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MATRIX:MIDLAND presents:

**What: MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema - *Amreeka***

**When: March 12, 13 & 14**

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

**Cost: \$6**

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

**Ticket "Buy Page":** [http://www.mcfta.org/A\\_MATRIX/cinema.html#amreeka](http://www.mcfta.org/A_MATRIX/cinema.html#amreeka)



MIDLAND – MATRIX:MIDLAND of Midland Center for the Arts presents ***Amreeka*** on March 12 and 13 at 7 pm and March 14 at 3 pm. Admission is \$6 at the door or in advance at MCFTA Ticket Office (989)631-8250. Films will be shown in the Lecture Room of MCFTA, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI. Enjoy this intimate theater environment providing quality projection and surround sound. Located on the lower level of MCFTA; use the stairway next to the Ticket Office. Complete film listing and descriptions are available online at [mcfta.org](http://mcfta.org).

Sponsored by the MATRIX:MIDLAND Festival, the MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema winter season offers contemporary films featuring the exceptional talents of American and international writers, directors and actors. Award-winning artistic, foreign language, comedic and dramatic films that are not usually seen in wide release, but have received critical acclaim, are presented.

***Amreeka***

**Friday, March 12 & Saturday, March 13 – 7 pm; Sunday, March 14 – 3 pm**

*Amreeka* chronicles the adventures of Muna, a single mother who leaves the West Bank with Fadi, her teenage son, with dreams of an exciting future in the promised land of small town Illinois. In America, as her son navigates high school hallways the way he used to move through military checkpoints, the indomitable Muna scrambles together a new life cooking up falafel burgers as well as hamburgers at the local White Castle. Told with heartfelt humor by writer-director Cherien Dabis in her feature film debut, *Amreeka* is a universal journey into the lives of a family of immigrants and first-generation teenagers caught between their heritage and the new world in which they now live and the bittersweet search for a place to call home.

"New York-based filmmaker Cherien Dabis' miraculous first feature is a humanist drama inflected with humor." – Film Society of Lincoln Center

*Amreeka*, released by National Geographic Entertainment, made its world premiere in dramatic competition at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival, and played as Opening Night of New Directors/New Films, a co-presentation of The Museum of Modern Art and The Film Society of Lincoln Center. *Amreeka*, which screened in Directors' Fortnight at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, was awarded the prestigious Critics' Prize at the festival by the Fipresci International

Federation of Film Critics. 2009 USA/Canada/Kuwait; 96 mins; In English and Arabic with English subtitles; Rated PG-13. [www.amreeka.com](http://www.amreeka.com)

MATRIX:MIDLAND presents professional, world-class entertainment to the mid-Michigan region. For over 30 years, Matrix has hosted an extraordinary schedule of cutting-edge entertainment including cinema, music, comedy, family programs, world-renowned authors and more.

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