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November 18, 2010

Music Society - Choral presents:

What: Holiday Extravaganza

When: December 18 • 8 pm

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

Cost: \$15 Adults | \$10 Students

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

Find this on our website: <http://www.mcfta.org/OnstageGroups.html#holiday>

MIDLAND – Join Music Society Chorale, Camerata Singers, Men of Music, and High School Women’s Choir on December 18 at 8 pm for an evening of sparkling Christmas tunes guaranteed to get the whole family in the holiday spirit! Music Society presents **Holiday Extravaganza** at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland. As in years past, the audience is encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy; collection will take place on stage during the show and toys will be donated to the Salvation Army’s Toy Drive. Tickets are \$15 adults; \$10 students. Conducted by Jim Hohmeyer, Linda Hohner and Grace Marra. Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or visit www.mcfta.org. Sponsored by Chemical Bank.

The choirs are especially excited to host well-known Michigan author **Jeffery Schatzer**. Before the concert Jeffery will read selections from his children’s books in the red carpet lobby starting at 7:30 pm. During the concert he will read *’Twas the Night Before Christmas* with the Music Society Chorale and orchestra. Grace Marra’s beautiful arrangement of *Silent Night* will be sung by the Men of Music, the High School Women’s Choir and the audience. “This year’s featured piece is *A Distant Land*, written in 1990 by John Rutter,” says conductor James Hohmeyer. “It is a choral prayer for freedom performed by the orchestra and all 190 singers. Rutter wrote it soon after the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the release from prison of Nelson Mandela.”

Come early to view the Center’s holiday decorations and listen to the **Resonators Percussion Ensemble** from Fulkerson Music Studio. Bring your camera to capture a family portrait at the FREE Holiday Photo Station in the Brick Lobby. www.fulkersonmusicstudio.com

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