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**Midland Center for the Arts Announces
Spring Classes for 2010
SPECIAL PRICING!
Registration underway**

MIDLAND – Create, express and experience art, science, history, theatre, music and more this spring at newly added Midland Center for the Arts classes. Registration is underway for classes with something for every age and interest. These classes are specially priced at half their normal price thanks to the support of the Midland Area Community Foundation! Step out of the cold and into a creativity adventure!

Midland Center for the Arts offers new classes for a variety of ages beginning in April. Your student will learn and build confidence while exploring their creative side. **Registration deadline is March 29.** For more information or to register, call Midland Center for the Arts Ticket Office at 800-523-7649 or visit www.mcfta.org. Early registration is recommended to ensure a place.

Midland Center for the Arts offers a wide variety of classes led by qualified instructors. Classes include:

FINDING HISTORY ONLINE: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE – for ages 14 to adult. Are you researching the history of your family or community, but sit at the computer and aren't sure where to begin? Today, thousands of primary documents, such as maps, books, census data, photographs, family histories and much more can be accessed easily (and usually free), if you only know where to look. Participants will receive a practical tutorial, handouts, and a USB flash drive to store your data. Regular Price: \$30 – Discounted to \$15.

LITTLE HOUSE ADVENTURES – for ages 8 to 11. Don't just read about Laura Ingalls' adventures on the prairie – live them with this six-week program inspired by the "Little House" books! Regular Price: \$60 – Discounted to \$30.

HISTORY GIRLS TAKE THE STAGE – for ages 8 to 11. Explore the times of the American Girls doll "Felicity". It's a whole new way to experience the past! Regular Price: \$60 – Discounted to \$30.

THE SCIENCE AND ART OF COOKING – for ages 8 to 11. A class of ooey, gooey activities and hands on exploration! Discover the science behind some of your favorite treats! Includes material fees. Regular Price: \$100 – Discounted to \$50.

PHOTOSHOP FOR KIDS – for ages 8 to 14. Learn fun techniques that make Photoshop the best tool for photographers and artists alike – no matter the age! Regular Price: \$150 – Discounted to \$75.

PREPARING YOUR COLLEGE PORTFOLIO – for ages 14 to adult. Making the choice to major in the visual arts can be a tough decision. If your plans include art school, this class gives you the hands-on opportunity to assemble your art portfolio for college admission. Regular Price: \$100 – Discounted to \$50.

WE JUST GOTTA SING! – for ages 8 to 14. Take your singing to the next level in this afternoon of music. You'll get goose bumps! Regular Price: \$35 – Discounted to \$17.50.

WANT TO SING? – for ages 8 to 11; and ages 11 to 14. Students will learn about notes and how to read music in this introduction to singing and preparing for auditions! Regular Price: \$35 – Discounted to \$17.50.

PUPPETS: FRONT AND CENTER – for ages 8 to 12. Explore your creativity from head to fingertips! Create your very own puppets and put on a show for family and friends. Regular Price: \$55 – Discounted to \$27.50.

CREATING A HOME RECORDING STUDIO – for ages 14 and up. Learn all there is to know about making your own recordings, from choosing equipment, to recording techniques, to mixing and editing tracks! This class will learn how to use Digital Performer 6.0 software. Please bring your own laptop. Regular Price: \$80 – Discounted to \$40.

STAGECRAFT STUDIO – for ages 12 to 21. Learn theatrical design from concept to completion by working side by side with professional costume, set, lighting designers and stage directors. Become the design team who will be responsible for the scenic and costume design for a large-scale musical performed on the MCFTA Auditorium stage! Ideal for adding to or starting your design portfolios! Intensive bi-weekly workshops will culminate in a collective final design presentation including research, sketches, scale models and renderings. Regular Price: \$125 – Discounted to \$62.50.

BUILDING A BELIEVABLE CHARACTER – for high school and up. Explore the elements needed to create a character that is very different from yourself. Observations, improvisations, exercises, created histories, text analysis and worksheets are used to build a character physically, vocally and internally so that the “real you” disappears. Lastly, you will rehearse, memorize and perform a very short scene for other students in the class, with a focus on characterization. Regular Price: \$75 – Discounted to \$37.50.

ON THE FLY – for high schoolers. Learn the fun and useful improvisational acting skills of listening, clarity, confidence, and performing instinctively and spontaneously. Working with other students, you’ll define the action of the scene, in a process of co-creation. Regular Price: \$60 – Discounted to \$30.

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

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