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MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema Announces Fall 2008 Schedule

MIDLAND – MATRIX:MIDLAND of Midland Center for the Arts has announced its fall cinema line-up. This season features five contemporary, award-winning films plus a **special screening and live performance** featuring a local pianist. Admission is \$6 at the door or in advance at MCFTA Ticket Office (989) 631-8250. The MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema Pass is good for 5 admissions and costs \$25 and can be purchased in advance only at the MCFTA Ticket office. Films will be shown at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Auditorium, 1710 W. St. Andrews Road., except *Note by Note* which will be shown in the MCFTA Little Theatre - 1801 West St. Andrews Rd. Complete film descriptions are available online at mcfta.org.

Sponsored by the MATRIX:MIDLAND Festival, the MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema fall season offers contemporary films featuring the exceptional talents of American and international writers, directors and actors. Award-winning artistic, foreign language, comedic and dramatic films that are not usually seen in wide release, but have received critical acclaim, are presented.

<i>The Band's Visit</i>	Israel, 2007; rated PG-13	Oct. 3, 4 & 5, 2008
<i>Flight of the Red Balloon</i>	France, 2007; not rated	Oct. 16, 18 & 19, 2008
<i>Still Life</i>	China, 2006; not rated	Nov. 7, 8 & 9, 2008
<i>Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1037</i>	USA, 2007; not rated	Nov. 21, 22 & 23, 2008
TBA	TBA	Dec. 5, 6 & 7, 2008

The Band's Visit

Friday, Oct. 3 & Saturday, Oct. 4 – 7 pm; Sunday Oct. 5 – 3 pm

A delightfully dry comedy about members of an Egyptian ceremonial police band who find themselves stranded in a desert town in Israel while on tour. The locals regard them as an amusing oddity but nevertheless extend their hospitality and witness an entertaining juxtaposition of the musicians' desperation with their individual idiosyncrasies. Winner – Cannes Film Festival "Un Certain Regard Jury Coup de Coeur." In Arabic, English and Hebrew with English subtitles. Israel, 2007. Rated PG-13.

Flight of the Red Balloon

Thursday, Oct. 16 & Saturday, Oct. 18 – 7 pm; Sunday Oct. 19 – 3 pm (no Friday showing)

Juliette Binoche stars as an overwhelmed single mother who employs a film student to babysit her young son. Together, the boy and his babysitter explore the streets and cafes of Paris in this tribute to the 1956 classic short *The Red Balloon*. The pair shares an imaginary world where a mysterious red balloon affectionately "follows" them wherever they go. In French with English subtitles. France, 2007. Not rated.

Still Life

Friday, Nov. 7 & Saturday, Nov. 8 – 7 p.m. & Sunday, Nov. 9 – 3 p.m.

A compelling film that chronicles two wanderers arriving in the Chinese city of Fengjie, soon to be lost forever due to the construction of three dams on the Yangtze River, and displacing more than a million residents. The masterful cinematography becomes the narrator of the picture in the way it allows the surroundings – demolished buildings and the ever-present river - guide the viewer's experience. Winner: Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival. In Mandarin with English subtitles. China, 2006. Not rated.

Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1037

Friday, Nov. 21 & Saturday, Nov. 22 –7 p.m. & Sunday, Nov. 23 – 3 p.m.

**at Midland Center for the Arts Little Theatre **

This fascinating documentary follows the creation of a Steinway concert grand piano (number L1037, to be precise) in its long and complex journey from forest floor to concert hall. A loving celebration of craftsmanship and the extraordinary dialogue between instrument and musician.

SPECIAL SCREENING & PERFORMANCE - A movie, a pianist - and Steinway concert grand live performance! Experience firsthand the sound and personality of a Steinway concert grand following the **Sunday, November 23** showing **only. Adrienne Wiley, soloist and Associate Professor of Music, Piano Pedagogy at Central Michigan University** will provide a special performance on the MCFTA Auditorium stage on a Centennial concert grand after Sunday's screening. Light refreshments will be available. Ticketholders of the Nov. 21 & 22 screenings may attend the special program upon presenting their ticket stubs.

TBA

Friday, Dec. 5 & Saturday, Dec. 6 –7 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 7 – 3 p.m. Check www.mcfta.org for updates.

MATRIX:MIDLAND presents professional, world-class entertainment to the mid-Michigan region. Now in its 31st season, Matrix hosts an extraordinary schedule of cutting-edge entertainment including cinema, music, comedy, family programs, world-renowned authors and more.

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