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Dear Educators & Group Leaders,

Midland Center for the Arts is pleased to offer **engaging performances, workshops, and tours** that bring **science, history, and the arts** to life!

All programs are aligned with Grade Level Content Expectations for preschool through 12th grade. Please note that **scholarships and bus cost reimbursement grants** are available to help make your Center experience more affordable. We hope to serve you and your students with resources and programming that can spark new interests and inspire a passion for lifelong learning.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kanyo

Senior Director of Museums & Education



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Members of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Photo by David Carnese



BOOKING & PRICING

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EXHIBIT FIELD TRIP PACKAGE

\$4 / PERSON (additional workshops \$2 / PERSON)

PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCES

See page 5-6 for pricing details.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS AT THE CENTER

\$4 / PERSON (additional workshops \$2 / PERSON)

TRAVELING WORKSHOPS

\$125 FOR ONE CLASSROOM

(\$75 for additional classrooms)

Policies

- / Participant numbers must be confirmed at least 14 days before your visit for staff to issue an invoice.
- / Final amount due may be adjusted if 5 or more students are absent due to illness the day of your visit.
- / Full payment of the invoice is expected before or on the day of your visit in a single transaction. We accept all payment options via our Ticket Office. Please make checks payable to Midland Center for the Arts.
- / Payment in advance is highly encouraged.
- / To qualify for a group rate to the museums or a student matinee, you must have 10 or more people in your group.
- / Group leaders and bus drivers receive free admission!
- / Bussing and admission scholarships are available to qualifying schools. See pg 9 for more information.
- / If you have any questions about the booking process, please email schools@midlandcenter.org to contact our Tour and Program Specialist.

LUNCHES

- / Midland Center for the Arts does not supply lunch.
- / Groups may bring packed lunches to the Center and reserve our lunch facilities at no additional charge.
- / Lunch times must be scheduled prior to your visit, as space is very limited. Lunch is 30 minutes in length unless otherwise indicated; groups will not be permitted to eat lunch at the facility unless arrangements are made in advance.
- / We recommend large groups visiting Midland Center for the Arts divide into smaller lunch groups as needed.
- / All groups are subject to a custodial fee for incomplete clean-up of the lunch space.

Booking Information

STAFF HOURS / MON – FRI / 10 AM – 4 PM
989.631.5930 / schools@midlandcenter.org

PROGRAMS ARE NOW BOOKED ONLINE!

Please visit midlandcenter.org/educators and choose Field Trips, Student Matinees, or Hands-on Workshops to fill out one of our Center Experiences Booking Forms. *Please allow up to 3 business days for a confirmation of your booking via email.*

BOOK EARLY! All Center experiences must be requested a minimum of 4 weeks before the program date. Final confirmation must be made no later than 14 days before the experience date. This confirmation includes a total count for the number of students, chaperones, and teachers participating for a contract/invoice to be issued.

March, April, and May are peak times for school visits! We recommend that trips for these months be scheduled well in advance.

Midland Center for the Arts is not affiliated with Whiting Forest and Dow Gardens; educators do frequently schedule additional activities through the Dow Gardens Tours Department.



GUIDED EXHIBIT TOURS

Museum field trip experiences include a guided exhibit tour and self-guided exploration, entry to Spark!Lab, and a hands-on workshop aligned with the exhibit topic.

EXHIBIT FIELD TRIP PACKAGE

\$4 / PERSON

(\$2 / PERSON for additional workshop)

Down to Earth

SEP 8 – NOV 12 / 2023

Recommended Grades K-6

Dig deep as you uncover the many layers of our planet and investigate how Earth has changed over billions of years. Explore volcanoes, earthquakes, and geological records that showcase the astounding history of planet Earth.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Become a Hydrologist

Discover what makes rivers form and move. Learn about the profession of a hydrologist and what they do to help our waters. Students will engineer river models to explore how water flows inside a river and why it changes based on its shape!

At the Speed of Light

JAN 19 – MAY 26 / 2024

Recommended Grades 2-8

Discover the vibrant world of light in this hands-on, immersive exhibit. Learn about the physics of light as you experiment with its movement and bending, explore how our eyes perceive light, and uncover the tricks it can play on us, all while viewing Earth's spectacular natural light shows.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Optical Scientist Exploration

Witness the power of light with our Optical Scientist Exploration! Spark wonder as we explore refraction and reflection, color, and more!

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The Green Rush: Lumbering in 19th Century Mid-Michigan

MAR 8 – MAY 26 / 2024

Recommended Grades 3-8

By far, the largest and most profitable industry in Mid-Michigan in the 1800s was lumber. In 1882 the Tittabawassee Boom Company, a company employed to raft cut logs down rivers, from the woods to the mills, rafted over 600 million board feet of logs. Lumbering fundamentally changed the landscape of our area, cutting out huge swaths of white pine forests creating expanses of farmland, and even changing how the local rivers flow. Come in and explore lumbering, from life as a lumberjack in a winter camp to the impact of business on the region.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Lumberjack Livin' Workshop

Get ready to head to the bunkhouse and play games lumberjacks did back in the 1800's. From playing historic games to learning Lumberjack lingo, students will be transported back in time to "live" like the lumberjacks and get a real sense of their culture.



We are proud to support educators who wish to introduce their students to the wonder of art, science, history, and curiosity through live performing arts experiences!

Classroom study guide materials and social stories are available for all matinees. Performances are considered relaxed performance environments and are approximately 60 minutes.

STUDENT MATINEE SERIES SPONSORED BY



PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCES

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

OCT 27, 2023 / 10 AM

Recommended Grades 3-8

\$5 / PERSON FOR STUDENTS & ADULTS

It's Halloween night and Will invites his friends up to the attic to tell spooky stories. When the group of children find a copy of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in an old trunk, they decide to act it out using only things found in the attic. This inventive and theatrical retelling of Washington Irving's classic will be performed by local students as part of the Center's Youth Theatre Education program. Students will experience how the elements of the story are translated from the page to the stage and support their fellow students in their creative endeavors. The performance will run 45-50 minutes, with a 15-minute Q&A with the playwright, director, and cast members following.

Curriculum connections: Classic literature, translating literature to the stage, elements of storytelling, theatre, relating artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding

This will be performed in the Little Theater for an intimate theatre experience – only 399 seats available!

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Jacquelin Harris, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.
Photo by Daro Carmese



The Rainbow Fish

FEB 5, 2024 / 10 AM

Recommended Grades PreK-3

\$5 / PERSON FOR STUDENTS & ADULTS

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's *The Rainbow Fish* will include an original stage adaptation of Marcus Pfister's colorful story as well as two of the author's companion tales, *Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea* and *Opposites*. Mermaid Theatre has earned international acclaim for its unique interpretations of popular children's books, including Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. These widely-traveled productions incorporate innovative puppetry, striking scenic effects, and evocative original music to provide very young audiences with an effortless introduction to the performing arts and the excitement of reading.

Curriculum connections: Puppetry, visual art, reading and language arts skills, opposites, ocean life, friendship, responsible decision making, relationship skills

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Rosie Revere, Engineer & Friends

MAR 19, 2024 / 10 AM & 12 PM

Recommended Grades K-4

\$5 / PERSON FOR STUDENTS & ADULTS

Ms. Greer's classroom includes three inquisitive out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere has big dreams, Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture, and Ada Twist's curiosity can drive her teacher crazy. On a field trip gone awry, they are faced with the ultimate test of their problem-solving skills that can only be conquered with teamwork in this engaging, scientific musical!

Curriculum connections: Engineering, architecture, scientific method, women in science, teamwork and perseverance, literature, character, elements of storytelling, theatre, music

Pair this performance with a hands-on learning experience with our traveling Rosie Revere-themed Smithsonian Spark!Lab. Available February 19-April 19, 2024. See pg 8 for more information.



Ronald Maurice, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.
Photo by Daro Carmese

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

APR 24, 2024 / 10 AM

Recommended Grades 5-12

FREE TICKETS / RESERVE EARLY!

Alvin Ailey changed the face of American dance with the formation of his company and first performance in 1958. Ailey wanted to create a company that allowed African American dancers to display their talents and to express their own experiences and heritage. When he formed AAADT, it was one of the first professional companies where dancers of all races and backgrounds were welcome.

The performance by the legendary company will include Alvin Ailey's signature work, *REVELATIONS*.

This is an opportunity for students in our region to see one of the most diverse and celebrated companies in dance history, right in their own backyard.

Curriculum connections: relating artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding, African American heritage and culture, history, elements of dance, physics, music, stereotypes, collaboration, perseverance

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is jointly sponsored by the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Dr. Andrea Louise Jenkins Endowed Fund for Cultural Enrichment at Midland Center for the Arts in celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Can't make it to the Center? Let us come to you with one of our on-site workshops! Educators will present a curriculum-connected 45-60 minute workshop to your students.

\$125 FOR ONE CLASSROOM
(\$75 for additional classrooms)

Classroom maximum 30 students. Additional travel fees apply for all on-site programs at a rate of \$0.60 per mile.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Amazing Magnets

Discover the magic of magnets through art! Learn how objects levitate, float, and move during an engaging story time. Watch your students create a unique masterpiece by exploring the basic properties of magnetism while using their artistic skills!
Grades PreK-K

Operation Erosion

Become a coastal engineer learning all about geology and the power of erosion. Students will learn the causes and effects of erosion by designing and building a mini-simulation to prevent beach erosion. Students will then create a vision board to present their work process and ideas. *Grades 1-5*

Rocket Power

Blast off into the world of rockets! Students will watch interactive demonstrations while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion. After a brief history of rocket science, students will be able to design, create, and test their own miniature straw rockets!
Grades 6-12

ART WORKSHOPS

Hello Yellow Cello

Come explore the wonders of music and sounds with our friend Yellow Cello! Enjoy story time with this one-of-a-kind story written by Bay City author Rae Chesny that inspires teamwork, creativity, and friendship. Listen to music composed for the Yellow Cello book as students explore the anatomy of a cello and create music. Midland Center for the Arts Education Department has created a workbook that includes follow-up curriculum activities, coloring pages, and more! *Grades PreK-3*

Rhythm Explorers

Journey around the world through music! Explore the wonders of musical instruments by learning simple rhythm patterns with different instruments from around the world. Students will feel the beat with dancing and creating their own songs with the invention of a musical instrument. *PreK-5*

From Author to Artist

Explore the world of comics and graphic novels while learning about the literary and artistic aspects of the genre. Students will discover the basics of illustration, narrative writing, and bookbinding to create their own graphic novel. Students will enhance their work using dialogue and character development.
Grades 3-12



HISTORY WORKSHOP

Michigan on the Move

See history in motion as we learn how innovations in transportation shaped Michigan! From the Erie Canal to the revolution of the auto industry, students will discover how changes in transportation led to the settlement of Michigan. Along with the history lesson, students will be able to design and craft their own object of transportation. *Grades 3-5*

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Rosie Revere, Engineer & Friends Spark!Lab

Enhance your classroom's matinee experience and let Midland Center for the Arts bring innovation and imagination to your classroom with Spark!Lab! Students will learn the steps of invention as they create, innovate, collaborate, and problem-solve through hands-on activities inspired by the stories of Andrea Beaty. Students will explore the scientific process as they experiment in the chemistry lab like Ada Twist, engineer a flying machine like Rosie Revere, and work as a team to construct a bridge just like Iggy Peck and his classmates! *Grades K-4*

Pair this with the Rosie Revere, Engineer School Matinee performance! *See pg 6 for information. Available only FEB 19 - APR 19, 2024.*

LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES

Book all hands-on workshops as well as our summer **ADVENTURE** library programs!

Go on an adventure with Midland Center for the Arts with these 45-60 minute workshops. We encourage science, learning, and creativity while allowing library staff to sit back and enjoy the excitement of all those participating at your location.

Explorers of the Sea

Be a nautical adventurer as we explore the sea! Learn about the world of pirates with an engaging reading of the book *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long. Follow along to some pirate songs while learning pirate dance moves, and have a chance to create your own pirate treasure!

Sail to the Pacific Islands

Journey into the rich culture of Polynesia. Learn about the Polynesian culture through a short story, music, dances, and handcrafts!

Park Hoppin'

Explore the wonders of the U.S. National Parks! Travel to the beautiful forests, pristine beaches, dry deserts, and breathtaking mountains. Look through travel guides and create your own travel collage.

Sea and Sky Trailblazers

Become an engineer and design ways to travel the world! Learn about the great explorers that sailed across seas and flew into the beyond. Using STEM, create a transportation machine that flies or floats so you can travel the world too!

BOOK TODAY!

SINGLE PROGRAMS / \$75 EACH
\$50 / PER ADD-ON

SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Art from the Heart

Ticket, admission, and transportation grants are available for schools through our Art from the Heart program. Scholarships can cover up to 50% of ticket or transportation costs, and are granted based on funding availability – so plan and apply early! Fill out a short form to apply at midlandcenter.org/scholarships.

Group Scholarships

- / Community groups, organizations, and schools requiring assistance in providing cultural opportunities for their members, including museum visits, theatrical and musical events may apply.
- / Priority will be given to requests on behalf of underserved groups and organizations.
- / Submit applications as soon as possible; applications are reviewed and funds granted based on available funds and tickets for the requested event.
- / Organizations and schools may receive up to two (2) scholarships per year (SEP - AUG). If multiple classrooms in one school building intend to attend the museum or performance event, they are encouraged to apply as a larger group.
- / Art from the Heart Scholarships cover up to 50% of admission costs for the applying group.

Bus Grants

Transportation cost reimbursement grants are available to qualifying schools. Qualifying schools may receive up to two (2) grants a year (SEP - AUG). Grants cover up to 50% of transportation expenses; follow-up documentation must be received by Center staff to receive the grant.

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MORE TO EXPLORE

Studio Saturdays

Get creative - and a little messy - the first and third Saturday of each month! Explore different art mediums as you learn about basic art-making techniques. All supplies are included in the workshop fee.

Students can learn more at midlandcenter.org/studio-saturdays

Youth Theatre Education

The Center is excited to offer educational theatre courses, masterclasses and programs for students ages K-12 looking to gain experience on-stage and behind the scenes!

Students can learn more at midlandcenter.org/youth-theatre

Beginning Stages

Beginning Stages (BeSt) is an exciting educational opportunity for young people to develop theatre skills through experiential learning.

This program meets once or twice per week during the rehearsal process of a Center Youth Theatre production. BeSt participants choose to focus on either the Performance Track or Technical Theatre Track. Anyone can participate in Beginning Stages without auditioning!

Students can learn more at midlandcenter.org/youth-theatre

YOUTH THEATRE

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

OCT 27 & 28, 2023 / 7:30 PM
OCT 29, 2023 / 2 PM
Relaxed Performance OCT 28 / 2 PM
AUDITIONS / SEP 6 & 7, 2023

Disney FROZEN JR.

FEB 22 – 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM
FEB 25, 2024 / 2 PM
Relaxed Performance FEB 24 / 2 PM
AUDITIONS / DEC 2023

Visit midlandcenter.org/youth-theatre for more audition details.

RISING STARS

Every summer, Midland Center for the Arts seeks the top teen talent in the Great Lakes Bay Region for an intensive, professional-level experience and training from a Broadway Creative Team.

We will be announcing our next title and audition information later this season!

For 8th-12th graders interested in performance and technical theatre