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Rediscover the Beauty of Jazz
CHRIS BOTTI
At MATRIX: MIDLAND Festival 2011

When: Saturday, June 18 • 8 pm

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

Cost: \$50 | \$46 | \$38

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

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MIDLAND – There are entertainers, and then there's **Chris Botti**. The moment the elegant musician steps on stage at MATRIX: MIDLAND Festival 2011 the spell will be cast, as his trumpet wizardry captures the audience. Scheduled for one night only, Saturday, June 18 at 8 pm at Midland Center for the Arts, Botti's smooth trumpet sound will be backed by a band of gifted musicians in their own right. Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD *When I Fall in Love*, Botti has become the largest selling American jazz instrumental artist, bridging the gap between jazz and classical music. Co-sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company and Morley Companies, Inc.

Tickets are \$50, \$46, and \$38 and are available at mcfta.org or by calling the Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649.

A master artist and performer, Chris Botti has achieved stardom in the realm of adult contemporary pop, selling nearly three million albums worldwide. He has worked closely with an unparalleled roster of the world's greatest musicians. Though best-known as a contemporary jazz performer, he made his initial splash on the pop music scene. In 1990, he was asked to join Paul Simon's band, where he remained for the next five years. His association with Sting began in 1999 when he joined the pop legend's band as featured soloist on the "Brand New Day" tour, which lasted two and a half years. Botti has worked with Frank Sinatra, Josh Groban, Michael Bublé, Joni Mitchell, John Mayer, Andrea Bocelli, and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler. He and his incredible band have performed with many of the finest symphonies, at some of the world's most prestigious venues, including performances at a recent White House State dinner, the World Series, and Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony. His success has led to four #1 Jazz Albums, as well as multiple Gold, Platinum and GRAMMY Awards. Through a combination of lush atmospheres and thoughtful improvisations, Botti has earned the approval of music critics and mainstream appreciation.

<http://www.chrisbotti.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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