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**New Members Elected to
Midland Center for the Arts Board of Directors**

MIDLAND - At the September, 2010 board meeting, the Midland Center for the Arts board of directors welcomed their new officers and board members. "These newly elected board members bring a level of experience and commitment to the Center that is truly gratifying," noted Board chair David Ramaker. "The Board looks forward to working together to continue moving the Center in the right direction."

The new members are:

Ron Edmonds

Ron Edmonds is Vice-President and Controller of The Dow Chemical Company. Mr. Edmonds joined Dow in Midland in 1992 in the Corporate Audit Department as the Latin America audit manager. In November 2009 was named Vice-President and Controller. He is a CPA and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and Financial Executives International. Previous to joining Dow, Mr. Edmonds worked for Chiquita Brands International, The Upjohn Company (currently Pfizer), and Arthur Anderson & Co. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University.

Judith Lore

Judith (Judy) Lore is a retired school teacher and longtime resident of downtown Bay City. She taught English, Journalism and History in Paw Paw, Garden City and Portage, Michigan. Ms. Lore has served on numerous boards and committees, most recently Studio 23 Board, State Theatre special events committee, Bay City Downtown Management Board, Bay County Farmers Market Board, Marshall Fredericks Museum Board and Mackinac Island Arts Council Board. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University.

Lee Rouse

Lee Rouse is currently the President/CEO of Omni Tech International, a technical and business consulting firm headquartered in Midland, MI. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Midland Public Schools and on the Board for Hidden Harvest. She is an active member of Rotary and the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Rouse holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University and has taken classes toward her MBA from Central Michigan University. She has a background in Engineering, Quality Management, Organizational Development, and Business Management with over 24 years of experience working in corporate industry and consulting. Her professional experience includes working as an engineer for both General Motors and The Dow Chemical Company before starting her own consulting company and later merging with Omni Tech. Ms. Rouse lives in Midland with her husband, Rob, and two daughters, Courtney and Mackenna. She reads, beads, figure skates, snowboards, and helps with the cross country team at Midland High School.

Kristin Stehouwer

Kristin Stehouwer is Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Northwood University. In this role she is responsible for all academic and related operations at the university's three full-service campuses in the United States (Florida, Michigan, Texas), six international program

centers (China (2), Malaysia, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Bahrain), and approximately 30 Adult Degree Program centers throughout the United States. Her key strategic initiatives include assessment, faculty development, First Year Experience, retentions, and quality and continuous improvement initiatives. Prior to her position at Northwood, Ms. Stehouwer was Vice Provost for Arts and Sciences at Macomb Community College, Special Advisor to the President at Northwestern Michigan College and International Management Consultant at Austin Winslow Group. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science / International relations from Northwestern University.

The complete slate of Midland Center for the Arts board of directors is as follows:

David Ramaker, Chair

William Collins, Vice Chair

Mark Bachman, Treasurer

Tina Van Dam, Secretary

Don Sheets, Immediate Past Chair

Directors: Regina Curtis, Ron Edmonds, Robert Hart, Randi L'Hommedieu, Judy Lore, David Ritter, Brian Rodgers, Lee Rouse and Kristin Stehouwer.

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