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Music Society (Chorale) presents:

What: Men of Music Concert: "Once Upon a December"

When: December 6 – 2 pm & 7 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church, 315 West Larkin Street, Midland, MI 48640

Cost: FREE; freewill offering will be taken

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

Men of Music's annual Christmas concerts will take place on Sunday, December 6 at 2 pm and 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, 315 West Larkin Street, Midland. Director Grace Marra conducts "Once Upon a December," a holiday concert filled with sentimental favorites like "White Christmas," "O Holy Night," and "Ave Maria"— perfect for all ages! This year's highlight will be "Once Upon a December" from the Disney animated film "Anastasia," specially arranged by the Men of Music's director, Grace Marra! The concert is free. A freewill offering will be taken with 50% benefitting a local food pantry. On Sunday, December 13, 4 pm, the Men of Music will perform this same program in Saginaw at First Congregational Church, UCC, as part of their Musical Art Series.

Men of Music will also be part of "Holiday Extravaganza" at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., on Saturday, December 19, 8 pm, an evening full of cheerful and uplifting Christmas songs guaranteed to get the whole family in the holiday spirit! Musical direction is by Jim Hohmeyer.

Men of Music is a member of the Music Society (Chorale) of the Midland Center for the Arts. Men of Music is under the direction of Grace Marra, who has conducted "the Men" for 15 years; Laurie Habedank is the accompanist. More information about the organization and other Music Society (Chorale) offerings are available at: www.mcfta.org or www.menofmusic.org. These concerts are made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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