

Partnerships: Getting Others to Help Tell Our Story

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ArtPrize

- Mission: Be a catalyst for collisions and connections between artists and communities, for the sake of infusing vitality and courage into culture.
 - 19 days
 - 192 venues
 - 1,713 artists; 1,200 pieces of art
 - 200,000+ visitors--of those, 50% non-residents



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ArtPrize

- Partnership
 - Free rides for wristband holders
 - Park and ride opportunities
 - Introduced our trip planner
- Benefits
 - Significant press coverage
 - Tie in to a popular local event
 - Wristband ridership—48,000+

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Buzz

- “We’re really thrilled to have such great partners [like The Rapid] so thank you for your support.” Rick DeVos, founder of Art Prize
- “We’re really thrilled to have such great partners [like The Rapid] so thank you for your support.” Hank Meijer, CEO, Meijer

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Local First Partnership Programs

- Local First is a non-profit membership organization to “encourage the development of a vibrant, sustainable West Michigan economy by promoting local business ownership, social equity, and environmental stewardship through education, support and collaboration.”
- Over 600 members in 23 industry categories



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Group Ad Discounts

- 20% discount on published ad rates for all Local First members
- Applies to interior and exterior, but not bus wraps
- Must display the Local First logo on the ad to be eligible



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Local First Members in Trip Planner



Trip Planning

The Rapid's Trip Planner shows you step-by-step how to reach your destination within our service area. Tell us where you're starting and where you're going, and we'll do the rest.

PLEASE NOTE - You can enter a specific day and/or time to plan a trip in advance (under "show options"). If you do not enter a day or time, the trip planner will give you the information for the next available scheduled trip. **We strongly encourage planning your trip in advance as not all routes run on all days and times.** If you have additional questions or need more information, please call our Information Line at 776-1100. Actual times can vary due to weather, traffic conditions, or other circumstances. Please allow extra time.

- A [Art]
- A to Carte Advertising
- Abney Charter Academy
- American Fitness Partners
- Art Addition and Oddities
- Art Additions & Oddities
- Art is Food at 139 Sheldon
- Art of the Table
- Ar/seen Food
- Arts Council of Greater GR
- Beene Garder LLP
- Cambridge Apartment
- Campus School Of Arts & Literature
- Catalyst Partners
- Coit Arts & Science Academy
- Coit Creative Arts Academy
- Echo A Brand Rinehart Salon
- Flower Designs by Marty LLC
- From the Heart Yoga Center
- Grand Rapids Art Museum
- Grand Rapids Art Museum - Exhibition Center
- Grand Rapids CC - Collins Art Gallery
- Grand Rapids Police Department



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