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#### WELCOME TO A SEASON TO **SHARE** & **CONNECT**

We are excited to welcome you to our **2025/26 Season**, a season to share and connect. There's something beautiful about the way that the arts can bring us together. This year, the Center invites you on a journey of captivating performances and bold transformation as we enrich our community and make lives better.

While renovations move forward, our doors remain open with extraordinary artists on our stages, engaging and thoughtful local productions, and meaningful ways to connect with art, science, and history in the Great Lakes Bay Region. This season we will challenge ourselves as an organization by finding new ways to connect and give back.

I believe the Center plays a vital role in our everyday lives through storytelling, movement, and creativity as we engage in shared experiences with our friends and neighbors. Studies show that the arts improve health and well-being, and we are exploring new ways to expand that impact in our region.

We remain committed to fostering experiences that allow us to share and connect as we continue through this moment of transformation. This moment is pivotal for today's modern explorers—and for generations to come. We invite you to become a subscriber, where you can enjoy exclusive benefits including the best seats at the best price, year-round ticket exchanges, flexible purchase options, and more!

Subscribers make it possible for us to offer engaging, entertaining, and educational experiences to the Great Lakes Bay Region – and donors inspire us to expand our impact. If you are already a donor, please consider increasing your contribution to support our programs and services. You'll enjoy added benefits, including access to our Donor Lounge, invitation-only events, reserved parking, and more.



Matt Travis President & CEO

P.S. THE SUBSCRIPTION **RENEWAL DEADLINE IS JUN 11** FOR CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS. NEW SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE SEATED AFTER THAT DATE.

#### Subscribers get the **BEST SEATS** at the **BEST PRICE**.

Plus, interest-free **PAYMENT PLANS** allow you to spread the cost of a season package over up to 6 months.\*

Additional Subscriber benefits include:

- / Flexible, FREE ticket exchange
- / NO individual ticket processing fees
- / Priority pre-sale access for added performances throughout the year
- / Invitations to exclusive activities

Certain restrictions apply Visit midlandcenter.org/benefits or page 18 for more information

\*Orders must be paid in full by OCT 15, 2025.

## BREAD BROADWAY'S "EUPHORIC **CELEBRATION!**

## THE MUSICAL

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## Helloooo, Midland! Mrs Ouibtfire The New Musical Comedy

#### SIX

NOV 28 - 29, 2025 / 7:30 PM NOV 29, 2025 / 2 PM NOV 30, 2025 / 1:30 & 6:30 PM

From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the microphone to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over!

The New York Times says SIX "TOTALLY RULES!" (Critic's Pick) and The Washington Post hails SIX as "Exactly the kind of energizing, inspirational illumination this town aches for!'

The SIX: LIVE ON OPENING NIGHT Broadway album debuted at Number 1 on the Billboard cast album charts and surpassed one hundred million streams worldwide!

#### Mrs. Doubtfire

JAN 23 - 24, 2026 / 7:30 PM JAN 24, 2026 / 2 PM

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY ABOUT THE THINGS WE DO TO STAY TOGETHER.

Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed to the Great Lakes Bay Region in this internationally acclaimed hit musical critics call "wonderful, heart-warming, and laugh-out-loud funny" (Manchester Evening News) and "a feel-good, family-friendly comedy that delivers" (The Hollywood Reporter). Based on the beloved film, MRS. DOUBTFIRE tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. It's "the lovable, big-hearted musical comedy we need right now," raves the *Chicago Tribune* – one that proves we're better together.

\*See page 18 for details.



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#### Blue Man Group JAN 30, 2026 / 7:30 PM JAN 31, 2026 / 2 & 7:30 PM FEB 1, 2026 / 1:30 & 6:30 PM

Blue Man Group performances are a celebration of human connection. Mixing art, music, comedy, and state-of-the-art technology, the show encourages audiences to reconnect with their inner (and outer) child and see the world through a new perspective. Three bald and blue men explore our cultural norms with wide-eyed wonder, poking fun at our collective quirks and reminding us how much we all have in common.

Blue Man Group is not just a show featuring three bald and blue men, it's a total immersive experience. We think of the Blue Man as an "everyman" - he really holds a mirror up to us and our culture and helps us laugh at ourselves a bit, and see ourselves and our world a bit differently. The real goal of any Blue Man Group show is to celebrate all that we have in common as human beings-to celebrate our curiosity, our creativity, and our need for community.

#### **MIDLAND'S ABOUT TO GET SHUCKED**

### shucked THE TONY AWARD\*-WINNING MUSICAL COMEDY

#### Shucked MAY 9, 2026 / 2 & 7:30 PM MAY 10, 2026 / 1:30 & 6:30 PM

SHUCKED is the funniest corn-based musical on tour that everyone's stalkin' about.

SHUCKED is the Tony® Award-winning musical comedy The Wall Street Journal calls "flat out hilarious!" And nobody knows funny like economists. Featuring a book by Tony<sup>®</sup> Award winner **Robert Horn** (Tootsie), a score by the Grammy<sup>®</sup> Award–winning songwriting team Brandy Clark and Shane McAnally (Kacey Musgraves' "Follow Your Arrow"), and directed by Tony<sup>®</sup> Award winner Jack O'Brien (Hairspray), this corn-fed, corn-bred American musical is sure to satisfy your appetite for great musical theatre.

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#### Sweet Honey in the Rock FEB 7, 2026 / 3 PM

The Grammy-nominated African American vocal ensemble, Sweet Honey in the Rock® marked its' 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary in 2023 with a powerful three-year celebration that honors its' storied past and sets the course for the future of the group, which has been described as, "one of the most dynamic, versatile, and still relevant musical collectives today." Since its' inception in Washington, D.C. (1973), Sweet Honey in the Rock has thrived as a performance ensemble founded on the missions of empowerment, education, and entertainment.

#### Skerryvore FEB 24, 2026 / 7:30 PM

From the remote island of Tiree to headlining festivals around the world, Skerryvore has skyrocketed to become one of Scotland's finest musical exports. And it's easy to see why. Their eclectic fusion of folk, rock, and Americana – with thundering drums and bagpipes, of course - is as rich as a single malt scotch. Since setting sail, Skerryvore has performed in over 25 countries and scooped up Scotland's "Live Act of the Year" award - three times. With their distinctive mix of fiddle, accordions, pipes, and whistles, alongside guitar and vocals, underpinned by driving bass, drums, and keys, Skerryvore fuses outstanding musicianship with pure joy. Winner of 2023 Best of the Bay Award for their Whisky Sessions show!

#### Drum Tao MAR 5, 2026 / 7:30 PM

DRUM TAO's stage is created through phenomenal performances and expressions consisting of incomparable "Wadaiko-drums" and the beautiful melody of Japanese flutes and harps. It is the "Japanese Entertainment" for a new generation that completely surpasses expectations.

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#### Alysha Brilla MAY 16, 2026 / 7:30 PM

Alysha Brilla is a 3X Juno Award nominated multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and performer who weaves together global roots sounds into her unique tapestry; transporting audiences to a place nestled between the earth and the stars. Her distinct and powerful voice, unique melodies, and engaging stage presence invite levity and joy. Whether sharing intimate storytelling sets of music or headlining festival stages of 30,000 with her all-star band, Brilla always has the audience singing along and leaving with a positive feeling in their heart.





#### OPENING NIGHT! Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

NOV 1, 2025 / 7:30 PM Carlos Simon / Motherboxx Connection Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov / Scheherazade Adrian Anantawan / Guest Artist

The Midland Symphony Orchestra invites you on a breathtaking musical journey celebrating the violin! The evening begins with *Motherboxx Connection* by Carlos Simon, a vibrant and powerful work commissioned by our friends and partners at The Sphinx Organization. Violinist Adrian Anantawan will join the Orchestra for a performance of this Tchaikovsky masterwork. The second half features the beautiful and alluring *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov.

#### Holiday Pops

DEC 13, 2025 / 3 PM Arielle Jacobs / Guest Artist

A beloved holiday tradition returns! The Center's Chorale Choir joins the Midland Symphony Orchestra for a festive celebration of the season, featuring **Broadway star Arielle Jacobs** (*In the Heights*, *Aladdin*, *Here Lies Love*). Enjoy your favorite carols and holiday classics in a joyous concert that's sure to lift your spirit. Don't miss the Great Lakes Bay Region's signature holiday event!

#### Cosmic Cycles

MAR 7, 2026 / 7:30 PM Henry Dehlinger / Cosmic Cycles Reinhold Glière / Horn Concerto

The Center continues its journey through the cosmos with an awe-inspiring evening of music and imagery. Experience *Cosmic Cycles*, an immersive work by Henry Dehlinger that blends breathtaking NASA visuals with a powerful cinematic score. The evening begins with Midland Symphony Orchestra Principal Horn **Kurt Civilette** performing Glière's stunning *Horn Concerto*, setting the stage for an unforgettable night of exploration and discovery.

#### Sounds of Independence APR 4, 2026 / 3 PM

Amiri Harewood / Guest Artist

In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Midland Symphony Orchestra honors the music of America's founding era surrounding the Declaration of Independence. This thoughtfully curated program explores connections between the Founding Fathers and European composers of the time, including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Pianist Amiri Harewood joins the orchestra for a performance that bridges history and artistry in a stirring tribute to independence.

#### Homegrown

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MAY 2, 2026 / 7:30 PM Carolina Calvache / Trombone Concerto (World Premiere) Antonín Dvořák / Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"

The Midland Symphony Orchestra celebrates the sounds of home with a program honoring Michigan-based composers. The evening highlights MSO's **Principal Trombonist** Denis Jiron in the world premiere of **Carolina Calvache's newly commissioned** *Trombone Concerto*, showcasing her distinctive and expressive voice. The program closes with **Dvořák's** *New World Symphony*, an innovative and powerful symphonic tribute to the American spirit.

## Sense & Sensibility

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#### Sense & Sensibility NOV 7-8 & 14-15, 2025 / 7:30 PM NOV 9 & 16, 2025 / 2 PM

#### "KNOW YOUR OWN HAPPINESS."

When tragedy strikes and leaves the Dashwood sisters penniless and socially vulnerable, they must navigate a world in Regency England where love is ruled by wealth and gossip reigns supreme. Practical Elinor and passionate Marianne find themselves caught between romance and heartbreak, decorum and desire, as they struggle to secure their futures in a society that offers women little power over their own lives. Bursting with humor, wit, and bold theatricality, this highly-acclaimed adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel brings the timeless story of love, loss, and sisterhood to the stage.

Adapted by Kate Hamill, based on the classic novel by Jane Austen SENSE & SENSIBILITY is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York

#### A Raisin In The Sun

#### FEB 27-28 & MAR 6-7. 2026 / 7:30 PM MAR 1 & MAR 8, 2026 / 2 PM

"WHAT HAPPENS TO A DREAM DEFERRED?"

Lorraine Hansberry's timeless drama follows the Younger family as they navigate ambition, hope, and injustice in 1950s Chicago. When a life insurance check arrives, each family member reflects on their dreams of a different future; one that promises freedom, security, or change in their life. As they face systematic barriers and personal struggles, the Younger family must decide what dreams are worth fighting for. A Raisin in the Sun is a powerful and deeply relevant story of resilience.

#### By Lorraine Hansberry

A RAISIN IN THE SUN is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

#### 1776

#### APR 24-25 & MAY 1-2, 2026 / 7:30 PM APR 26 & MAY 3, 2026 / 2 PM

#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A NATION?

It's the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence ... if only the founding fathers agree to it! This musical follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince members of Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence. With humor and a stirring score, the Tony® Award-winning musical presents the frustrations and triumphs of our founding fathers. Presented in partnership with the Midland County Historical Society, and in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States. 1776 brings a fresh look at the people, and compromises, that defined a revolution.

Music and Lyrics by Sherman Edwards Book by Peter Stone

1776 is produced through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.

## aMidsummer Night'sDream

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream JUN 4 & 12, 2026 / 7:30 PM JUN 6 & 14, 2026 / 2 PM

"TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH"

Shakespeare's most enchanting comedy! On the shortest night of the year, runaway lovers, a troupe of amateur actors, and mischievous fairies collide in a magical forest where nothing is quite what it seems. As the rules of logic unravel, four young lovers are swept away in a tangled web of charms, feuds, and moonlit mischief. Whimsical and witty, A Midsummer Night's Dream is a joyful celebration of transformation and the strange spell of love.

By William Shakespeare

#### GREAT LAKES BAY **THEATRE FESTIVAL**

Join us for the Great Lakes Bay Theatre Festival in JUN 2026! This production celebrates an exciting collaboration between Midland Center for the Arts and The Friction Theatre

Tickets for festival performances with The Friction Theatre are not included in this subscription package and will be sold separately.

## PlayStation. ALL LEGENDARY GAMES. ONE EPIC NIGHT

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#### Scott Silven: The Lost Things FEB 20, 2026 / 7:30 PM FEB 21, 2026 / 3 PM

Prepare to step into a world where reality bends, and the unseen becomes tangible. Through breathtaking illusions and cinematic storytelling, world-renowned illusionist, mentalist, and performance artist Scott Silven invites you into The Lost Things-a boundarypushing theatrical experience that invites you to explore the power in getting lost.

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#### **PlayStation: The Concert** MAR 18, 2026 / 7:30 PM

Get ready for a truly groundbreaking live music event that blends the awe-inspiring music from PlayStation's most iconic games with cutting-edge visuals and the latest in production technology. A troupe of virtuous soloists will bring the music to life in a way that you have not experienced before. The concert will feature fanfavorite games including God of War, The Last of Us, Ghost of Tsushima, Horizon and others. An innovative multi-screen design, combining advanced LED and projection technologies, will enhance the event and deliver the most iconic moments and imagery from these games. Coupled with surround sound, the show delivers breathtaking visual and audio depth, creating an immersive experience that will allow the audience to relive their gaming adventures like never before.

#### The Count Basie Orchestra MAY 15, 2026 / 7:30 PM

In the history of Jazz music, there is only one bandleader that has the distinction of having his orchestra still performing sold out concerts all over the world, with members personally chosen by him, for nearly 40 years after his passing. Pianist and bandleader William James "Count" Basie was and still is an American institution that personifies the grandeur and excellence of Jazz. The Count Basie Orchestra, today directed by Scotty Barnhart, has won every respected jazz poll in the world at least once, won 18 Grammy® Awards, performed for Kings, Queens, and other world royalty, appeared in several movies, television shows, at every major jazz festival, and major concert hall in the world. This great 18-member orchestra is still continuing the excellent history started by Basie of stomping and shouting the blues, as well as refining those musical particulars that allow for the deepest and most moving of swing.

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#### **Capital Campaign**

Renovations are underway as we transform the Center for the next generation of modern explorers. By making a gift, your contribution will play a crucial role in shaping the future of Midland Center for the Arts. Thank you for being a part of our journey.



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

#### **JOIN OUR CIRCLE!**

Ticket sales cover only 45% of our budget, meaning we must raise over \$5 million annually to bring world-class performances, transformative arts education experiences, and engaging programs in history and science to our community. Your support through the Circle of Friends Annual Fund is essential to making this possible.

Each year, our generous donors help create inspiring and accessible experiences for audiences of all ages–whether it's through performances, exhibitions, or educational initiatives that reach schools, children, aspiring artists, and underserved communities.

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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 call our Ticket Office if you have any questions about our programs.

#### Please make sure we have vour 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 flat Processing Fee to a subscription package. This fee is specifically used to maintain and upgrade our facilities.

\*Note: Our Theaters do not have an elevator.

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Online at midlandcenter.org/subscribe Call us at 989.631.8250 Mail your order form - see enclosed

#### TICKET OFFICE HOURS subject to change

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

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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 11 is the **RENEWING subscription deadline. New subscribers,** please submit your orders by JUN 18.

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#### SAVE UP TO 25% OFF **PUBLIC TICKET PRICES!**

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