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October 2, 2009

What: Midland Center for the Arts "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town"
When: October 3 – 10 am to 4 pm, & October 4 – 1 pm to 4 pm
Where: Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640
Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, Heritage Park,
3417 W. Main St., Midland, MI 48640

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Midland Center for the Arts is excited to participate in "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town," hosted by the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce on October 3 & 4. Visitors that weekend will have the opportunity to enter drawings for FREE tickets to one of our exciting holiday shows: *Ragtime*, *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel*, Halloween Treats concert and the Holiday Extravaganza. Additionally, MCFTA will be offering FREE and fun opportunities for the community:

- This weekend the **Hall of Ideas** is FREE to the public. Come explore the interactive science museum all day long!
- Explore the inner workings of the theatre during FREE **Backstage Tours**. See sets, props, and costumes from past productions, and learn a little history about the building. The set for our upcoming musical, *Ragtime* (opening October 17), will be installed during the weekend, offering a sneak peek at the transformation of our stage into a masterpiece set. The 30-minute tours will start at 1 and 3 pm Saturday and Sunday and are each limited to 20 participants.
- The **Museum's Studio School** will be open to explore with staff on hand answering questions while demonstrating their craft, including drawing, painting and throwing clay.
- Back by popular demand is the **Ceramics Sale** featuring the works of Studio School instructors and students. All proceeds go toward the purchase of a new kiln.
- Special discounts are available at "**Intermission**," the museum store, including "Be a Member for a Day" 10% discounts on all items at the store, as well as a book sale – buy one book and get one half off.
- Over at **Midland County Historical Society** visitors will enjoy FREE admission to the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm, including the Dorothy Dow Arbury Midland County History Gallery, and the exhibit "Tales from the Circuit Court." Visitors can take advantage of discounted admission to the H.H. Dow

Museum and the 1874 Bradley Home Museum and Carriage House with guided tours of the Bradley Home on the hour on Saturday. There will be drawings and much more, including "Be a Member for a Day" 10% discounts on all items at the Historical Society's gift shop. The Midland County Historical Society site will be CLOSED on Sunday, October 4.

Midland Center for the Arts, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed under the laws of the State of Michigan incorporating six groups: Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, MATRIX:MIDLAND, Midland County Historical Society, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Music Society and Theatre Guild. Activities at Midland Center for the Arts are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For the latest Center news, visit our web site at www.mcfta.org.

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