



### WELCOME TO A **SPECTACULAR** NEW SEASON OF PERFORMANCES

Welcome to a new season of entertainment at Midland Center for the Arts! I hope you will be as excited as I am about the art and artists who will be joining us in Mid-Michigan this year. I really believe we have a little something for everyone – comedies full of side-splitting humor; enthralling music; high energy Broadway shows; intimate dramas. Whatever you need to enrich your life in the coming year, I think you will find something here.

I also want to say a big thank you to you – our subscribers. We know that you take a risk with us. You commit to your tickets early, you take a chance on that show you may not be too sure about, and you support our programming. We not only offer you our sincere thanks, but also special perks, including ensuring you get the best seats, the lowest prices, and plenty of flexible exchange privileges.

Finally, I want to offer both a thanks and an invitation. Some of you are also donors to the Center and we are so appreciative of that support. We are able to connect visiting performers, local artists, exhibitions, and other education programs with over 4,000 students from around the region, only through the support of our generous donors. Many of those students are from underserved populations and our programs offer experiences they rarely have access to. So, if you are not yet a donor, I invite you to join us. If you already are a donor, please consider increasing your support of these vital opportunities. Our donors share special opportunities for gathering together, perks in our donor lounge, parking benefits, and many more opportunities. See page 15 for more details.

Thank you again for subscribing. I look forward to seeing you at the Center soon!

Jon Loos President & CEO

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# "HILARIOUS, SPLASHY AND UNMISTAKABLY BY TINA FEY!"

#### Mean Girls

FEB 9, 2024 / 7:30 PM FEB 10, 2024 / 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Direct from Broadway, MEAN GIRLS is the hilarious hit musical from an award-winning creative team, including book writer TINA FEY ("30 Rock"), composer JEFF RICHMOND ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist NELL BENJAMIN (LEGALLY BLONDE) and director CASEY NICHOLAW (THE BOOK OF MORMON).

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naïve newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

New York Magazine cheers, "MEAN GIRLS delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." USA Today says, "We'll let you in on a little secret, because we're such good friends: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!"

"By far the funniest musical of the year!" - Chicago Tribune

YOU CAN SIT WITH US.

#### Annie

MAR 8, 2024 / 7:30 PM MAR 9, 2024 / 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. Little Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production – just as you remember it and just when we need it most.

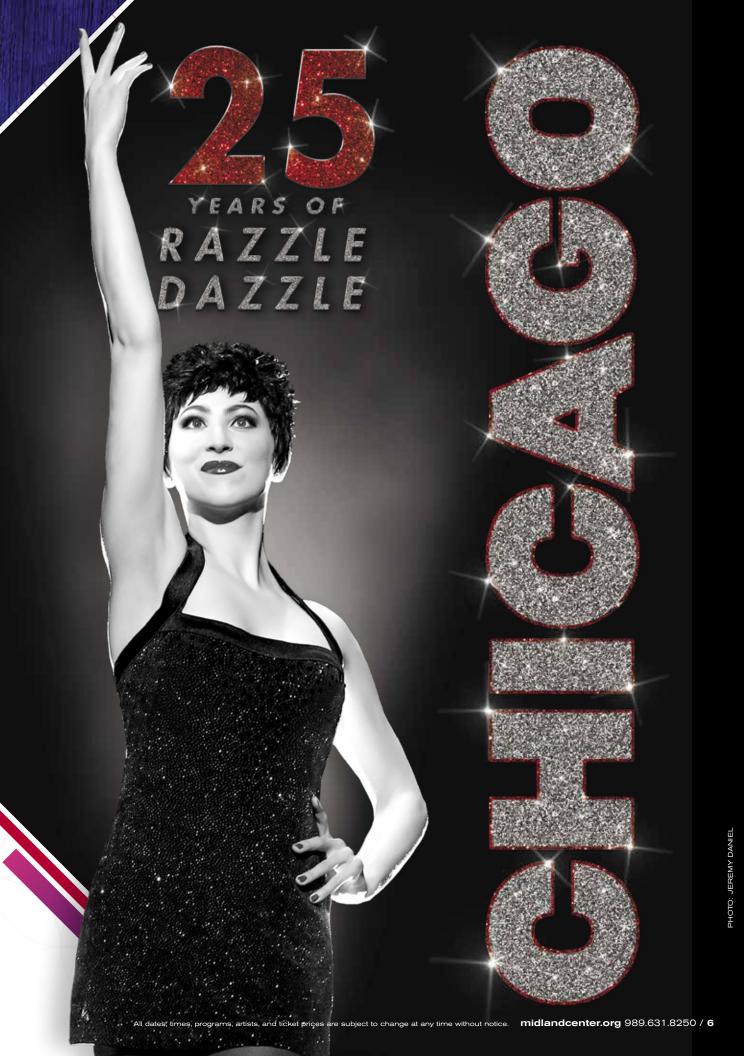
ANNIE, directed by Jenn Thompson, features the iconic book and score, written by Tony Award®-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin. This celebration of family, optimism and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way...

"Overflowing! BIG, warm-hearted and funny!" - New York Post

> 19ve Dream HOLIDAZE Cirque Dreams Holidaze NOV 17, 2023 / 7:30 PM NOV 18, 2023 / 2 PM & 7:30 PM

> > CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE dazzles with a brilliant and whimsical family holiday spectacular. This annual tradition wraps a Broadway-style production around an infusion of contemporary circus arts. As lights dim and the music swells, audiences will have visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads as a fantastical cast of holiday storybook characters come to life on stage. With an original music score, twists on holiday classics sung live, and with new sets, scenery, and storylines, this ultimate holiday gift for the entire family is sure to put a twinkle in your eye!

"Lose yourself for 90 minutes and go back to those wonderful dreams you had as a kid!" - Broadway World





SEP ON SOLIO

# THE REMARKABLE TRUE STORY

"A celebration of the best of humankind."

- The Daily Beast

#### Come From Away

APR 1, 2024 / 7:30 PM APR 2, 2024 / 7:30 PM

THE TRUE STORY OF THE **SMALL TOWN** THAT **WELCOMED THE WORLD**.

Broadway's COME FROM AWAY is a Best Musical winner all across North America!

This *New York Times* Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.

Don't miss this breathtaking new musical written by Tony nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein, and helmed by Tony Award®winning Best Director, Christopher Ashley. *Newsweek* cheers, "It takes you to a place you never want to leave!"

On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all.

#### Chicago

MAY 17, 2024 / 7:30 PM MAY 18, 2024 / 2 PM & 7:30 PM

A UNIVERSAL TALE OF FAME, FORTUNE & ALL THAT JAZZ.

After 25 years, CHICAGO is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one show stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. No wonder CHICAGO has been honored with 6 Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy, and thousands of standing ovations. As they celebrate their 25th anniversary, you've got to come and see why the name on everyone's lists is still ... CHICAGO.

Time Magazine calls it "A Triumph," Newsweek raves "Smashing" and Entertainment Weekly sums it up by calling CHICAGO "Broadway's Most Electrifying Show."

Come on, babe! Head to CHICAGO! We're hotter than ever.

CHICAGO may not be for all ages - we invite our patrons to research and evaluate the production based on personal values prior to ordering.



#### Holiday Pops Major DEC 9, 2023 / 8 PM performances. Abby Mueller, Vocalist musicions in ding Broadway star Abby Mueller hosts our annual Midland Center Captivating tradition. Her breathtaking voice will be joined by the Choirs of the Center caroling all of your favorite seasonal tunes, accompanied by your own Midland Symphony Orchestra. Abby originated the role of Queen Jane Seymour in the Tony® Award-winning smash hit SIX: THE MUSICAL on Broadway, originated the role of Carole for the First National Tour of BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL, and reprised that critically acclaimed performance on Broadway. Other credits include KINKY BOOTS on Broadway and extensive regional roles, including Fantine in LES MISÉRABLES, Eliza in MY FAIR LADY, Ellen in MISS SAIGON, and Abigail Adams in 1776. Don't miss this signature event of the Great Lakes **OPENING NIGHT!** Bay region's holiday season! Spooky Symphony Wonders Of Nature OCT 7, 2023 / 7:30 PM Miklós Rózsa: Spellbound Suite FEB 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM Bernard Herrmann: Scene D'amour from Vertigo John Estacio: Aurora Triptych Hector Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique Claude Debussy: La Mer Rob Schwimmer, Theremin Explore and revel in one of the most beautiful naturally occurring Theremin virtuoso Rob Schwimmer joins the Midland Symphony wonders of the world – the Aurora Borealis – as the Orchestra Orchestra playing excerpts from Alfred Hitchcock's classic films performs Aurora Triptych by John Estacio, accompanied by a live Spellbound and Vertigo. The famously eerie sounds created by the film featuring inspiring and breathtaking images and video of the electronic theremin – without physical contact – will send chills Northern Lights as curated by award-winning astronomer, Dr. José down your spine! This first act will be paired with Berlioz's Francisco Salgado. The second half of the program features diabolical Symphonie Fantastique – the haunting portraval of Debussy's impressionistic and powerfully elegant tribute to the an artist's self-destructive obsession for a beautiful woman, and majesty of the sea, La Mer. that passion's gruesome, diabolical consequences. This is a great way to kick off the spookiest time of the year! These Women's Works **Postcards** APR 13, 2024 / 7:30 PM Lili Boulanger: D'un Matin de printemps NOV 4, 2023 / 7:30 PM Clara Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor Jean Sibelius: Finlandia Amy Beach: Symphony No. 2 (Gaelic) Andres Martin: Concerto for Double Bass Wynona Wang, Piano George Gershwin: An American in Paris Sensational multi prize-winning pianist, Wynona Wang, makes her Kebra-Seyoun Charles, Bass Midland Symphony Orchestra debut playing the bouncy and bold The Midland Symphony Orchestra will perform picturesque works Piano Concerto in A minor, a piece written by Clara Schumann from around the globe, featuring musical depictions of inspiring when she was only a teenager. Wynona is the perfect soloist to be vistas – physical and metaphorical. The Orchestra will take you on featured in an evening that features the work of noted female a thrilling journey guided by bassist Kebra-Seyoun Charles, playing composers. The Orchestra will then play works by other grounda riveting bass concerto written by Argentinian composer Andres breaking female composers, featuring Amy Beach's glorious 'Gaelic' Martin, Kebra-Sevoun, winner of the Robert Frederick Smith Prize Symphony – the first to be published by an American Woman – and at the International Sphinx Competition, will continue to escort us Lili Boulanger's masterful tone poem, D'un Matin de pintemps, on our travels through the beauty and drama of Finlandia and about the pleasure and promise of a spring morning. the exquisite delights of An American in Paris.

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#### **OUTDOOR STAGE!**

#### The Prom

AUG 2-4 & 9-11, 2023 / 8 PM

#### WINNER DRAMA DESK AWARD

Following a hit Broadway run and feature film, THE PROM makes its Great Lakes Bay region debut in an all-new Center Stage production! Emma didn't want to be a headline or the face of a movement; she just wanted to take her girlfriend to the prom. But just when it seems like she might persuade the hesitant PTA, four bumbling Broadway has-beens in search of relevance barge into Edgewater, Indiana to put a spotlight on the issue — and themselves. A hysterical and joyous new musical about big Broadway stars on a mission to change the world and the love they discover that unites them all, THE PROM captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy while delivering a universal message of love and acceptance.

Music by Matthew Sklar Book by Bob Martin and Chad Beguelin Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

THE PROM is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide. 1180 Avenue Of The Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036 www.theatricalrights.com

This show contains adult language, sexual innuendo, profanity, and verbal bullving.

#### Doubt: A Parable

OCT 12-14, 2023 / 7:30 PM OCT 14 & 15, 2023 / 2 PM

#### **WINNER TONY® AWARD & PULITZER PRIZE**

A provocative and gripping story of suspicion and scandal. Set in 1964, **DOUBT** could not be more contemporary in its examination of truth and consequences. When Sister Aloysius, a rigid Bronx school principal, accuses a progressive and engaging priest, Father Flynn, of having improper relations with a young male student, she inadvertently raises questions that force her to confront the foundation of her own moral certainty. Blunt vet subtle, manipulative yet full of empathy, **DOUBT** is a brilliant and beautifully balanced drama that draws power from ambiguity. In lean, potent and passionate language, John Patrick Shanley courageously leads us into the shadowy and elusive realm of human nature and ultimate truth.

"An eloquent and provocative investigation of truth and consequences. A gripping mystery, tightly written." -Time Out NY

By John Patrick Shanley

DOUBT is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

This show contains references to sexual abuse.

# WHITE CHRISTMAS

#### Irving Berlin's White Christmas

DEC 8, 9 & 14-16, 2023 / 7:30 PM DEC 9, 10 & 16, 17, 2023 / 2 PM

**BELOVED** CLASSIC

Based on the heartwarming classic film, IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS is a holiday favorite for the whole family. Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act. The two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a sparkling new book by David Ives and Paul Blake, this musical delight features 17 dazzling Berlin songs, such as "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep is the Ocean," and of course the perennial holiday favorite, "White Christmas."

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS is an uplifting, wholesome musical to delight audiences of all ages. Don't miss this holiday card come to life!

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin Book by David Ives and Paul Blake Based Upon the Paramount Pictures Film Written For the Screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama, and Melvin Frank

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS is presented through arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.ConcordTheatricals.com

#### Vanva And Sonia And Masha And Spike

APR 12, 13 & 18-20, 2024 / 7:30 PM APR 14 & 21, 2024 / 2 PM

**WINNER TONY® AWARD** 

Three Siblings. One Hot Mess.

Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia bicker and complain about life in their Bucks County farmhouse. Suddenly, their movie-star sister, Masha, swoops in with her new boy toy, Spike. Old resentments flare up. Thus begins an unforgettable family reunion filled with rivalry, regret, and all-too-true premonitions from a clairvoyant housekeeper. Will Vanya and Sonia ever find happiness? Will Masha sell the house out from under them? Will Spike ever put his pants on? This irresistible comedy of remorse and sibling rivalry is a wickedly wonderful mash-up of Chekhov's famous ennui and modern-day concerns of celebrity, social networking, and age, resulting in a hilarious laugh-out-loud comedy! "Deliriously funny!" - The New York Times

Note: this show will be staged up close and personal with seating on the stage!

By Christopher Durang

VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

This show contains suggestive language and sexual references.

#### **Next To Normal**

MAY 17, 18 & 24, 25, 2024 / 7:30 PM MAY 19 & 26, 2024 / 2 PM

WINNER TONY® AWARD & PULITZER PRIZE

next to norm

An emotional powerhouse of a musical with a thrilling rock score, NEXT TO NORMAL takes an honest look at the sometimes harsh realities of life. A typical family to the outside world, the Goodmans secretly struggle in their suburban home as they deal with the unpredictability of their mother's worsening mental health. As they navigate their changing world, they deal with the pressing contemporary issues of trauma, loss, mental health treatment, and what it means to be "normal." This raw, exhilarating, and deeply moving musical about the realities of the modern American family asks us to examine how we love and care for ourselves and each other

Music by Tom Kitt Book and Lyrics by Brian Yorkey

NEXT TO NORMAL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

This show contains adult language and themes of death, grief, drug use, sex, mental health, electroshock therapy, neglect, emotional abuse, and suicide.





Joyfully celebrating the inspiring nexus of science, history, art, and entertainment, sparking new ideas and conversations!

These presentations are just the starting point. Special activities and unique opportunities surrounding MATRIX:MIDLAND events are being scheduled. Subscribers will be notified FIRST about additional engaging activities!

#### Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents Sing & Swing with Bria Skonberg & Benny Benack III

FEB 22, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Celebrate the great American Songbook in all of its playful – and sophisticated – glory, brought to life by two of jazz's brightest stars – Bria Skonberg and Benny Benack III. Each armed with prodigious trumpet talent and vocal charm, Bria and Benny relive and reimagine classic partners in jazz and popular song, including Judy Garland with Bing Crosby; Dean Martin with Peggy Lee, and more. Featuring songs by Gershwin, Ellington, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and many more, and joined by a quartet of New York jazz all-stars, this is an "unforgettable" evening of singin' and swingin' with Bria and Benny!

#### Wonders of Nature

FEB 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM

John Estacio: Aurora Triptych Claude Debussy: La Mer

Performed by our own Midland Symphony Orchestra!

Do not miss this spectacular multi-media event! The science, art, and natural wonder of the glorious Aurora Borealis is celebrated through Estacio's majestic and captivating music. Explore the wonder of the Northern Lights as the Orchestra accompanies "Aurora Triptych," a high definition film composed of inspiring and breathtaking images and video curated by award-winning astronomer, Dr. José Francisco Salgado. The second half of the program features Debussy's impressionistic and powerfully elegant tribute to the majesty of the sea, La Mer.

Please Note: You may not be seated in your accustomed locations for this event. MATRIX:MIDLAND subscribers will be seated in excellent seats after MSO subscribers have been seated.

360 ALLSTARS

APR 20, 2024 / 7:30 PM

With BMX, basketball, breakdancing, beatboxing, acrobatics, drumming, and more, the international smash hit 360 ALLSTARS comes to Midland! A phenomenal physical performance exploring all forms of rotation, this show connects the street with the elite to deliver a high energy display of talent. Boasting a stellar international cast of World Champion and World Record-holding athletes and artists, 360 ALLSTARS is a spectacular fusion of the extraordinary artistry that emerges from street culture.

"The most thrilling stage

show ever!" - Weekend Notes

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- Scenestr

How to Navigate Life with Authors Belle Liang, Ph.D., & Timothy Klein, LCSW

APR 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM

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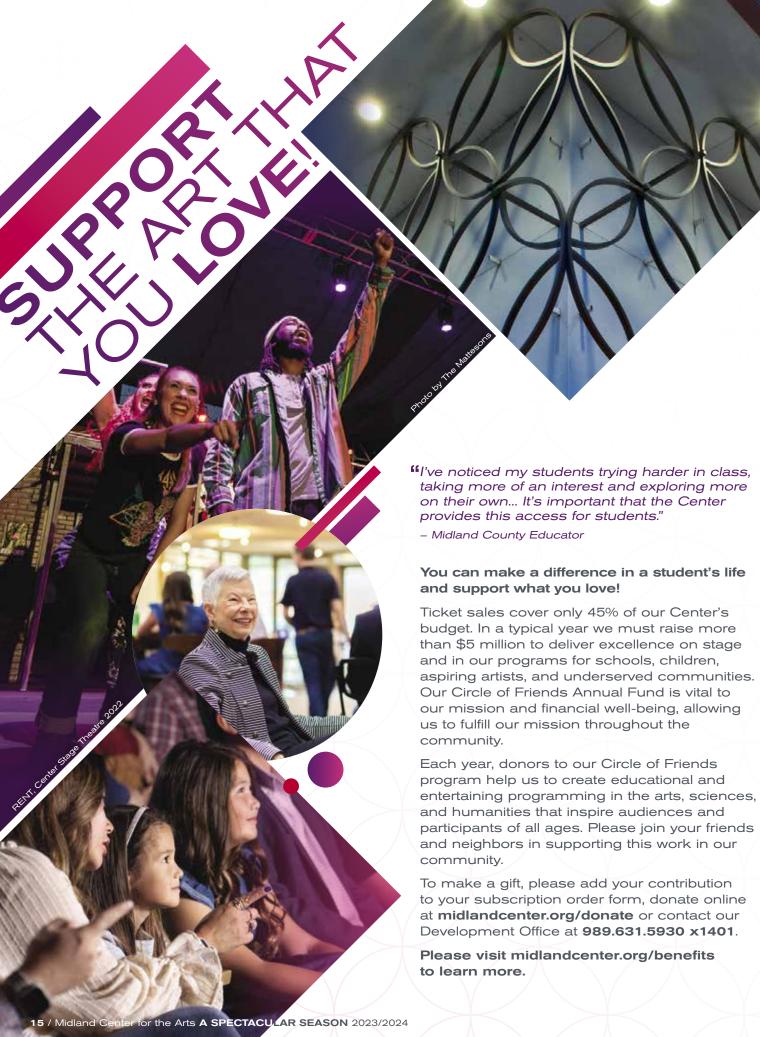
OF FINDING YOUR WAY

AND BEYOND

BELLE LIANG, Ph.D. TIMOTHY KLEIN, LCSW

Belle Liang and Timothy Klein's bestselling book, *How to Navigate Life: The New Science of Finding Your Way in School, Career and Beyond* is rapidly becoming an essential guide to tackling what we can all do to cut through stress and performance pressure, and find a path to purpose.

The co-authors argue that having a clear sense of purpose, grounded in core values, can help direct one to the best path in life. They have created a framework and a set of questions that not only apply to students and young adults, but also to adults in mid-life, organizations, companies, and even communities. Belle and Tim will discuss their ideas for examining how to move forward in life and create a fulfilling existence in this world.













































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