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Midland Symphony Orchestra presents

Inside the Music

Free, multi-media appreciation lecture

MIDLAND – Midland Symphony Orchestra presents “**Inside the Music,**” a multi-media, educational lecture on classical music featured in the MSO’s 2011-2012 season. Local music connoisseur and discographer Etyl Blair will speak **January 23 at 7 pm** in the Lecture Room at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland. **Admission is free and open to the public.** Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Midland Symphony League. For more information contact the MSO Office at (989) 631- 5930, ext. 1502 or email diamond@mcfta.org.

In an informative, visual presentation, enjoy DVD and CD excerpts of repertoire from the MSO’s upcoming concerts:

- *Simple Gifts* on February 18, Chelsea Tipton II, guest conductor
- *Walton and the Waltz* on April 14, Mischa Santora, guest conductor, with Elissa Lee Koljonen, violin

Don't miss this extraordinary preview! Explore Marquez’s *Danzon No. 2* through the performance of classical music’s newest “rock star” conductor: Gustavo Dudamel of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Conductor Simon Rattle dazzles the audience with Leonard Bernstein’s *West Side Story Symphonic Dances*. Gain fresh appreciation for Aaron Copland’s American classic, *Appalachian Spring*, as performed by the San Francisco Symphony with conductor Michael Tilson Thomas. Did you know that Sir William Walton wrote over a dozen movie scores and was nominated for an Academy Award for his work on *Henry V*? Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the life and career of this renowned 20th century composer before April’s performance.

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/Learn.html#music>

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, Tunes for Tots, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist masterclasses and residencies.

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