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November 17, 2009

Community Theatre (Peanut Gallery) presents:

What: Best Christmas Pageant Ever

When: December 10, 11, 12 - 7:30 pm; December 12, 13 - 2:30 pm

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

Cost: \$12 Adults/\$8 Children 14 & under

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

Family entertainment awaits when Community Theatre (Peanut Gallery) of Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI, presents "**Best Christmas Pageant Ever**" on December 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 pm, and December 12 and 13 at 2:30 pm. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 14 and under. Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or visit www.mcfta.org

A cast of area adults and children present this hilarious holiday tale of the Herdmans – absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie and steal and smoke cigars (even the girls!). They're impolite, hit little kids, and sass their teachers. Still, no one is prepared when the Herdmans invade church one Sunday and decide to take over the annual Christmas pageant. And their interpretation – the Wise Men are a bunch of sneaky spies and Herod needs a good licking – has a lot of people up in arms. But the actual pageant is full of surprises for everyone, starting with the Herdmans themselves! Directed by Cheryl and Larry Levy. Based on the award-winning book by Barbara Robinson. Sponsored by Chemical Bank.

Audience members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network. Members of the cast will make special appearances at Barnes & Noble in the Midland Mall on November 27 and 28.

Complete cast list:

Ashely Arons, Alexis Arons, Sara Arons, Jay Arons, Brenda Ault, Chandler Ault, Kyle Bagnall, Trena Winans-Bagnall, Sophie Bagnall, Maya Baker, Lillian Baker, Erica Bigelow, Madeline Bohn, Thomas Bolland, Hannah Bolland, Aubrey Brown, Kennedy Danner, Madisyn Danner, Regan Danner, Madeline Day, Jenna Dickerson, Nadua Fisher, Gabe Klotz, Caleb Jahr, Nicole Jahr, Bailey Letzkus, Ameleigha Mays, Kim Michaud, Kaylee Minter, Josiah Mork, Stephen Moyer, Chase Munger, Anna Mylvaganam, Nathalie Peters, Sarah Redman, Hadley Samarco, Christopher Schindler, Alli Sova, Brooke Szilagyi, Mary Szilagyi, Ayana Terauchi, Sam Ungerleider, Sophie Ungerleider, Taryn Vilema, Robert Vinande, Braden Weick, Susanna Weick, Maddy Wheelock, Sarah White, Alexandra Williams, Samantha Williams, Taylor Winslow, Caleb Wolfe, Greg Wolfe, Katherine Yats and Deb Yats.

Peanut Gallery is the youth theatre division of the Theatre Guild, a resident organization of the Midland Center for the Arts. Peanut Gallery produces multiple shows and classes throughout the season, all designed to build young people's theatre skills and to introduce young people and their families to live theatre.

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