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DEAR EDUCATORS:

Midland Center for the Arts is busy preparing a new season of educational programs that help classroom teachers create exciting connections to curriculum – plus incorporate creative thought & problem solving!

NEW!

Spark!Lab® Smithsonian is our newest addition to the A.B. Dow Museum. Spark!Lab is a place where visitors of all ages can explore what it means to be an inventor. Participants use their knowledge & some provided materials to answer an open-ended challenge, like **make a device to help clean up the plastic in the ocean**. Creativity & collaboration abound in this safe space where if you FAIL it is just a First Attempt In Learning. With advance arrangement, this space is available for student groups to explore during their museum time.

Student Matinee Performances are back this year with a highly anticipated production of Lightwire Theater's *Dino-Light*. This performance incorporates STEM & theatre into one incredible experience. As always we attempt to provide Teacher/Study guides for exhibits & performances when available & appropriate. *Oedipus the King* will be performed for high school groups, space is limited.

In this brochure you will find a comprehensive listing of amazing learning experience in the arts, sciences & humanities for students of all ages. Investigate our outreach programs, inquire about residency options during the coming year, or ask about our busing subsidies.

This year we're working to increase our impact on regional school children & we are looking for educators from across the region to join an advisory council to help us move the museum's educational programming (especially in the areas of STEM) in a helpful & appropriate direction. If you're interested in applying to be a part of our council, or have any questions, please contact me at andersond@midlandcenter.org.

SINCERELY,

Debbie Anderson / Director of Education

CONTACT US TODAY to help you make connections to your classroom curriculum in engaging and exciting ways! Find out how at midlandcenter.org/educators

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ON-SITE PROGRAMS

STUDENT MATINEE PERFORMANCES

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No one can escape their destiny

Oedipus the King (approx. 2 hours)

FEB 20, 2018 / 9:30 AM / AGES 13+ / \$5

Proving that writers of Game of Thrones and House of Cards have nothing on ancient Greece, this dramatic, bloody epic depicting the price of ambition will be presented in the round using theatrical mask technique. Born to fulfill the Oracle's prophecy that he will rise to power, King Oedipus of Thebes is destined to kill his father and marry his mother. Seating on the Little Theater Stage; limited capacity.

Lightwire Theatre: Dino Light (approx. 60 min)

FEB 26, 2018 / 10 AM / AGES 5+ / \$5

A famous scientist with magic powers brings a friendly dinosaur to life! This glow-in-the-dark adventure is visually amazing and has been praised for its cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology and dance, and enjoyed by audiences all over the world!

Q&A to follow, time permitting

BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCE & EXPLORATION

Contact our Education Department:

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Backstage Tours (30 – 90 min)

GRADES K – 12 / \$5

Take a peek in the spaces usually reserved for actors, directors & crew! Tour will be customized to your needs & led by experienced Center Stage participants. Spaces you might view include Green Room, costumes, props, make-up and dressing rooms, light and sound booths & rehearsal spaces.

BUS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
Funding options may be available for your bus transportation to Midland Center for the Arts! For more info & to apply, please visit midlandcenter.org/bus.





SPECIAL EXHIBITION TOUR!

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Educator guide available on our website at midlandcenter.org/education/educators/educator-guides/

KLUTZ Amazingly Immature (45 min)

SEP 16, 2017 – JAN 14, 2018 / GRADES PRE-K+ / \$4

Stop acting silly? Not in this exhibit! Learn about science through laughter, play, physical comedy & fun! Over 18 fun activities: pull a tablecloth off a table without dropping dishes, turn spoons into catapults, learn how to juggle & more! Based on *KLUTZ® Encyclopedia of Immaturity*.

Giant Mysterious Dinosaurs (45 – 60 min)

JAN 27 – MAY 20, 2018 / GRADES PRE-K+ / \$4

A touring collection of some of the world's largest dinosaurs includes fossils, casts, robotics, videos & other media to illustrate the story of how dinosaurs evolved to such immense sizes, & how they dominated life on land for well over 100 million years. The exhibit illustrates new scientific discoveries that are allowing us to learn much more about these amazing life forms. Through life-sized skeletons & robotic reconstruction, explore exciting ideas about dinosaurs such as: What is the relationship between theropods & their living relatives, birds? Were some dinosaurs warm blooded? How did their hearts & circulatory systems function?

Book your group visit early; this exhibit is sure to be popular.



SCOUT PROGRAM

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Playing the Past

GRADE 8 / \$10 PER STUDENT / \$3 PER ADULT

Junior Girl Scouts can earn their *Playing the Past* badge through hands-on activities! Step back in time & discover what daily life might have been like for a girl living in Midland in 1874 during a visit to the beautifully restored Bradley Home Museum.



ART & SCIENCE ADVENTURES

Contact our Education Department:

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Project Art Museum (half-day)

GRADES 4+ / \$5

Students explore the arts in a fun & dynamic way by rotating through 40-minute stations where they take part in a modern dance experience, dialogue with working professional artists in our studios, & become experienced museum-goers during a visit to the galleries. Availability based on program schedule; usually in the months of February or March. Must request this program by early October.

Funded in part by the Maxwell K. Pribil Memorial Fund.

Museum Visit – Hall of Ideas (45 – 60 min)

GRADES PRE-K+ / \$4

Students explore the intersection between art & science through hands-on/minds-on experiences in the three-level Hall of Ideas. Explore the impact chemistry has on art & daily life. Experiment with weight & balance to create a kinetic mobile sculpture. Experience sound through musical instrumentation & much more!

Museum Visit – Art Exhibition (45 – 60 min)

GRADES PRE-K+ / \$4

Take an interpretive look at the works of art on exhibit in our 4th floor galleries. Exhibitions change approximately every 12 weeks; however, our goal is to help you look closer at the works, techniques, medium & even share a bit about the artist as time permits. Current & upcoming exhibitions at midlandcenter.org/exhibitions.

Art & Science Connections Tour (45 min)

GRADES PRE-K – 3 / \$4

We'll help your students identify the intersections found within scientific experimentation & the creative process as they explore kinetic art, the science of sound, chemistry, & architecture & design through a series of guided rotations within our Hall of Ideas.





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The Chemist & the Architect (full-day)

GRADES 3+ / INQUIRE FOR PRICING

Students peek into the lives of two of Midland's best-know entrepreneur: Herbert H. Dow & his son Alden B. Dow. Explore Herbert Dow's brine well, learn about the challenges of founding a company in a new place, & perform simple science experiments at Heritage Park. At the Alden B. Dow Home & Studio students become an architect for the day while exploring this amazing architectural wonder.

A Chemist in the Making (half-day)

GRADES 4+ / \$3

Multi-media exhibits, audio & video displays & engaging hands-on activities provide a fascinating exploration of the early days of Midland's largest business. Experiment with electrical currents, simple chemistry experiments & help to identify human, natural & capital resources that aided the founding of The Dow Chemical Company. (*Chemist portion of Chemist & Architect Tour*)

Bradley Home (half-day)

GRADES 2+ / \$3

The 1874 Bradley Home is a hands-on historic house museum offering a glimpse of the everyday life of an early Midland family. Learn about family dynamics, luxuries & challenges, traditions & how they compare to YOUR daily life. Also includes a tour of the adjacent Carriage House & its collection of horse-drawn carriages & sleighs.

Bradley Home Holiday (half-day)

\$3

Share Victorian holiday traditions with your students during special tours available only during December. Schedule early; times are limited.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

OFF-SITE & ADD-ON PROGRAMS

Contact Sarah Brandt:

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Pricing is based on location & number of programs presented

Chef Cool GRADES 3 – 6

Students will investigate the physical properties of chemicals in solid, liquid & gaseous states, including the strange effects extreme cold (by way of liquid nitrogen & dry ice) has on everyday objects.

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Civil War Outreach GRADE 4*

Need a program close to home? Let us transport you & your students back in time through hands-on materials & resources that will leave them inspired & possessing the knowledge to write a creative account of what life was like during this historic era!

***Can be customized for older students.**

Magic of Electricity (On Site add-on only) GRADES 3 – 6

Explore the world of static electricity as our science educator uncovers fundamentals of electricity, including lightning & static electricity using the Van de Graaff generator.

Please note this program only runs October – March based on humidity.

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TEACHER EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RSVP to these events with Mackenzie Hopkins:
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Fall Teacher Preview SEP 21, 2017 / 4:15 – 6 PM / FREE

Join us in the “Teachers’ Lounge” for a happy hour celebration at the Center & discover what we have in store for the 2017-18 school year. With a FREE drink in hand, get an inside look at upcoming performances, exhibits & activities, map out a field trip, share your ideas & play in our new Spark!Lab!

This event is for educators over age 21 only, however, spouses & supervised children are welcome to explore the museum for free during this event.

Dino Open House FEB 3, 2018 / 10 AM – 12 PM / FREE

Preview **Giant Mysterious Dinosaurs**. Be one of the first people through the exhibit. Museum educators will be on site to answer questions. Teacher spouses & children are welcome to attend as well.

Kennedy Center Arts Integration Workshops

2017-2018 programs are currently being developed.

Midland Center for the Arts is proud to partner with Midland Public Schools to bring The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – Partners in Education Program to the Great Lakes Bay Region! This program brings in professional teaching artists to present workshops on Arts Integration in the classroom. Arts Integration uses art forms to help teach, reinforce or evaluate the understanding of Core Curricular subjects and concepts, & expands educators’ toolkits for reaching students of all learning styles.

For more info & to receive updates, contact Debbie Anderson: andersond@midlandcenter.org 989.631.5930 X 1227

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