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Theatre Guild Announces 2008-09 Season Line-Up

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MIDLAND – A whole new Theatre Guild season awaits theatre goers at Midland Center for the Arts. From slapstick to romantic comedy, from poignant drama to biting satire, Theatre Guild's 2008-09 line-up runs the gamut of theatrical experiences. Plus, a collaboration with Music Society, and another with both Music Society and Peanut Gallery, create a powerful synergy of local talent for some superb entertainment, including a very special holiday event for families!

Subscriptions are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 800-523-7649 or visiting www.mcfta.org; order forms are also available at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Road. For best seats and a 25% savings, be sure to meet the "Early Bird" deadline of May 19, 2008. Public sales begin August 25, 2008.

2008-09 Highlights:

Sept. 26, 27, 28 & Oct. 2, 3, 4, 2008

The Foreigner – comedy by Larry Shue; directed by Jan Huff

Charlie overhears some eye-popping revelations when he poses as a foreigner who speaks no English, and finds himself embroiled in a zany caper with some of the strangest people he's ever met!

Nov. 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 2008

To Kill A Mockingbird – drama by Christopher Sergel; directed by Susie Polito; in collaboration with Northwood University

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee. The deeply moving story of how one man's quiet convictions transformed a town and changed its course for the future.

Jan. 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 2009

Almost, Maine – romantic comedy by John Cariani; directed by Tami Ramaker

Welcome to Almost, Maine – a mythical town where the winters are bleak, snowsuits are considered sexy, and residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways.

Feb. 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 2009

As Bees In Honey Drown – satire by Douglas Carter Beane; directed by Debbie Lake

The rich, sexy and fabulous Alexa has her sights set on Evan, a struggling author and the newest rising star in showbiz today. How can he help but succumb to the sweet life of fame and fortune she so enticingly lays at his feet?

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April 24, 25, 30 & May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 2009

Urinetown the Musical – with music and lyrics by Mark Hollmann, book and lyrics by Greg Kotis; directed by Bill Anderson, Jr.; musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer.

A playful, satirical romp, *Urinetown* pokes outrageous fun at greed, corruption, love and even musical theatre itself! Don't let the name fool you – this multi-award-winning Broadway hit is good, clean fun! Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical!

Special Holiday Event:

Dec. 19, 20 & 21, 2008

SCROOGE! – musical with book, music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse; directed by Denyse Clayton; musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer.

The grumpy old Scrooge is barely recognizable in this light, funny, warm, thoroughly enjoyable and sassy musical loosely based on the Dickens tale...and with a new attitude! A Peanut Gallery, Theatre Guild and Music Society collaboration – performed on the big stage in the main auditorium!

Theatre Guild is one of the most successful and exciting community theatre companies in the Midwest. Established in 1929, Midland's oldest and most innovative theatre organization presents a main season of five plays, a children's theatre season and a continuing program of community service, school residencies, senior theatre, theatre classes and workshops.

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