Thru Distribution <i>Albion College Wesley Hall</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Men's Baseball <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Girls Varsity Softball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Boys Varsity Baseball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>4:30P</b> Track Meet <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> World Fest Workshop <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>7P</b> "T-Time Tuesdays" Movie Series <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>12P</b> Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Men's Baseball <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Women's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Albion Knitters <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Women's Lacrosse <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Zumba <i>The Body Shop</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9A - 4P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>11A</b> World Fest Workshop <i>Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum</i></p> <p><b>2P</b> World Fest Workshop <i>Forks Senior Center</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Boys Varsity Baseball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Girls Varsity Softball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Girls JV Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Family Game Night <i>Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum</i></p> <p><b>5:30P</b> Euchre Night <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> World Fest Workshop <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Beginners Vinyasa Flow <i>The Body Shop</i></p> <p><b>6:30P</b> Girls Varsity Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> Good Friday</p> <p><b>8A - 9A</b> Eggs &amp; Issues (Greater Albion Chamber) <i>Freeway Church</i></p> <p><b>1P - 3P</b> AHCA Community Table of Albion Food Pantry <i>Albion College Wesley Hall</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>9A</b> Member Mornings: Easter Egg-stravaganza <i>Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum</i></p> <p><b>10A</b> Girls JV Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>10A - 2P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>11A</b> Women's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>11:30A</b> Girls Varsity Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>12P</b> Albion Eggstavaganza <i>Victory Park</i></p> <p><b>1P</b> Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>1P &amp; 4P</b> Men's Baseball <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>3P</b> World Fest Concert <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Men's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>7P</b> 420 Eve Party with M.A.P. Trio <i>Albion Malleable Brewing Co</i></p>
<p><b>20</b> Easter Day</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>10:30A</b> Children's Story Time <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> Earth Day</p> <p><b>9A - 4P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>3P - 5P</b> AHCA Community Table of Albion Drive Thru Distribution <i>Albion College Wesley Hall</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Girls JV Softball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Boys JV Baseball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Women's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Girls JV Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Women's Lacrosse <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>7P</b> "T-Time Tuesdays" Movie Series <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>11A - 1P</b> St. James' Spring Salad Bar Luncheon <i>St. James Episcopal Church</i></p> <p><b>12P</b> Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>4P</b> Men's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>7P</b> Men's Lacrosse <i>Albion College</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>9A - 4P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>11A</b> How to Identify and Report Scams - RSVP <i>Forks Senior Center</i></p> <p><b>12P - 2P</b> Economic Club Luncheon (Greater Albion Chamber) <i>Location TBD</i></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Boys Varsity Baseball (Marshall High School) <i>Played at Albion College</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Girls Varsity Softball (Marshall High School) <i>Played at Albion College</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Open Study Group <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Classics Reading Group <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Beginners Vinyasa Flow <i>The Body Shop</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>9A</b> Boys Varsity Golf (Marshall High School) <i>Played at Marshall Country Club</i></p> <p><b>1P</b> Lunchbox Series (Greater Albion Chamber) <i>Location TBD</i></p> <p><b>2P - 8P</b> Galleries Open <i>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center</i></p> <p><b>2P &amp; 5P</b> Men's Baseball <i>Albion College</i></p> <p><b>3P - 6P</b> There's Enough Pop-Up <i>Tennant Hall</i></p> <p><b>6:30P</b> Run Albion: Run the Rock 5K <i>Downtown Albion - Ash St</i></p> <p><b>6:30P</b> Friday Trivia hosted by Jim Whitehouse <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>10P</b> bohmnite - Friday <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>10A</b> Floor Pilates (Free Trial Class) <i>The Body Shop</i></p> <p><b>10A - 6P</b> Independent Bookstore Day <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>2P - 3P</b> Chess 101 Class <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>3P</b> Stirling Chess Club <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>8P</b> Swamp Gas plays The Albion Moose <i>Albion Moose</i></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>9A</b> Restful Zen Beginners <i>The Body Shop</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>10:30A</b> Children's Story Time <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Girls JV Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>6:30P</b> Girls Varsity Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>4P &amp; 6P</b> Boys JV Baseball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Beginners Yoga &amp; Floor Pilates <i>The Body Shop</i></p> <p><b>7P</b> "T-Time Tuesdays" Movie Series <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>12P</b> Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p><b>5P</b> Cardio Drumming <i>The Body Shop</i></p> <p><b>6P</b> Zumba <i>The Body Shop</i></p>	<p><b>Bobbitt Visual Arts Center Exhibits</b> Thru April 25, 2025 Munro &amp; Dickinson Galleries: Annual Senior Showcase &amp; Symposium Galleries will be closed Friday, April 18th</p>		