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Community Theatre (Music Society & Theatre Guild) present:

**What: Nominations for the 2010 Jo Harrigan Career Award**

**Deadline: Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

**Mail To: Center Stage Theatre, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640**

**Information:** Call Amy Behrens at (989) 631-5930 ext. 1702 or [behrens@mcfta.org](mailto:behrens@mcfta.org)

**Nomination Form:**

[http://www.mcfta.org/A\\_MusicSociety/Jo%20Harrigan%20Application%20and%20Nomination%20Form.pdf](http://www.mcfta.org/A_MusicSociety/Jo%20Harrigan%20Application%20and%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)

MIDLAND – Nominations are being sought for the 2010 **Jo Harrigan Career Award**, presented to a Center Stage Theatre (formerly Music Society and Theatre Guild) volunteer who has exhibited long-term dedication and participation in many aspects and areas to further the mission and vision of Center Stage Theatre at Midland Center for the Arts. Nominees are evaluated based on their individual contribution to Center Stage Theatre. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, May 5, 2010. To nominate a Center Stage Theatre volunteer, download a nomination form from the MCFTA website: [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org), or call Amy Behrens at 989-631-5930 ext. 1702.

The award, in the form of a trophy specific to the recipient's area of contribution, will be presented at an opening event of the Center Stage Theatre season. In addition, each recipient's name will be engraved on an individual nameplate and added to a commemorative plaque honoring Jo Harrigan that will be on permanent display in the Center lobby.

Established in 2003, the award honors and pays tribute to Jo Harrigan, a long-time Midland resident and community volunteer who dedicated many years of valuable service to Music Society programs. As both performer and mentor, Jo Harrigan's contributions of time and talent continue to exemplify how volunteerism and arts participation can significantly enhance the cultural vitality of our community.

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. Theatre Guild is one of the most successful and exciting community theatre companies in the Midwest. Established in 1929, Midland's oldest and most innovative theatre organization presents plays, children's theatre and a continuing program of community service, theatre classes and workshops.

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