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MATRIX:MIDLAND presents:

**What:** MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema – Fall 2009 Schedule

**Where:** Lecture Room, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

**Cost:** All tickets - \$6

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

MIDLAND – MATRIX:MIDLAND of Midland Center for the Arts announces its fall cinema line-up, featuring three contemporary films: *Herb and Dorothy*, *(500) Days of Summer*, and *Séraphine*. Admission is \$6 at the door or in advance at MCFTA Ticket Office (989)631-8250. Films will be shown in the Lecture Room of MCFTA, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI. Enjoy this intimate theater environment providing quality projection and surround sound. Located on the lower level of MCFTA; use the stairway next to the Ticket Office. Complete film descriptions are available online at [mcfta.org](http://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.

<b><i>Herb and Dorothy</i></b>	USA, 2008; not rated	November 12, 13 & 15
<b><i>(500) Days of Summer</i></b>	USA, 2009; rated PG-13	November 19, 21 & 22
<b><i>Séraphine</i></b>	France, 2008; not rated	December 11, 12 & 13

***Herb and Dorothy***

**Thursday, Nov. 12 & Friday, Nov. 13 – 7 pm; Sunday, Nov. 15 – 3 pm**

Starting in the early 1960s, Herbert and Dorothy Vogel quietly began purchasing works of unknown artists, eventually building one of the most extraordinary and important contemporary art collections in history. By devoting all of Herb’s postal clerk salary to the purchase of art, and living on Dorothy’s income as a librarian, they collected artworks guided by two rules: the piece had to be affordable, and it had to be small enough to fit into their one-bedroom Manhattan apartment. In 1992, the majority of their original collection was donated to the National Gallery

of Art in Washington, DC, but Herb and Dorothy have refilled their apartment with piles of art they've acquired since. USA, 2008. Not rated. [www.herbanddorothy.com](http://www.herbanddorothy.com)

### ***(500) Days of Summer***

**Thursday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 21 – 7 pm; Sunday, Nov. 22 – 3 pm**

Zoey Deschanel and Joseph Gordon-Levitt star in the refreshingly honest and utterly charming tale of troubled love between two twenty-something urban professionals. Told entirely from the perspective of the male character, Tom, it joins films like *Annie Hall* and *High Fidelity* in that too-rare category that not only depicts a romance from the male point of view, but isn't afraid to show the ups and downs of a relationship that isn't sealed with a kiss at the end. It's smart, funny, real and surprising. Music-video director Marc Webb makes his feature film debut using an innovative style, combining a naturalistic look at love with a non-linear plot, animated vignettes, and a triumphant musical sequence. "*(500) Days of Summer* may be the movie that best captures a contemporary romantic sensibility." – *USA Today*. USA, 2009. Rated PG-13. [www.foxsearchlight.com/500daysofsummer/](http://www.foxsearchlight.com/500daysofsummer/)

### ***Séraphine***

**Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 – 7 pm; Sunday Dec. 13 – 3 pm**

A remarkable film telling the story of Séraphine de Senlis, a poor middle-aged housekeeper in a small town in France with a hidden talent as a self-taught painter. A simple and desperately poor housekeeper, she immersed herself in the wonders of nature, which in turn inspired her to express her feelings on canvas. Her talent is discovered in 1913 while she is cleaning the lodging of a German art collector. The artist's sanity is tested while she copes with her newfound prospects of fame and fortune. A provocative exploration of one of the world's most enigmatic artists, the film was a winner at this year's French Academy Awards. It took home seven Cesars including prizes for Best Film and Best Actress. In French and German with English subtitles. France, 2009. Not rated. [www.musicboxfilms.com/seraphine](http://www.musicboxfilms.com/seraphine)

MATRIX:MIDLAND presents professional, world-class entertainment to the mid-Michigan region. For over 30 years, Matrix has hosted an extraordinary schedule of cutting-edge entertainment including cinema, music, comedy, family programs, world-renowned authors and more.

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