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Midland Symphony Orchestra presents:

**What: Children's Auditions for The Nutcracker Ballet**

**When: September 11 – 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Registration: September 11, \$10 CASH, beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

**Information:** E-mail [dimond@mcfta.org](mailto:dimond@mcfta.org) or call the MSO office at (989) 631-5930 ext. 1502

The Midland Symphony Orchestra will hold children's auditions for **The Nutcracker Ballet** on **Friday, September 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Performance dates are December 5 and 6, 2009. Auditions are open to boys and girls **ages 9 and up** with at least one year of training; pointe is not necessary. Approximately 35 children will be cast. Registration is **\$10, cash only**, and will begin at 5:00 p.m. on audition day. Registrations will **not** be taken prior to audition day. Children should arrive by 5:15 p.m. to fill out required paperwork. Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13, are required rehearsals; the remaining schedule will be announced at a later date. Rehearsals will run weekly during October and November. Dancers will have the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform under the direction of the Grand Rapids Ballet Artistic Director and Choreographer Gordon Peirce Schmidt and Associate Artistic Director Laura Berman. For more information, please e-mail [dimond@mcfta.org](mailto:dimond@mcfta.org) or call the MSO office at (989) 631-5930 ext. 1502.

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