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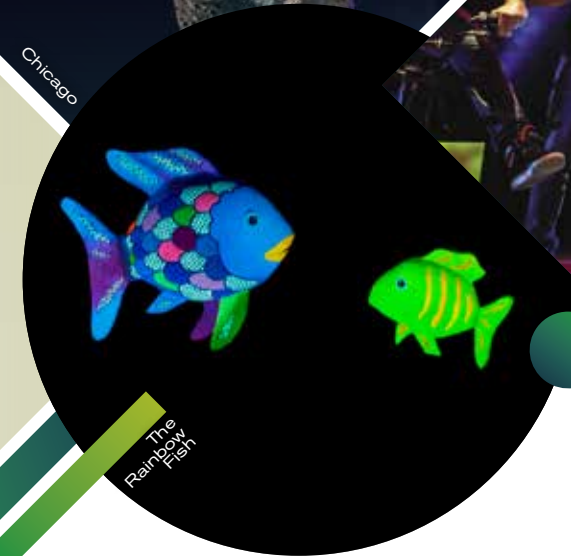
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We have something for everyone – comedies full of side-splitting humor; enthralling music; high energy Broadway shows; intimate dramas – whatever you need to **enrich your life** in the coming year, you will find something **right here** in the Great Lakes Bay Region!

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MEAN GIRLS

LOVE BROADWAY?
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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!"

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 Chamin. This celebration of family, optimism and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way...



Cirque Dreams HOLIDAZE

Cirque Dreams Holidayze

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!



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THE REMARKABLE
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“A CELEBRATION
OF THE BEST OF
HUMANKIND.”

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.

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

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!"

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.*

The logo for Disney's animated film "Encanto" is displayed. It features the word "Disney" in its signature script font, with the "D" in a larger, stylized font. Below it, the word "ENCANTO" is written in a large, bold, serif font. The letters of "ENCANTO" are filled with a vibrant, multi-colored pattern of small dots and swirls, giving it a magical, enchanted appearance. The background of the entire page is a dark, textured blue with a subtle pattern of small, glowing white dots, resembling a night sky or a magical forest.

Disney's Encanto: The Sing-Along Film Concert

SEP 23, 2023 / 6:30 PM

Produced by AMP Worldwide, “Encanto: The Sing-Along Film Concert” will include the entire feature-length film along with all the music of the Academy Award®-winning movie, including iconic hits like “We Don’t Talk About Bruno” and “Surface Pressure” performed by a live band. Dress up as Mirabel, Luisa, Isabela, or any of your favorite characters from the film and use your voice to transform the Center into one big celebration of the Madrigal family.

The *Encanto* Original Motion Picture Soundtrack features eight original songs by Academy Award-nominated, Tony® and Grammy®-winning songwriter/composer Lin-Manuel Miranda (“Hamilton,” “Moana”), with an original score by Academy Award-nominated and Grammy®-winning composer Germaine Franco.

Dress-up sing along fun for ALL ages!
Live characters do not appear in this event.

The Rainbow Fish

FEB 4, 2024 / 2 PM

CREATED BY MERMAID THEATRE
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The Rainbow Fish will enchant even the youngest child with his silver scales and heart of gold in this award-winning story about the beautiful fish who learned to share his most prized possession. The most beautiful fish in the sea's scales shimmer with all the colors of the rainbow. He is admired – and resented – by the entire underwater world, until a clever octopus advises him to give each fish one of his scales. More adventures follow as Rainbow Fish finds the courage to explore the great deep sea, discovering a new world with wonderful friendly creatures of all shapes, sizes and colors who are eager to make his acquaintance. The story ends with the most satisfying opposite of all—give and take—as Rainbow Fish shares one of his shining scales with a friend.

The Rainbow Fish, is an original stage adaptation of Marcus Pfister's colorful story and includes two companion tales: *Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea* and *Opposites*.

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Recommended for ages 3-7 and their families.

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Million Dollar Quartet Christmas

NOV 30, 2023 / 7:30 PM

**ROCK AROUND THE CHRISTMAS
TREE THIS SEASON!**

Inspired by the Tony® Award-nominated hit musical, **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET**, this seasonal reimagining brings together soon-to-be legends Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley for a musical holiday celebration featuring a nostalgic string of chart topping favorites. Based on the true story of the momentous December 1956 homecoming of these rock 'n' roll newcomers before they became icons, the guys reflect on Christmases past, present, and future in an evening filled with holiday hits including "Run Rudolph Run," "Jingle Bell Rock," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and more.

Christmas In Killarney

DEC 19, 2023 / 7:30 PM

Come and join us in the old Irish village of Killarney in the late 1920s for an evening of Irish traditions and your favorite holiday songs! Irish dancers leap through the air, tap their feet, swirl and laugh while you enjoy the toe-tapping music and harmonies of the season. This musical will show you what it means to celebrate Christmas the “Irish” way – and learn where some of our most iconic holiday traditions originated!

Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas In Vienna

NOV 21, 2023 / 7 PM

This illustrious group of young musicians has been delighting music lovers across the globe for six centuries with their purity of tone, distinctive charm, popular repertoire, and generosity of musical spirit. Christmas in Vienna showcases these gifted musicians and their voices of unforgettable beauty in an extraordinary program featuring Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular songs, and of course, holiday favorites.

“There’s no more polished ensemble of children’s voices than the Vienna Boys Choir.” – *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*



NIGHTS OUT



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Collage Dance Collective

Ukulele Orchestra Of Great Britain

Ukulele Orchestra Of Great Britain

Jacquelin Harris, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.
Photo by David Calmes

Collage Dance Collective

NOV 25, 2023 / 3:30 PM

Recently named a “Southern Cultural Treasure” by South Arts and the Ford Foundation, Collage Dance is one of the largest Black-led performing arts organizations in the South and one of a few professional ballet companies in the world with a roster of BIPOC dancers.

Working to inspire the growth and diversity of ballet, Collage Dance Collective showcases a repertoire of relevant choreography and world-class dancers representative of the communities they serve. The professional company has presented twelve full-length seasons in Memphis, plus national and international tours presenting a diverse range of classical and contemporary choreography from George Balanchine, Nacho Duato, Ulysses Dove, Joshua Manculich, Amy Hall Garner, Kevin Iega Jeff, and more.

Sponsored by James R. and Anita Horne Jenkins and the Dr. Andrea Louise Jenkins Endowed Fund for Cultural Enrichment.

Ukulele Orchestra Of Great Britain

MAY 2, 2024 / 7:30 PM

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has stumbled upon international and critical acclaim as the most entertaining pluckers. Dancing between sincerity and insanity; punk rock sensibilities and restrained British humor; the not-too-silly and the not-too-serious, a 37-year-long career has taken them to Carnegie Hall, Glastonbury Festival, the North Pole, and from China to Estonia via Japan, Australia and The Isle of Man, garnering hordes of fans and imitators along the way. Born of a rejection of convention and a penchant for reinterpretation, their catalog is a menagerie of rock, pop, jazz, blues, and classical music, performed with humor and a flair for toe-tapping, roof-raising, and often twisted renditions. With fans ranging from British royalty to David Bowie and beyond, the original Ukulele Orchestra are unmissable (and arguably inexcusable).



“IT’S ALRIGHT IF YOU LIKE LAUGHING.”
– GRUDGING FAN

“AN OVERSIZED DOSE OF UNEXPECTED HIPNESS.”
The New York Times



REGIONAL PREMIERE!

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

APR 23, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is one of the world’s premier modern dance companies. Brilliant and revolutionary, the company nurtures a new generation of choreographers steeped in the African American experience, while performing works from choreographers from around the globe. Indisputably one of America’s favorite dance companies, they are beloved for their incomparable joy, freedom, and spirit. This performance will include Alvin Ailey’s signature work, *Revelations*, a piece that fervently explores the places of deepest grief and holiest joy in the soul through African-American spirituals, song-sermons, gospel songs and holy blues. The unmistakable connection between dancers and audience and brilliant choreography make for the kind of experience that you do not want to miss!

Come celebrate the majestic and unparalleled Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater!

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.



The net proceeds from this event will benefit the Midland Area Community Foundation for the Endowed Scholarship Fund of the Midland Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation for the Endowed Scholarship Fund of the Mount Pleasant Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; and the Dr. Andrea Louise Jenkins Endowed Fund for Cultural Enrichment at Midland Center for the Arts.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Rob Schwimmer



Abby Mueller

Wynona Wang



Kebra-Seyoun Charles

We're excited to present **MUSIC DIRECTOR BOHUSLAV RATTAY'S 12TH SEASON**, featuring works by celebrated composers, diverse voices and compelling stories!

Bohuslav Rattay



Aurora Triptych



La Mer

Postcards

NOV 4, 2023 / 7:30 PM

Jean Sibelius: Finlandia

Andres Martin: Concerto for Double Bass

George Gershwin: An American in Paris

Kebra-Seyoun Charles, Bass

The Midland Symphony Orchestra will perform picturesque works from around the globe, featuring musical depictions of inspiring vistas – physical and metaphorical. The Orchestra will take you on a thrilling journey guided by bassist Kebra-Seyoun Charles, playing a riveting bass concerto written by Argentinian composer Andres Martin. Kebra-Seyoun, winner of the Robert Frederick Smith Prize at the International Sphinx Competition, will continue to escort us on our travels through the beauty and drama of *Finlandia* and the exquisite delights of *An American in Paris*.

Holiday Pops

DEC 9, 2023 / 8 PM

Relaxed Performance / 3 PM

Abby Mueller, Vocalist

Broadway star Abby Mueller hosts our annual Midland Center 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 Bay region's holiday season!

Wonders Of Nature

FEB 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM

John Estacio: Aurora Triptych

Claude Debussy: La Mer

Explore and revel in one of the most beautiful naturally occurring wonders of the world – the Aurora Borealis – as the Orchestra performs *Aurora Triptych* by John Estacio, accompanied by a live film featuring inspiring and breathtaking images and video of the Northern Lights as 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*.

These Women's Works

APR 13, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Lili Boulanger: D'un matin de printemps

Clara Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor

Amy Beach: Symphony No. 2 (Gaelic)

Wynona Wang, Piano

Sensational multi prize-winning pianist, Wynona Wang, makes her Midland Symphony Orchestra debut playing the bouncy and bold *Piano Concerto in A minor*, a piece written by Clara Schumann when she was only a teenager. Wynona is the perfect soloist to be featured in an evening that highlights the work of noted female composers. The Orchestra will follow up with works by other ground-breaking female composers, including Amy Beach's glorious 'Gaelic' *Symphony* – the first to be published by an American woman – and Lili Boulanger's masterful tone poem, *D'un matin de printemps*, about the pleasure and promise of a spring morning.

the PROM

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.

Directed by Bill Anderson Jr.
Music by Matthew Sklar
Book by Bob Martin and Chad Beguelin
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

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Doubt A PARABLE

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 yet 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

Directed by Elaine DiFalco Daugherty
By John Patrick Shanley

*Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.
This show contains adult content.*

Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL

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

VANYA and SONIA and MASHA and SPIKE

Vanya 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!

Directed by Chad William Baker
By Christopher Durang

*Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.
This show contains adult language.*

next to normal

Next To Normal

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

MAY 19 & 26, 2024 / 2 PM

WINNER TONY® AWARD & PULITZER PRIZE

An emotional powerhouse of a musical with a thrilling rock score! 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.

Directed by Tommy Wedge
Music by Tom Kitt
Book and Lyrics by Brian Yorkey

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This show contains adult language and themes.

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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*.

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.

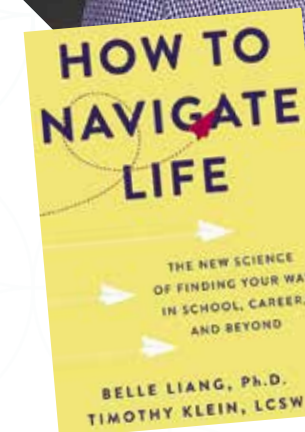
★★★★★
“SUPERCHARGED
URBAN CIRCUS.”
scenestr

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

APR 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM

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.



WINDOWS ON OUR SERIES



The Gavilán Brothers

OCT 13, 2023 / 7:30 PM

Violinist Ilmar Gavilán, and pianist Aldo López-Gavilán, are virtuoso Afro-Cuban musicians who grew up as prodigies in 1970s Havana. As highlighted in an impactful PBS documentary, after being separated for decades as innocent victims of complicated U.S.-Cuba political conflicts, the two brothers have finally been able to come together as mature musicians, fulfilling a dream to create and perform together their genre-defying music rooted in classical, Latin jazz and Afro-Cuban traditions. Do not miss this unique and touching performance!



Reflex

NOV 3, 2023 / 7:30 PM

UNRAVELING 4,000 YEARS OF JUGGLING

REFLEX is a unique theatrical experience that builds an unlikely but beautiful relationship between the ambition of space exploration and the art of juggling. Raised in Ohio, resident of Sweden, Professor of Juggling Jay Gilligan brings his international award-winning experience together as he ventures into space to interweave fascinating accounts of the Voyager Mission, Carl Sagan, and the Golden Record with spectacular experimental juggling sequences and stories from his 37-year career. Through object manipulation techniques ranging from the ancient to the avant-garde, Jay creates stunning soundscapes and vivid images that stir the sense of cosmic connection within all of us. You do not want to miss this fascinating and mesmerizing event!

Beyond Babel

MAR 17, 2024 / 3 PM

2X DRAMA DESK NOMINATED
NEW YORK TIMES' CRITICS PICK

There are two sides to every story...

Created by renowned choreographers, Keone & Mari Madrid and Josh & Lyndsay Aviner, you do NOT want to miss this critically acclaimed dance theatre show! Inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, *BEYOND BABEL* is about the division of families, friends, and a community of people divided as authorities decide to build a wall between them. We follow two divinely linked lovers as they reconcile with the rising tensions of a populace cut in half. The show is set to a contemporary soundtrack and features a diverse cast of twelve elite dancers performing inventive and surprising West Coast urban choreography with music by Billie Eilish, Chance the Rapper, Mumford & Sons and more.



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EXPLORE!

Men of Music

SPRING CONCERT
APR 26-27 / 2024

Directed by Grace Marra

This 50+ ensemble was founded in 1936.

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Comedy Nights

Join us monthly for 90 minutes of incredible laughter featuring two nationally-touring stand-up comedians! Laughter has been proven to heal, reduce stress, and offer great bonding time – join us for a monthly dose of comedy – visit midlandcenter.org/comedy for more information.

Pendulum Lounge Happy Hours

Don't miss our delectable rotating menu, inventive cocktails, and local talent – Thursday Nights from 4:30-8 PM. Visit midlandcenter.org/lounge to see upcoming artists and our weekly menu.

Find Your Passion

The Center offers classes and camps from the visual to performing arts, including history, science, and more for adults and children 3 years and older.

Choirs of the Center

Singing and being part of an ensemble are wonderful ways for kids and adults to discover skills and talents you may not know you have, while making friends and learning valuable lessons. For more information on our choirs, visit midlandcenter.org/participate.



EDUCATION & MUSEUM



STUDENT MATINEES

We are proud to continue to **support educators** who wish to introduce their students to the wonder of art, science, and history!

More information can be found at midlandcenter.org/studentmatinees.

EDUCATORS!

We offer a variety of tours and resources for you! For more information, visit midlandcenter.org/educators.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

OCT 27, 2023 / 10 AM

See opposite page for information. Curriculum Connections: Classic literature, translating literature to the stage, elements of storytelling, theater, relating artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding. *Recommended Grades 3 – 8*

The Rainbow Fish

FEB 5, 2024 / 10 AM

See pg. 7 for information. Curriculum Connections: Puppetry, visual art, reading and language arts skills, opposites, ocean life, friendship, responsible decision making, relationship skills. *Recommended Grades PreK – 3*

EXCLUSIVELY FOR STUDENTS

Rosie Revere, Engineer & Friends

MAR 19, 2024 / 10 AM & 12 PM

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, theater, music. *Recommended Grades K – 4*

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

APR 24, 2024 / 10:30 AM

See pg. 10 for information. 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. *Recommended Grades 5 – 12*

The Museum at the Center presents **engaging & immersive exhibits** in art, science, and history as we prepare for the renovation of our facility.

ROTATING EXHIBITS

IFF STEM EXHIBIT SPACE:

Down to Earth

SEP 8 - NOV 12 / 2023

Dig deep to uncover the layers of our planet and investigate how Earth has changed over billions of years. Explore volcanoes, earthquakes and geological records!

Victorian Home Holidays

DEC 1 / 2023 – JAN 7 / 2024

Celebrate the holidays with old fashioned parlor games, festive music and authentic Victorian furnishings from the historic Bradley Home.

At The Speed of Light

JAN 19 – MAY 26 / 2024

Discover the vibrant world of light – explore how it bends and moves – and how we perceive it!

LOBBY EXHIBIT SPACE:

Master Drawings From The Tammassy Collection

SEP 15 – NOV 12 / 2023

Selections From The Center's Permanent Collection

DEC 1 / 2023 – FEB 25 / 2024

History of Lumbering in Midland

MAR 8 – MAY 26 / 2024

Abiding Inspiration: Equine Art By Jeri Hollister

MAR 8 – MAY 26 / 2024

YOUTH THEATRE

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

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

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 tale is perfect Halloween fun for the whole family. **THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**, published in 1820, tells the story of Ichabod Crane and his attempt to win the heart of his love, Katrina Van Tassel. This comical and ghostly tale follows Crane through the town of Sleepy Hollow, NY, where he is visited by a mysterious ghost, the Headless Horseman.

By Christopher Castanho, adapted from the story by Washington Irving.
Recommended for children ages 8-15 and their families.



Disney's Frozen Jr.

FEB 22 – 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM

FEB 25, 2024 / 2 PM

Relaxed Performance FEB 24 / 2 PM

AUDITIONS / DEC 2023

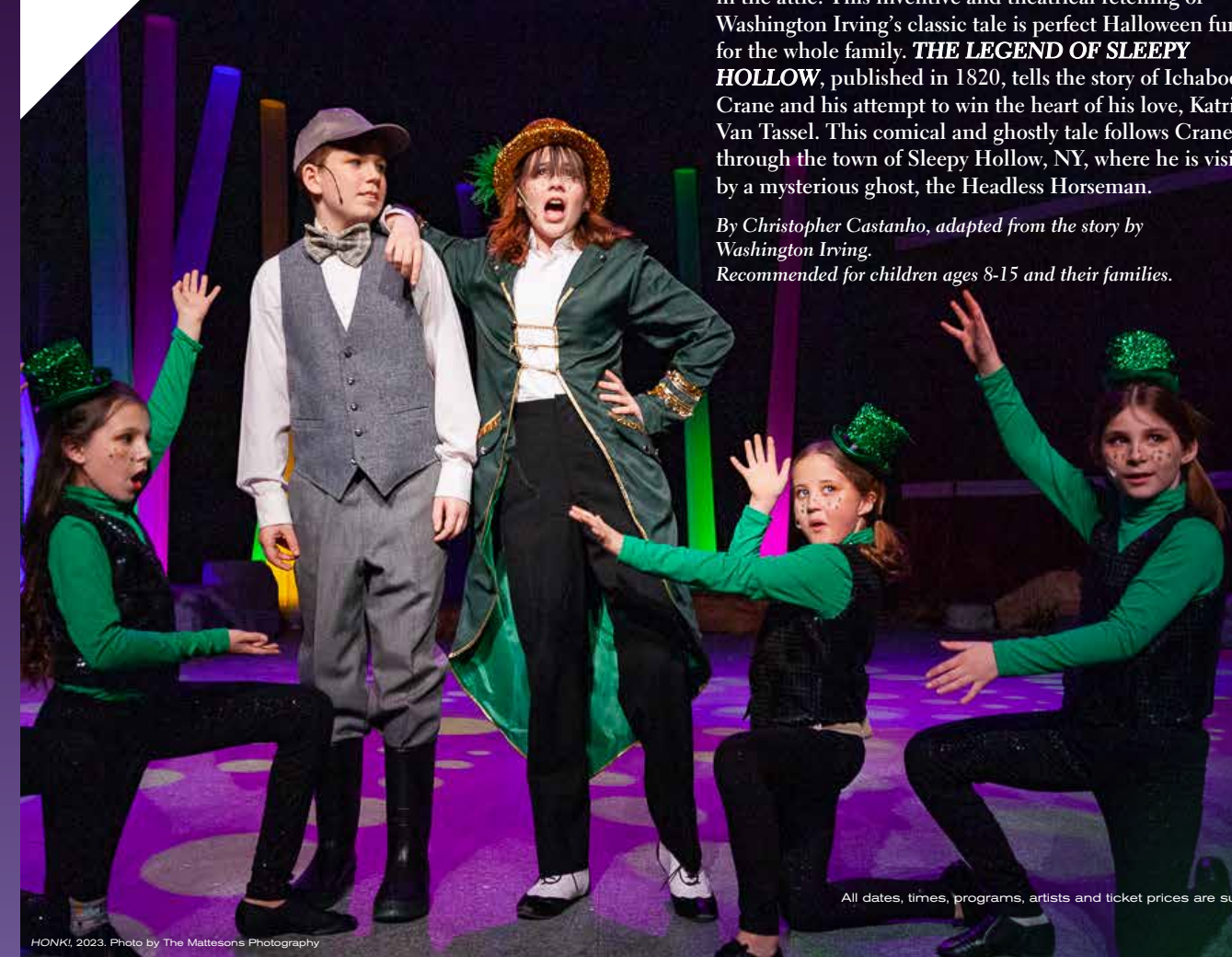
A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, **DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.** expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, **DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.** is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez
DISNEY'S FROZEN JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
MTIshows.com.
Recommended for children ages 4+ and their families.



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!



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Ticket sales cover only a portion of our Center's budget. In a typical year, we must raise more than \$5 million to deliver excellence on stage and in our programs for schools, children, aspiring artists, and underserved communities. **Our Circle of Friends Annual Fund** is vital to our financial well-being, allowing us to fulfill our mission throughout the community.

Each year, our Circle of Friends helps us create educational and entertaining programming in arts, sciences, and humanities that inspire audiences and participants of all ages. Please join your friends and neighbors in supporting this work in our region. Your giving entitles you to benefits that enhance your experience at the Center. Visit midlandcenter.org/benefits to learn more.

We would also be honored to be included in your estate plans. Learn more about our **Legacy Society** at midlandcenter.org/planned-giving.

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DIRECTIONS & PARKING

- / Midland Center for the Arts is located at 1801 W. Saint Andrews, at the corner of Eastman Avenue and West Saint Andrews Road in Midland, MI.
- / It's an easy drive! Take I-75 to US10 or via M20.
- / FREE parking on surface lots adjacent to our building. Midland Center for the Arts shares a parking lot with Dow Gardens and Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. We recommend arriving **at least** 30 minutes prior to show time to ensure you have time to find a parking spot and walk in.

GUEST SERVICES

Our Guest Services Specialists are happy to assist you.

- / **Visit** midlandcenter.org to purchase anytime
- / **Come in person** to 1801 W. Saint Andrews Rd, Midland
- / **Call** us at 989.631.8250
- / **Hours** *subject to change*
MON – THU / 12 – 6 PM
FRI / 10 AM – 6 PM
SAT / 10 AM – 4 PM
SUN / 12 – 4 PM

The Ticket Office will also open one hour prior to curtain time on performance days.

STAY UP TO DATE!

- / **Information in this brochure is subject to change.**
- / Information on performances and the Museum can be found at midlandcenter.org.
- / Please be sure that Guest Services has your correct email address on file or ask to add an email to your account so we can provide you with important updates and information regarding your event.

IMPORTANT TICKET & FACILITY INFORMATION

All Sales Are Final

Tickets may be exchanged up to 72 hours prior to the event for \$5 per ticket. Subscribers receive free ticket exchanges. The value of the exchanged ticket(s) will be applied to another Center event in the 2023-2024 season. We cannot hold a credit on your account. Performances are not cancelled and refunds are not provided due to weather conditions.

Ticket Policy

Everyone attending a performance must have their own ticket, regardless of age and even if you expect a child to sit in an adult's lap.

Personal Responsibility Statement

Midland Center for the Arts offers a diverse selection of arts entertainment. Not all productions may appeal to or be appropriate for every person or for all ages. Therefore, guests are responsible for making informed decisions regarding their ticket purchases. **Contact Guest Services if you have questions regarding age appropriateness.**

Processing Fees

Midland Center for the Arts applies a Processing Fee to most performance tickets. This small per-ticket fee is specifically used to maintain and upgrade our facilities. You will see the Processing Fee printed on your ticket separate from the ticket price.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TICKET FRAUD

Purchase directly from us! Buy your tickets at the **ONLY** official sources: at midlandcenter.org and cart.midlandcenter.org; at 989.631.8250; or in person at our Ticket Office. Purchasing from an unauthorized source may put you at risk for receiving counterfeit tickets or paying more than face value for your tickets. Help us spread the word – tell your friends!

Thank you!

ACCESSIBILITY

We offer many accessibility services to ensure your experience at Midland Center for the Arts is an enjoyable one. **However, please note, our theaters do not have elevators and most seats/rows require the use of stairs.**



- / **Free Assistive Listening Devices** upon request.



- / **Wheelchair Seating and Other Seating Accommodations** upon request at time of ticket purchase.



- / **Convenient Drop-Off Areas** near entrances.



- / **Relaxed Experiences** that provide a welcoming environment to individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), developmental disabilities, sensory processing disorders or PTSD; and all sensory-sensitive people and their families. Please visit midlandcenter.org/relaxed-experiences for more information.

For questions about accessibility, or if you need assistance or an accommodation, please contact Guest Services at guestservices@midlandcenter.org or 989.631.8250.

GUEST AMENITIES

- / **Free Booster Seats** – We have a limited number available upon request. Personal booster seats are permitted in the theater.
- / **Food and Beverages** – Light snacks and beverages are available at concessions. Cash and credit are accepted. The Pendulum Lounge will be open one hour prior to curtain for most Auditorium events.
- / **Gift Shop** – Shop a variety of beautiful, fun and unique items for all ages in the Gift Shop.
- / **Local Attractions** – Visit downtown Midland just one mile away, featuring many great restaurants, shops and hotels. The Center shares a campus with the 100-acre Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest, featuring the longest canopy walk in the nation.

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CALENDAR
AT A GLANCE

AUG 2023

AUG 2-11 / The Prom

SEP 2023

SEP 23 / Disney's Encanto: Sing Along Film Concert

OCT 2023

OCT 7 / MSO Spooky Symphony

OCT 12-15 / Doubt: A Parable

OCT 13 / The Gavilán Brothers

OCT 27-29 / The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

NOV 2023

NOV 3 / Reflex

NOV 4 / MSO Postcards

NOV 17-18 / Cirque Dreams Holidaze

NOV 21 / Vienna Boys Choir

NOV 25 / Collage Dance Collective

NOV 30 / Million Dollar Quartet Christmas

DEC 2023

DEC 8-17 / Irving Berlin's White Christmas

DEC 9 / MSO Holiday Pops

DEC 19 / Christmas in Killarney

FEB 2024

FEB 4 / The Rainbow Fish

FEB 9-10 / Mean Girls

FEB 22 / Jazz at Lincoln Center

FEB 22-25 / Disney's Frozen Jr.

FEB 24 / MSO Wonders of Nature

MAR 2024

MAR 8-9 / Annie

MAR 17 / Beyond Babel

APR 2024

APR 1-2 / Come From Away

APR 12-21 / Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike

APR 13 / MSO These Women's Works

APR 20 / 360 ALLSTARS

APR 23 / Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

APR 24 / How to Navigate Life

APR 26-27 / Men of Music Spring Show

MAY 2024

MAY 2 / Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

MAY 17-18 / Chicago

MAY 17-26 / Next to Normal