



Antonia Joy Wilson
Artistic Director & Conductor

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Midland Symphony Orchestra presents:

What: "A Holiday with the MSO"

When: December 4 • 8 pm
Prelude • 7:15 pm

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

Cost: \$24 & \$32 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#holidaymso>

MIDLAND – Spice up your holiday season when the Midland Symphony Orchestra, Antonia Joy Wilson Artistic Director and Conductor, presents ***A Holiday with the MSO*** featuring Grammy-nominated guest vocalist Donna McElroy, and the Zion Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir of Saginaw. From traditional favorites to uplifting gospel tunes, it's an exhilarating evening for the entire family. The concert will be December 4 at 8 pm, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland. Adult tickets are \$24 and \$32; Student tickets are \$10, with a special Student Rush Ticket of \$5 (available day of concert only). Tickets are available online at www.mcfta.org or by calling 800-523-7649. The Prelude, an informal discussion between the conductor and the audience, will take place at 7:15 pm. Sponsored by Chemical Bank.

Come early to view the Center's holiday decorations. Bring your camera to capture a family portrait at the FREE Holiday Photo Station in the Brick Lobby.

To help celebrate the MSO's Diamond Jubilee, a \$500-value diamond necklace from Jenkins Custom Jewelers will be raffled off during the evening. Tickets are \$5 each; 3 for \$10, and are available the night of the concert. The winning ticket will be drawn during the concert.

PROGRAM:

The Night before Christmas
Carol of the Bells
Reindeer Rock
Adoration of the Magi
God Has Smiled on Me
Total Praise
The Twelve Gifts of Christmas
The Snow Maiden: Dance of the Tumblers
O Holy Night
Praise is What I Do
I Surrender All
Lord, We Rejoice

DONNA McELROY

Grammy-nominated guest vocalist

Donna McElroy is a remarkably talented performer, vocalist and arranger. She arranged and sang back-up on gold and platinum releases by Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, Amy Grant, BeBe and CeCe Winans, and many others. She received a Grammy nomination for her own pop-gospel album, *Bigger World*, and won a Dove award for her contribution to the inspirational compilation album, *Songs from the Loft*. She has appeared on The Tonight Show and the Grammy Awards, received a best actress award in 1993 for the Circle Players' performance of *Nonsense*, and has traveled throughout the world pursuing her musical and missionary work. donnamcelroy.net

The Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has provided mid-Michigan with continuous symphonic music since 1936. Along with concerts featuring renowned guest artists, the MSO also provides educational opportunities through its touring ensembles in the schools, Community Orchestra, chamber concerts, Tunes for Tots, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist master classes and residencies.

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