



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Community Theatre (Music Society & Theatre Guild) present:

- What:** *Peter Pan: The Musical*  
**Book by J.M. Barrie**  
**Music by Mark Charlap and Jule Styne**  
**Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green**  
**Directed by Jim Eikrem (*Singin' in the Rain*)**  
**Musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer**  
**Choreography by Kelli Jolly (*Ragtime*)**
- When:** **March 20, 25, 26 & 27 – 7 pm**  
**March 21 – 3 pm**
- Where:** **Auditorium, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640**
- Cost:** **\$18.72 & \$26 Adult; \$11.52 & \$16 Student; Family 4-pack (2 Adults/2 Students) \$67.20**

**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\\_MusicSociety/index.html#PeterPan](http://www.mcfta.org/A_MusicSociety/index.html#PeterPan)

## ***PETER PAN: THE MUSICAL*** **SWOOPS TO THE STAGE STARTING MARCH 20!**

MIDLAND - Your whole family can fly away on a magical trip to Neverland, where children never, ever grow up, and they always have fun! Follow Peter Pan to where dreams are born when ***Peter Pan: The Musical*** swoops onto the stage of Midland Center for the Arts for five performances starting March 20. It's a classic tale of youth, joy and freedom all captured in Music Society's production of this Tony Award-winning musical. Don't miss a beat of this fun-filled musical adventure complete with lost boys, high-stepping pirates, the delightfully dangerous Captain Hook and the perennial charm of the boy who won't grow up: Peter Pan! Performance dates are March 20, 25, 26 and 27 at 7 pm, and March 21 at 3 pm. Tickets cost \$26 and \$18.72 adults; \$16 and \$11.52 students, with a Family 4-pack (2 Adults/2 Students) for \$67.20. Book by J.M. Barrie. Music by Mark Charlap and Jule Styne. Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Directed by Jim Eikrem (*Singin' in the Rain*). Musical direction by Jim Hohmeyer. Choreography by Kelli Jolly (*Ragtime*). Sponsored by Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Directors.

### **4 SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY FEATURES!**

- (1) Flight!** – Flying by Foy of Las Vegas, Nevada, provides the specialized equipment to simulate flying on the part of Peter Pan and other cast members. The company has provided audiences with thrills since 1950's, when they staged the flying for *Peter Pan* on Broadway. The company has "flown" many stars over the years, like Dean Martin, Lucille Ball, Dinah Shore, Cher, and Stephen Colbert to name just a few! In 2004, they provided the equipment to fly Nadia Comaneci over Times Square, delivering the Olympic torch to the City of New York on its way to Greece for the Summer Olympics, as well as providing the central imagery

for the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Summer Olympics. A representative of Flying by Foy will specially train production employees to ensure the safety of the actors, stagehands and audience. [www.flybyfoy.com](http://www.flybyfoy.com)

**(2) Puppetry** – Some of the characters are depicted by puppets specially created for this production by Wardrobe Supervisor Laurelei Horton and Music Society Technical Manager Kristen Lences. “Several characters will be portrayed by actors operating oversized puppets, an added element that has been a lot of fun to create. This show is full of witty surprises and we can’t wait to share it with our audiences,” Lences says.

**(3) Backstage Tours – “Destination: Neverland!”** – A special peek at the behind-the-scenes wonders and imagination that is *Peter Pan*.

**Saturday, March 20 – 3 pm**

**Sunday, March 21 – noon**

**Saturday, March 27 – 3 pm**

**Auditorium backstage**

**Adults \$10; Students \$5; Family 4-pack (2 Adults/2 Students) \$25**

Enter the magical world of *Peter Pan* on a guided backstage tour revealing all the secrets of live theatre! See flying equipment, huge puppets, props, scenery and costumes up close! The wonders and imagination that is *Peter Pan* will take YOU away to Neverland in an experience you’ll never forget! Guests will take home a poster signed by the entire cast. Appropriate for ages grade school and older. Advance purchase required.

**(4) All in the Family** – The entire Winans-Bagnall family is involved in this production! Trena Winans-Bagnall (*Singin’ in the Rain*) has the lead role of Peter Pan, while Kyle Bagnall plays Eye Patch the pirate & daughter Sophia portrays one of the Lost Boys.

### **CAST LIST:**

Trena Winans-Bagnall of **Midland** plays Peter Pan; Kelsey Woods of **Bay City** plays Wendy; Parker Bradford of **Bay City** plays John; Taylor Roberts of **Midland** plays Michael; Jeremy Little of **Rhodes** plays Captain Hook/Mr. Darling; Anna Urband of **Bay City** plays Tiger Lily; Paul Viele of **Vassar** plays Smee; and Libby Spears of **Midland** plays Tinkerbell.

The remainder of the cast is: Cheryl Felch and Andrew Schindler of **Auburn**; Jeanne Gilbert of **Bay City**; Jennifer Alloway-Frollo of **Hemlock**; Madeline Day and Zach Federer of **Sanford**; and these **Midland** residents: Alex Ault, Sophia Bagnall, Kyle Bagnall, Emma Clayton, Hypatia Creger, Kelsey DePree, Emory Eddy, Allan Fitzgerald, Isobel Futter, Reuben Irizarry, Kevin Kendrick, Monica Kozakiewicz, Aidan Montgomery, Valerie Padgett, Zach Prout, Cassandra Stauffer, Kostandi Stephenson, Bill Stokes, Delaney Strouse, Susanna Weick, and Taylor Winslow.

Music Society of the Midland Center for the Arts is a premier, volunteer musical arts organization serving mid-Michigan. It provides volunteers and audiences with exciting, quality musical events, utilizing professionals to educate and develop its talented, community-based participants.

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