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MUSIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2008-09 SEASON LINE-UP

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MIDLAND – Get set for some sensational musical entertainment with Music Society’s new season at Midland Center for the Arts. Subscriptions are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 800-523-7649 or visiting www.mcfta.org; order forms are also available at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Road. For best seats and price savings, be sure to meet the “Early Bird” deadline of May 19, 2008. Public sales begin August 25, 2008.

“This is one of the most exciting seasons for the Music society in decades!” said Jim Hohmeyer, Music Society’s artistic director. “The unique, rare and exciting *Voices of Light*, the collaboration on *Scrooge* and the ever popular *Singin’ in the Rain* is a season I can’t wait to get working on!”

2008-09 season highlights:

Singin’ in the Rain – October 11, 12 & 17, 2008

One of the greatest musicals ever written – a sparkling smile of a show! Love so sweet, the guy can’t keep himself from. . .singin’ in the rain! Songs include “Make ‘Em Laugh,” “Beautiful Girl,” and of course, “Singin’ in the Rain.” Directed by Mychelle Hopkins; musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer.

Holiday Concerts:

Youth Honors Holiday Concert – December 10, 2008

Candlelight Concert – December 13, 2008

Family Holiday Concert – December 14, 2008

There’s no better way than holiday music to get you into the spirit – three wonderful holiday concerts offer some of the finest festive tunes, including a daytime concert for young families, and evening performances for a special night out.

Scrooge the Musical – December 19, 20 & 21, 2008

Perfect for families! The grumpy old Scrooge is barely recognizable in this light, funny, warm and thoroughly enjoyable and sassy musical based on the Dickens’ classic tale, “A Christmas Carol.” A Music Society, Theatre Guild and Peanut Gallery collaboration. Directed by Denyse Clayton; musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer.

Art Songs of Schubert & Schumann – January 24 & 25, 2009

A surprise guest tenor will join Jennifer Breneman, Grace Marra, David Young and Nancy Young for a rare opportunity to hear some of the finest German art songs ever written. Discover why these pieces by Schubert and Schumann were considered their era’s most popular fare!

Tomas Kubinek: Certified Lunatic and Master of the Impossible – February 7 & 8, 2009

The perfect remedy for the winter blues! Enjoy a healthy dose of the joyfully impossible, brilliantly unusual and delightfully mad world of Tomas Kubinek, a self-described fool, clown, visual poet, solo performance artist, multi-talented vaudevillian, and comic genius!

Voices of Light: "The Passion of Joan of Arc" – March 21 & 22, 2009

A unique theatrical experience that combines film and live choral and orchestral music: Carl Dreyer's 1928 silent film masterpiece *The Passion of Joan of Arc* accompanied by composer Richard Einhorn's hauntingly moving score called *Voices of Light*. The result: An emotionally compelling encounter that has had sold-out houses rise to their feet across the country. *One weekend only!*

Music Society of the Midland Center for the Arts is a premier, volunteer musical arts organization serving mid-Michigan. It provides volunteers and audiences with exciting, quality musical events, utilizing professionals to educate and develop its talented, community-based participants.

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