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**MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS
RECEIVES MCACA GRANT**

Midland Center for the Arts has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The grant is awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of nearly 188 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2011 funding. The award will be used to underwrite MCFTA operating costs from January 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011.

"We are extremely grateful to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the National Endowment for the Arts and MCACA for the financial support and for the acknowledgement of the role Midland Center for the Arts plays in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Thriving arts and cultural organizations are a vital component of our quality of life and help make this a great place to live," states Mike Hayes, President and CEO of Midland Center for the Arts.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support includes The Dow Chemical Company, Dow Corning Corporation, MidMichigan Regional Medical Center and Chemical Bank and Trust. Midland Center for the Arts also receives significant volunteer support from the community. Over 1,180 people, ages 8 to 90, donate their time to help MCFTA accomplish its mission, "to educate, entertain and inspire a diverse and expanding regional audience in the arts, sciences and humanities." MCFTA is fortunate that its volunteers are very loyal; some have served for as many as 40 years.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest-quality arts and cultural experiences. A complete list of grant awards around the state is available by contacting MCACA at (517) 241-4011 or at the MCACA website: www.themedc.org/arts.

Midland Center for the Arts, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed under the laws of the State of Michigan incorporating six groups: Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, MATRIX:MIDLAND, Midland County Historical Society, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Music Society and Theatre Guild. Activities at Midland Center for the Arts are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For the latest Center news, visit our web site at www.mcfta.org.

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