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***The Christmas Music of  
Mannheim Steamroller  
by Chip Davis  
coming to Midland Center for the Arts***

***A FAMILY TRADITION CONTINUES!  
MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CELEBRATES  
25 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS TOURS!***

MIDLAND –MATRIX: MIDLAND is thrilled to bring ***The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis*** to Midland Center for the Arts on December 9 at 7:30 pm. Record ticket sales over four days resulted in a sold-out concert. A tight tour schedule could not be adjusted to add a second show. "It is an honor to bring Mannheim Steamroller, a world-class event, to our auditorium," remarks Mike Hayes, MCFTA President and CEO. "The response to this show has been overwhelming."

International music sensation Mannheim Steamroller performed in the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, routinely sells out concerts across North America, and is the #1-selling Christmas artist of all time, having sold over 35 million albums since 1984. Chip Davis, Grammy Award winner and mastermind behind the group, directs and co-produces two touring ensembles of Mannheim Steamroller. Reaching over 60 cities, the shows feature the favorite Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with state-of-the-art multimedia effects in an intimate setting.

*The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis* is generously sponsored by Dow Corning Corporation.

**ABOUT CHIP DAVIS**

While Mannheim Steamroller is known worldwide, the story of founder Chip Davis is a true-life tale of a modern-day "Renaissance Man." Born in Sylvania, Ohio, Davis came from a musical family, and learned piano from his grandmother. Davis' father was a high school music teacher, while his mother performed with Phil Spitalny's All-Girl Orchestra. By the time he graduated from the University of Michigan he was a prolific classical musician, trained to mastery in bassoon and percussion. His accomplishments are extraordinary: from founding his own record label (American Gramophone, which has been ranked by Billboard as the #1 independent label) to his latest achievement: creating a cutting-edge psychoacoustic technology that is being used in major medical institutions such as Mayo Clinic and is also being studied by NASA for potential use in space.

**ABOUT MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER**

**Mannheim Steamroller** is the #1-selling Christmas artist of all time and one of the top fifty best-selling artists of the last two decades, outselling prominent artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Sting, REM, Barbara Streisand and Bon Jovi. Composer and creator Chip Davis started Mannheim Steamroller more than 30 years ago with his Grammy Award-winning *Fresh Aire* series. With more than 35 million albums sold, an annual Christmas tour that is

consistently ranked as the best selling of any artist, a successful Mannheim Steamroller gourmet food line, and a new audio technology that helps hospital patients in the recovery process (Ambience Medical), Chip Davis is one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the music industry. [www.mannheimsteamroller.com](http://www.mannheimsteamroller.com)

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