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Elesha Paul Moses as Tina Turner in the 2023 UK Tour of TINA: The Tina Turner Musical. Photo by Manuel Harlan

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WELCOME TO A SEASON OF JOURNEY & DISCOVERY

I am honored and delighted to welcome you to our 2024/25 season of journey and discovery. The Center will be undergoing momentous change this year, and we are so grateful that you will be traveling with us on this adventure!

The Center's long-anticipated renovation will be well underway before the season begins. Our first construction phase focuses on providing greater access and convenience to improve YOUR experience at the Center. Before performances commence in the Auditorium this October, we are:

- / Expanding the women's restrooms
- / Renovating the men's restrooms
- / Adding a small restroom to the Donor Lounge
- / Refurbishing concession stands, creating more lobby space

These amenities have been requested by you, our patrons. We have heard you, and your needs and comfort are our top priorities. Our next phases will focus on increasing guest accessibility, transforming our new education wing, creating flexible public spaces, upgrading exhibit storage, and renewing the core of the museum.

Our commitment to you remains unchanged. We will maintain the highest level of service and ensure a welcoming, pleasant environment throughout the construction process. The Center will remain open for the entire season as we develop the world-class venue that our community deserves. Additionally, during construction, we are excited to present an immersive, out-of-this-world exhibit to the Great Lakes Bay region! Center subscribers, donors, and members will be the FIRST patrons invited to this unique experience.

Of course, we will continue to bring you the finest performing artists and events available from around the globe, produce the highest quality local productions and concerts, and deliver exceptional customer service. As valued subscribers, you enjoy exclusive benefits including the best seats at the lowest available prices, year-round ticket exchanges, flexible purchase options, and more!

I also invite you to support the Center's service to the community by including a donation with your subscription. Your contribution helps bring engaging, interactive, and educational experiences to the Great Lakes Bay region. If you are already a donor, increasing your contribution further supports the Center's services. Donors enjoy benefits that include access to our private donor lounge, invitation-only events, reserved parking, and more. Check page 19 for details on these benefits.

I look forward to embarking on this season of exploration with you!



Jon Loos

Jon Loos
President & CEO

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as ever. It's really something
to holler about.”**

Los Angeles Times

Hadestown

FEB 7 & 8, 2025 / 7:30 PM
FEB 8 & 9, 2025 / 2 PM

WELCOME TO HADESTOWN, WHERE A SONG CAN CHANGE YOUR FATE.

Winner of 8 Tony® Awards in 2019 including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and innovative director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today... and always.

Intertwining two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — HADESTOWN is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.

Dear Evan Hansen

MAR 18 – 20, 2025 / 7:30 PM

THE TONY AND GRAMMY-WINNING BEST MUSICAL THAT IS A WORLDWIDE SENSATION.

Declared “one of the most remarkable shows in musical theatre history” by *The Washington Post* and “an anthem resonating on Broadway and beyond” by *NBC Nightly News*, DEAR EVAN HANSEN is the first contemporary musical about connection in the digital age.

Meet Evan Hansen, a high school student who always feels like he's on the outside looking in. After writing a letter to himself that was never meant to be seen, Evan becomes entangled in a lie that was never meant to be told and a life he never dreamt could be his. As a result, Evan finally gets what so many of us are searching for—the chance to finally fit in.

Packed with some of the most popular musical theatre songs from the last decade including “You Will Be Found,” “Waving Through A Window,” and “For Forever,” DEAR EVAN HANSEN features an uplifting score by the Tony®, Grammy®, and Oscar®-winning team behind *The Greatest Showman*, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, and a book by Tony® Award winner Steven Levenson.

DEAR EVAN HANSEN contains adult themes, including discussions of suicide.

STOMP

MAY 10, 2025 / 7:30 PM
MAY 11, 2025 / 2 PM

STOMP. SEE WHAT ALL THE NOISE IS ABOUT.

STOMP is explosive, inventive, provocative, witty, and utterly unique—an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. The international percussion sensation has garnered armfuls of awards and rave reviews and has appeared on numerous national television shows. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments – matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps – to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. Year after year, audiences worldwide keep coming back for more of this pulse-pounding electrifying show. As *The Boston Globe* says, “If you haven't seen STOMP, GO! If you have seen it, take someone and share the pleasure!”

COME SEE HOW THE WORLD COULD BE

HADESTOWN

THE TONY-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

MUSIC, LYRICS & BOOK BY
ANAIS MITCHELL

DEVELOPED WITH & DIRECTED BY
RACHEL CHAVKIN

ain't too proud

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
THE TEMPTATIONS

BROADWAY'S BEST
NATIONAL TOURS!

Ain't Too Proud

MAY 20 – 22, 2025 / 7:30 PM

AIN'T TOO PROUD – *The Life and Times of The Temptations* is the electrifying smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Nominated for 12 Tony® Awards and the winner of the 2019 Tony® Award for Best Choreography, it's a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal during a decade of civil unrest in America. Set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," AIN'T TOO PROUD tells the unforgettable story of the legendary quintet that *Billboard Magazine* named the greatest R&B group of all time.

Tina – The Tina Turner Musical

JUN 20 & 21, 2025 / 7:30 PM
JUN 21, 2025 / 2 PM

An uplifting comeback story like no other, *TINA – The Tina Turner Musical* is the inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Katori Hall and set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of Tina Turner's most beloved hits, this electrifying sensation will send you soaring to the rafters.

One of the world's best-selling artists of all time, Tina Turner won 12 Grammy® Awards and her live shows were seen by millions, with more concert tickets sold than any other solo performer in music history.

**"An ELECTRIFYING
THRILL-A-MINUTE
NEW MUSICAL"**
The Washington Post



UK Cast of Ain't Too Proud. Photo by Johan Persson



Elisha Paul Moses as Tina Turner in 2023 UK Tour of TINA: The Tina Turner Musical. Photo by Manuel Herlan



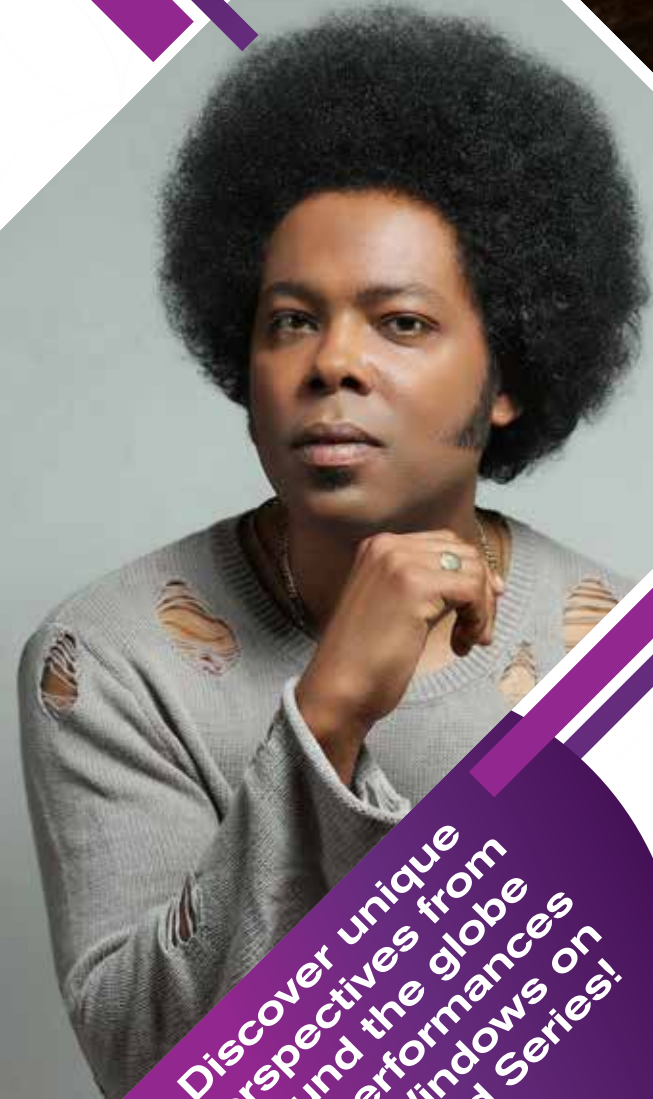
**"MIND-BLOWING &
LIFE CHANGING!"**



UK Cast of Ain't Too Proud. Photo by Johan Persson

WINDOWS ON OUR WORLD SERIES

Alex Cuba



Discover unique perspectives from around the globe with performances in our Windows on Our World Series!



Stephanie Chou Quintet
Photo by John Abbott

Alex Cuba

OCT 23, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Cuban-Canadian singer-songwriter Alex Cuba's sugarcane-sweet melodies, pop-soul hooks, and powerful guitar riffs distinguish his work from much of the Latin music landscape. He draws his influences from a heady mix of Afro-Cuban jazz, funk, and pop that is underpinned by sanguine melodies, soul-tinged hooks, and a romantic story or two. Alex's records have earned him Latin Grammy and Juno awards, as well as Grammy® Award nominations. Treat yourself to a unique evening of toe-tapping rhythm, heart-felt ballads and soulful layered songs in English and Spanish.

Stephanie Chou Quintet

JAN 28, 2025 / 7:30 PM

Stephanie Chou, is a Chinese-American jazz composer, saxophonist, and singer who seamlessly blends influences from her Chinese heritage with Western jazz and pop, fostering immediate cross-cultural connections and emphasizing audience engagement. She has graced prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, B.B. King's, Joe's Pub, Miller Theater, as well as numerous international music festivals and venues. Chou's quintet features saxophone and vocals in Mandarin/English, complemented by Chinese violin (erhu), viola, and a jazz rhythm section, amplifying the universal appeal of her music to her ever-expanding fan base.

Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience

FEB 15, 2025 / 7:30 PM

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS A LITTLE EARLY!

For over 40 years, 2-time Grammy® award-winning 8TH generation Louisiana Creole, Terrance Simien has been performing traditional Zydeco roots music. Join us for a celebration of the up-tempo sounds and syncopated rhythms of zydeco – blending blues, R&B, indigenous, soul, Afro-Caribbean, Cajun, and early Creole music. Simien and his band mates have performed nearly 10,000 concerts, touring millions of miles to over 45 countries. They've played with legends including Art Neville, Los Lobos, Robert Palmer, and Dave Matthews Band, to name a few. Don't miss this rockin' evening of washboard, accordion, brass, and guitar performed by Zydeco masters!



Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience
Photo by Sherwin Ramirez

“Always visually and musically exciting!”

The Washington Post

Photo by Jim Siah

Step Afrika!

APR 25, 2025 / 7:30 PM

STEP AFRIKA! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities, traditional West and Southern African dances, and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor, and audience participation. The blend of technique, agility, and pure energy makes each performance unique and leaves the audience with their hearts pounding.



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Grand Rapids Ballet of The Nutcracker

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OPENING NIGHT! Firebird & Friends

OCT 12, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Felix Mendelssohn: Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Concerto for Violin in G minor, op. 80.

Igor Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite
Nathan Amaral, violin

Appropriately, the Midland Symphony Orchestra launches our season of journey and discovery with an evening that begins as a calm voyage, progresses through lyrical enchantment, and finally builds to an imaginative fiery peak! We start with an epic 19TH century sailing adventure – Mendelssohn’s delightful *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage*, inspired by Goethe’s poetry. Traveling into the early 20TH century, the Orchestra pairs with 2024 Sphinx Competition Robert Frederick Smith Prize winner Nathan Amaral for a performance of the work that won him the prestigious award, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor’s *Violin Concerto in G minor, op. 80*. Stravinsky’s enchanting *The Firebird Suite*, made familiar to many in Disney’s *Fantasia 2000*, follows the heroic adventure of a blazing and beautiful Firebird, closing out this exciting and intrepid evening with a monumental crescendo!

The Nutcracker

DEC 6 & 7, 2024 / 8 PM

DEC 7 & 8, 2024 / 2 PM

with Grand Rapids Ballet

Visions of sugar plum fairies will dance across the stage in this treasured holiday classic! The Grand Rapids Ballet returns to perform their re-envisioned production of *The Nutcracker*, played by our own Symphony Orchestra. Experience the holiday magic with Clara as she journeys to the Land of Sweets with the Nutcracker, a gift from her mysterious uncle. Featuring choreography from world-renowned Val Caniparoli, with the dancing set against a distinctive and lush storybook set created by celebrated *The Polar Express* author/illustrator Chris Van Allsburg and designed by Tony® Award winner Eugene Lee.

Holiday Pops

DEC 14, 2024 / 4 PM

Kevin Massey & Kara Lindsay, vocalists

The caroling Choirs of the Center and the Midland Symphony Orchestra, will be joined by Broadway power couple Kara Lindsay and Kevin Massey for an evening of holiday celebration! On Broadway, Kara originated the role of Katherine in *NEWSIES* and reprised her performance in the film version, *Disney’s Newsies the Broadway Musical*; she also appeared on Broadway as Glinda in *WICKED* and Cynthia Weil in *BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL*. Kevin performed on Broadway in *TARZAN*, *BIG RIVER*, *MEMPHIS*, and *A GENTLEMAN’S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER* as well as in numerous touring and regional roles. Together they performed in the national tours of *A GENTLEMAN’S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER* and *LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE*. Don’t miss this signature event of the Great Lakes Bay region’s holiday season!

Outer Space: The Infinite

FEB 1, 2025 / 7:30 PM

Jessie Montgomery: Starburst

Richard Strauss: Also sprach Zarathustra

Eric Whitacre, Deep Field

Discover the cosmos as you travel through billions of stars with the Midland Symphony Orchestra! Immerse yourself in the one-of-a-kind *Deep Field* experience created by Grammy® Award-winning composer Eric Whitacre – a stunning film, *Deep Field: The Impossible Magnitude of our Universe*, illuminates the astounding and powerful score. Experience extraordinary galactic imagery from the Hubble Space Telescope, immersive animation, and audience participation that invites guests to join in with the symphony via a smartphone app. Continue travelling to the edges of our universe with Jessie Montgomery’s dynamic *Starburst* and Strauss’ now iconic tone poem *Also sprach Zarathustra*, used in *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

An Enchanting Journey

MAR 8, 2025 / 7:30 PM

Mozart: The Magic Flute

Mahler: Symphony No. 4

with Detroit Opera Resident Artists

This compelling performance will feature an elite ensemble of soloists from the renowned Detroit Opera Resident Artists and will be highlighted by excerpts from Mozart’s timeless and enchanting masterpiece, the fantasy quest *The Magic Flute*. Mahler’s spectacular *Symphony No. 4* will complete the evening with its soaring and “heavenly” soprano solo. Members of Detroit’s premier producer and presenter of opera, musical theatre, and dance accompany Midland Symphony Orchestra’s performance in an unforgettable evening of music. Join us on this journey marrying spectacular voices with equally compelling music.

Rhapsody In Blue

APR 5, 2025 / 7:30 PM

George Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue &

Piano Concerto in F

Kevin Cole, piano

The award-winning and spectacular pianist Kevin Cole performs with the MSO, as he has done with over 100 orchestras! Regarded as the leading interpreter of George Gershwin’s piano compositions, Kevin will play the incomparable *Rhapsody in Blue*, beloved since its premiere in 1924 for its integration of jazz and classical music and considered one of the greatest symphonic achievements of the 20th century. Kevin, a local artist living in Bay City, will continue to delight with Gershwin’s *Piano Concerto in F*. Kevin is the perfect soloist for our exploration of Gershwin - declares Edward Jablonski, renowned Gershwin scholar, “Kevin is the best Gershwin pianist since Gershwin himself – no one can touch him.”

ROCK OF AGES

OUTDOOR STAGE!

Rock Of Ages

AUG 7 – 9 & 14 – 16, 2024 / 8 PM

'80s NOSTALGIA & HEADBANDS!

The '80s are back with this 5-time Tony® Award-nominated Broadway musical and its story of a small-town girl, a city boy, and rock 'n' roll romance on the Sunset Strip! Aspiring rocker Drew dreams of glory while longing for Sherri, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes. When the bar where rock reigns supreme is set to be demolished by German developers, it's up to these wannabe rockers and their band of friends to save the day – and the music! *ROCK OF AGES'* electric score, accompanied by a live rock band, features all your favorite '80s rock anthems and power ballads, including: "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," "I Wanna Know What Love Is," "Here I Go Again," "We Built This City," "Don't Stop Believin'," and more!

Book by Chris D'Arenzo
Arrangements and Orchestrations by Ethan Popp

ROCK OF AGES is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
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Steel Magnolias

OCT 11 – 12 & 18 – 19, 2024 / 7:30 PM

OCT 13 & 20, 2024 / 2 PM

AS DELICATE AS MAGNOLIAS BUT AS TOUGH AS STEEL.

Truvy's Salon is the beauty hub of Chinquapin, Louisiana, offering hairdos, manicures – and gossip. With her over-eager assistant Annelle, Truvy caters to small-town regulars including the caring M'Lynn and her soon-to-be-married daughter Shelby, the moody Ouiser, and the affluent widow Clairee. Through witty banter and wisecracks, this hodgepodge group of women form friendships as strong as steel. Known for its cherished film adaptation starring Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Olympia Dukakis, Dolly Parton, Daryl Hannah, and Julia Roberts, *STEEL MAGNOLIAS* is a hilariously touching comedy-drama celebrating the bonds among a group of Southern women in a home beauty salon in northwest Louisiana.

By Robert Harling

STEEL MAGNOLIAS is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

Steel MAGNOLIAS

AUDITORIUM STAGE!

The Wizard Of Oz

NOV 15 – 16, 2024 / 7 PM

NOV 17, 2024 / 2 PM

"WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD!"

Travel over the rainbow with *THE WIZARD OF OZ!* This beloved tale comes to life on the Auditorium Stage featuring all the moments and music from the iconic 1939 MGM film. Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy Gale as she encounters a host of whimsical characters on her journey to the Emerald City: good witches, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion, and the Wicked Witch of the West, who will stop at nothing to get her hands on the ruby slippers. To make it home safely, Dorothy must learn an important lesson: there's no place like home.

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothar

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard /
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros

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The Diary of ANNE FRANK

The Diary Of Anne Frank

FEB 21 & 22, FEB 28 – MAR 1, 2025 / 7:30 PM

FEB 23 & MAR 2, 2025 / 2 PM

"DESPITE EVERYTHING, I BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY GOOD AT HEART."

Playwright Wendy Kesselman breathes new life into Anne Frank's renowned diary with a transcendentally powerful stage adaptation, portraying a spirited young woman confronting unimaginable horrors with wit, fierce honesty, and unwavering hope. A heartfelt drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, *THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK* captures the realities of their daily existence—their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Each day of these two dark years, Anne's voice shines through: "When I write I shake off all my cares. But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death!"

Based on *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

Merrily We Roll Along

MAY 9 – 10 & 15 – 17, 2025 / 7:30 PM

MAY 11 & 18, 2025 / 2 PM

"HEY, OLD FRIEND!"

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG is a thrilling and compelling showbiz fable about friendship and the high price of success. Starting from adulthood and traveling back in time to the idealistic dreams of youth, *MERRILY* charts the highs and lows of a relationship among three lifelong friends and traces every milestone of their lives for nearly two decades. With a score showcasing some of Stephen Sondheim's best-known songs, including "Good Thing Going," "Not a Day Goes By," and "Old Friends," this semi-autobiographical musical turns back the clock on friendship and the importance of staying true to one's ideals.

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Book by George Furth
Based on the Original Play by George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Note: The unique staging of this show includes seating directly on the stage for an intimate experience.

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

THE WIZARD of OZ

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

Ben Folds

OCT 15, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation. The Emmy®-nominated singer-songwriter-composer has created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums, and numerous collaborative records. For the past three decades, he's toured as a pop artist, while also performing with some of the world's greatest symphony orchestras. A *New York Times* Best-Selling author and podcast host, Ben also composes for film, TV and theatre, guest stars in films and TV, and serves as the Artistic Advisor to the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Haunted Objects Live!

OCT 25, 2024 / 7:30 PM

You know them from *The Haunted Objects Podcast*, Amazon Prime's *Hellier*, and Travel Channel's *Kindred Spirits*. Now Greg and Dana Newkirk will take you on a journey through history, folklore, and true-life accounts of supernatural encounters with objects that seem to possess a life of their own. Learn the untold truth about famous paranormal cases like The Amityville Horror, discover why the infamous Dybbuk Box is scarier than the demon it's rumored to imprison, and tag along as Greg & Dana reveal how they broke the curse of the Catskills Crone, as featured in their highly anticipated new film *The Unbinding*. You'll even help the Newkirks create a haunted artifact with nothing more than the power of your mind!

Vitamin String Quartet: The Music of Taylor Swift, Bridgerton, and Beyond

OCT 26, 2024 / 7:30 PM

Long before *Bridgerton* broke the Netflix algorithm, Vitamin String Quartet (VSQ) had helped establish classical crossover as a genuine force in contemporary music. Fresh off high-profile placements in Seasons 1 and 2 of the aforementioned streaming smash, VSQ has "reached a mainstream, global audience" (*Variety*) and "charmed the world with their classical covers" (*Nylon*). *New York Observer* wrote, "VSQ's atmospheric hits have made classical versions of pop music cool." On their latest tour, VSQ have created fresh arrangements of the cultural phenomenon that is Taylor Swift, performing spellbinding and innovative renditions of Swift's music, alongside familiar hits from Billie Eilish, BTS, *Bridgerton*, The Weeknd and Daft Punk. VSQ are one of the most popular string ensembles in the world with over 2 billion streams and 7 albums charting on both Billboard Classical and Classical Crossover charts.



Ben Folds



The Begging Bowl
Haunted Objects Live!



Greg & Dana Newkirk
Haunted Objects Live!



Vitamin String Quartet

Vitamin String Quartet



Tim Davis, Jane Lynch, and Kate Flannery

Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas featuring Kate Flannery, Tim Davis & The Tony Guerrero Quintet

DEC 11, 2024 / 7:30 PM

You may remember Jane Lynch as the Emmy® and Golden Globe-winning coach Sue Sylvester on *Glee*. These days, you can see her as the Emmy®-winning host of NBC's *Hollywood Game Show Night* or on *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, with, you guessed it, her Emmy®-winning performance as Sophia Lennon. She also appeared in Christopher Guest's *Best in Show*. You may not have seen the uber-cool Ms. Lynch in her own holiday show, *A Swingin' Little Christmas*. Known for her quick wit and improvisational skills, she brings these talents to bear in a Christmas show that features traditional favorites and original songs with Kate Flannery, Tim Davis, and the Tony Guerrero Quintet. Their holiday album, *A Swingin' Little Christmas*, hit Billboard's Top 10 Adult Contemporary chart. A Christmas single with Dick Van Dyke, "Winter's Never Cold," written by Tony Guerrero, also hit the charts.

Haunted Objects Live AND *Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas* featuring *Kate Flannery, Tim Davis & The Tony Guerrero Quintet* are offering a limited number of VIP seats on subscription! These tickets will include premium locations and exclusive interactions with the artists. Details to come closer to the events.

**FAMILY
ADD-ONS**



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Dragons & Mythical Beasts

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Subscribe to any of the incredible series in our 2024/25 lineup of events and get the ability to add on these fantastic family events!

SUMMER EVENTS

Green Rush - Lumbering in 19TH Century Mid-Michigan

ON EXHIBIT: NOW – JUL 14 / 2024
MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Explore an era of lumbering that brought about profound changes to the landscape of our region. Join us to delve into the world of lumbering, from the life of a lumberjack in a winter camp to the far-reaching effects of business on the region.

Forged: Sculpted by Nature

ON EXHIBIT: JUN 8 – SEP 28 / 2024
CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

Journey through Chippewa Nature Center and discover three metal sculptures representing Michigan's diverse array of flora and fauna. The sculptures were designed by local Michigan artists Annie Stout, Jordan Walmsley, and the Max Carey Blacksmith Guild, and were expertly constructed by the Guild.

Summer Art Fair

JUN 1 & 2, 2024 / 10 AM – 5 PM
DOWNTOWN MIDLAND

We are pleased to present the 56TH Annual Summer Art Fair! In addition to over 100 artists, the Fair features stages with local musical entertainment, a children's area with lots of art activities, artists demonstrations, and great food!

Summer Art Fair
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Tweet Tweet!

OCT 19, 2024 / 10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM

Tweet Tweet! is a 45-minute contemporary circus experience for our youngest audience, ages 2-5 years and their caregivers. Two little birds asleep in their nests awake and discover the magical world around them. As the performers move from their nests into the aerial tree canopy, participants sit below on a large forest floor carpet. *Tweet Tweet!* is performed without words and will feature a "stay & play" opportunity to explore the set after the performance. Seating is on the stage with limited general admission.

Doktor Kaboom: Look Out! Science is Coming!

JAN 17, 2025 / 6:30 PM

Grab your lab coats and safety goggles! Doktor Kaboom's one-man show reminds us that science is for everyone! Explore the wonders of the scientific method with laugh-out-loud humor and dynamic demonstrations. Audience members of all ages can prepare for laughter, learning, and an unforgettable scientific adventure! Best for students in grades 2-6 and their families.

Dragons & Mythical Beasts

APR 19, 2025 / 6:30 PM

Calling all brave heroes! Enter a magical world of myths and legends in this interactive show for the whole family. Unveil a myriad of dark secrets and come face to face with some of the most magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts ever to walk the earth. Take your place among legendary heroes, just don't wake the Dragon...

iLuminate

APR 30, 2025 / 6:30 PM

From the moment the lights fade, you are transported into another world ... where the music moves you and the visuals are unlike anything you've ever seen. Welcome to the world of *iLuminate*, named "Best New Act in America" by *America's Got Talent* in 2011. Experience the electrifying spectacle of the country's best dancers, wearing customized LED suits as they dance to vibrant music, creating extraordinary lighting effects that take viewers on an exhilarating ride!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

2024/25 YOUTH THEATRE



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Anne of Green Gables
ADAPTED BY JOSEPH ROBINETTE

DEC 12 – 15 / 2024

ROALD DAHL'S **Matilda**
THE MUSICAL

APR 10 – 13 / 2025

RISING STARS!
Disney **FREAKY FRIDAY**
A NEW MUSICAL

JUN 25 – 27 / 2025

2024 Summer Camps

Summer camps are a great way for kids entering **grades PreK – 8** to build confidence, discover hidden talents, and explore their passions! Camps often sell out fast, so hurry before they're gone!

Educators, Get Involved!

The Center is excited to welcome classrooms of any makeup or size to engage in hands-on workshops and student matinee performances.

Check out midlandcenter.org/teacher now for all the exciting things that can come to your class in the 2024/25 school year!!

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2024 RISING STARS PROGRAM

High School Students Join Broadway Professionals

Rising Stars is a theatre initiative designed for entering-and-current high school students who are interested in gaining professional-level acting and technical experience from a Broadway Creative Team. We look forward to the 2024 production of *Disney's NEWSIES*, **JUN 26 – 29 / 8 PM**; thank you to everyone who participated in auditions! Tickets are on sale now!



Disney **NEWSIES**
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
JUN 26-29

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SUPPORT THE ART YOU LOVE!



Capital Campaign

We are so excited for the renovations to the Center, and we hope you'll follow the process with us! If you are interested in supporting this project or learning more, scan the QR code or visit the site below. Your contribution will play a crucial role in shaping the future Midland Center for the Arts. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Help Support The Center's Transformational Renovation / midlandcenter.org/campaign

"What the Center provides in the arts is amazing. The opportunities for people of all ages is incredible. We are blessed to have seen the great impact it has had on our own family."
 – Midland County Parent

You can make a difference in a student's life and support what you love!

Ticket sales cover only 45% 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 mission and financial well-being, allowing us to fulfill our mission throughout the community.

Each year, donors to our Circle of Friends program help us to create educational and entertaining programming in the arts, sciences, and humanities that inspire audiences and participants of all ages. Please join your friends and neighbors in supporting this work in our community.

To make a gift, please add your contribution to your subscription order form, donate online at midlandcenter.org/donate or contact our Development Office at 989.631.5930 x1401.

Please visit midlandcenter.org/benefits to learn more.



View of renovated education wing as seen from West St. Andrews Rd. Images are conceptual and subject to change.



The Dr. Andrea Louise Jenkins Endowed Fund for Cultural Enrichment

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TO OUR RECENT SPONSORS



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 Sport Clips Haircuts / Trombley Electric / Wilson Miller Funeral Home

IMPORTANT TICKET & FACILITY INFORMATION

Subscribers may exchange tickets for FREE up to 24 hours prior to a performance. The value of the exchanged ticket(s) can be applied to another Center 2024/25 event, subject to availability.

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.

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, patrons are responsible for making informed decisions** regarding their ticket purchases.

Please make sure we have your email address on file. The Center sends event-related information via email prior to each event. Please be sure that the Ticket Office has your correct email address on file and that you are not on the do-not-email list.

Processing Fees: Midland Center for the Arts applies a one-time Processing Fee to your subscription package. This fee is specifically used to maintain and upgrade our facilities.

***Note:** Our theaters do not have elevators.

GUEST SERVICES INFORMATION

We are happy to assist you with your order, or simply mail in your order form.

Go to midlandcenter.org/subscribe

Call us at 989.631.8250

Mail your order form – see enclosed.

TICKET OFFICE HOURS *subject to change*

MON – THU / 12 – 6 PM

FRI / 10 AM – 6 PM

SAT / 10 AM – 4 PM

SUN / 12 – 4 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS SAFELY AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TICKET FRAUD – purchase directly from Midland Center for the Arts at midlandcenter.org or by calling **989.631.8250**. Purchasing from an unauthorized source may put you at risk for paying too much or purchasing counterfeit tickets. We also may not be able to help if you have a ticketing problem, or notify you about changes, as there will be no in-house record of your transaction.

JOIN US IN THE PENDULUM LOUNGE! THE PLACE for free performances every Thursday evening with a small plate menu; our Pendulum Lounge bar is also open pre-show for most Auditorium performances, offering comfortable lounge seating and a cozy atmosphere.

Pendulum Lounge
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SUBSCRIBE NOW. THANK YOURSELF LATER!

Subscribers receive the biggest discounts, the chance to reserve the best seats, and the ability to exchange tickets for FREE. Plus, we don't charge subscribers multiple processing fees and they get FIRST ACCESS to purchase tickets for additional shows. **Don't delay – JUN 3 is the RENEWING subscription deadline. New subscribers, please submit your orders by JUN 10.**

SUBSCRIBER PREFERRED SEATS

The seating maps included with your order form show the tiers of the highest demand seats – offered to YOU RIGHT NOW. The maps include accessible and no-step seating. **Please communicate accessibility needs when reserving your seats.**

BROADWAY & BEYOND

PP. 3–6

SAVE 20% or more off of public ticket prices!

5-show package
(includes STOMP)

Tier I / \$351.00

Tier II / \$311.00

Tier III / \$254.00

Tier IV / \$193.00

4-show package

(does NOT include STOMP)

Tier I / \$292.00

Tier II / \$260.00

Tier III / \$212.00

Tier IV / \$160.00

WINDOWS ON OUR WORLD

PP. 7 & 8

4 performances from around the globe.

Tier I / \$103.00

Tier II / \$74.50

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PP. 9 & 10

6-show package

(includes *The Nutcracker*)

PREMIUM / \$278.50

Tier I / \$232.50

Tier II / \$182.50

STUDENT

Premium / \$278.50

Tier I / \$76.25

Tier II / \$68.75

5-show package

(does NOT include *The Nutcracker*)

PREMIUM / \$223.75

Tier I / \$186.25

Tier II / \$143.75

STUDENT

Premium / \$223.75

Tier I / \$30.00

Tier II / \$30.00

CENTER STAGE THEATRE

PP. 11 & 12

5 amazing shows!

Tier I / \$123.00

Tier II / \$116.00

STUDENT

Tier I / \$105.00

Tier II / \$98.00

MATRIX: MIDLAND

PP. 13 & 14

4 eye-opening events.

PREMIUM / \$304.50

Tier I / \$200.60

Tier II / \$156.30

Tier III / \$139.10

