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2024/25 SEASON  
**EDUCATION**  
GROUP GUIDE

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Dear Educators & Group Leaders,

Midland Center for the Arts is pleased to offer opportunities to **Explore! Inspire! Learn!** that bring **science, history, and the arts to life!** As we look forward to our newly renovated A.B. Dow Museum facility, we will continue to offer our **School Matinee Series**, and bring programming directly to students **in the classroom and community!** We also look forward to inviting students and chaperones to journey into space with a visit to our traveling exhibit, **Space Explorers: THE INFINITE**, opening in January.

All programs are aligned with Grade Level Content Expectations for preschool through 12th grade. Please note that **scholarships and bus cost reimbursement grants** are available to help make your Center experience more affordable. We hope to serve you and your students with resources and programming that meet at the intersection of **curiosity and creativity** and spark a passion for lifelong learning!

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Kanyo**

Senior Director of Museums & Education



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# BOOKING & PRICING

## Booking Information

STAFF HOURS / MON – FRI / 9 AM – 4 PM  
989.631.8250 / schools@midlandcenter.org

**PROGRAMS ARE NOW BOOKED ONLINE!** Please visit [midlandcenter.org/participate/schools-teachers](http://midlandcenter.org/participate/schools-teachers) and choose Student Matinees or Hands-on Workshops to fill out one of our Center Experiences Booking Forms.

Please allow up to 3 business days for confirmation of your booking via email.

**BOOK EARLY!** All Center experiences must be requested a minimum of 4 weeks before the program date. Final confirmation must be made no later than 14 days before the experience date. This confirmation must include a total count of the number of students, chaperones, and teachers participating for a contract/invoice to be issued.

**JAN – MAY** are peak times for educational programs! We recommend that matinee tickets and workshops for these months be scheduled well in advance.

Midland Center for the Arts is not affiliated with Whiting Forest and Dow Gardens; educators do frequently schedule additional activities through the Dow Gardens Tours Department.

## Pricing & Payment

### PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCES

**\$5 / Person** (students & adults)

- / Complimentary educator tickets (2) provided per attending classroom; bus drivers also receive free admission.
- / Participant numbers must be confirmed at least 14 days before your program for staff to issue an invoice.
- / Groups of 10 or more only qualify for the Student Matinee Series group rate.
- / Final amount due may be adjusted if 5 or more students are absent due to illness the day of your matinee performance.
- / Weather-related show cancellations are handled on a show-by-show basis.

### HANDS-ON, ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

**\$100 / One Classroom** (\$50 for additional classrooms)

- / Classroom maximum is 30 students per workshop rotation
- / Participant numbers must be confirmed at least 14 days before your program for staff to issue an invoice.
- / All on-site programs are subject to a mileage charge:  
**Round Trip Mileage for On-site Education Programs**  
0-15 miles - \$0  
16-30 miles - \$15.00  
31+ miles - \$.67/mile

### ALL PROGRAMS

- / Full payment of the invoice is expected before the day of your program in a single transaction. We accept all payment options via our Ticket Office during Ticket Office hours as posted on the [midlandcenter.org](http://midlandcenter.org). Please make checks payable to Midland Center for the Arts.
- / Payment in advance is highly encouraged.
- / Bussing, ticket, and workshop grants are available to qualifying schools. See pg. 8 for more information.
- / If you have any questions about the booking process, please email [schools@midlandcenter.org](mailto:schools@midlandcenter.org).

### LUNCHES

- / Groups may bring packed lunches to the Center and reserve our lunch facilities at no additional charge.
- / Midland Center for the Arts does not supply lunch.
- / Lunchtimes **must be scheduled** prior to your visit, as space is very limited. Lunch is 30 minutes in length unless otherwise indicated; groups will not be permitted to eat lunch at the facility unless arrangements are made in advance.
- / We recommend large groups visiting the Center divide into smaller lunch groups as needed.
- / All groups are subject to a custodial fee for incomplete cleanup of the lunch space

# PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCES

We are proud to support educators who wish to introduce their students to the wonders of art, science, history, and curiosity through live performing arts experiences!

Classroom study guide materials and social stories are available for all matinee performances via the Center website. Matinee performances are considered relaxed performance environments. Performances are approximately 60 minutes.

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Doktor Kaboom



Timbalooloo



Timbalooloo



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# RELAXED EXPERIENCES

**STUDENT SHOWS \$5**  
Per Person  
for Students  
& Adults

## Doktor Kaboom: Look Out! Science is Coming!

**JAN 17, 2025 / 10 AM**

*Recommended Grades 2–6*

Grab your lab coats & safety goggles! Doktor Kaboom's one-man show reminds all that science is for everyone! Explore the wonders of the scientific method with laugh-out-loud humor and dynamic demonstrations.

*Curriculum connections: Embedded inquiry, matter, energy, motion, forces of nature, theater, lab safety, self-confidence, respect, teamwork and collaboration*

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## Paige in Full with Paige Hernandez

**FEB 4, 2025 / 10 AM**

*Recommended Grades 6–10*

*Paige in Full* is a visual mix-tape that blends poetry, dance, visual arts, and live music to tell the tale of a multicultural girl growing up in Baltimore, MD. The production explores how a young woman's identity is shaped by her ethnicity and popular culture, telling a personal, yet universal, story through the lens of hip-hop.

*Curriculum connections: Storytelling, poetry, dance, music, theater, culture, community, teamwork and collaboration*

## Timbalooloo

**MAR 10, 2025 / 10 AM**

*Recommended Grades PreK–2*

Timbalooloo is an interactive and educational musical party that introduces children to melodies, rhythms, and instruments used by musicians across the globe. The performance starts off with a problem: Oran's friend Clara was excited to come to the concert, but she fell asleep. He brought her to the concert anyway - in her bed! The kids join Oran in singing to wake her up and discover her name is Clara Net ... Oran's clarinet! With more singing, clapping, dancing and drumming, children see all of the instruments onstage come to life and learn that making music means bringing their own character, humor and emotion to their artistry.

*Curriculum connections: Music, rhythm, melody, instruments, geography, world cultures, teamwork and cooperation*

## Step Afrika!

**APR 24, 2025 / 10 AM**

*Recommended Grades K–12*

Step Afrika! is the first professional dance company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, a dance that uses the body as an instrument, combining footsteps, claps, and spoken words to produce complex rhythms. Combining the dance traditions of historically African American fraternities and sororities, traditional West and Southern African dances, and an array of contemporary dance and art forms, Step Afrika! integrates songs, storytelling, humor, and audience participation into a heart-pounding experience.

*Curriculum connections: History, geography, culture, dance, music, rhythm*

## The Performing Arts Are For Everyone!

Relax and take in the experience, even if you've never been to a theater performance or concert before! Midland Center for the Arts is committed to providing a supportive and welcoming environment that makes live performance and our museums accessible to those with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), developmental and physical disabilities, sensory processing disorders, PTSD, and for other sensory-sensitive people with their families. Our performance spaces have accessible seating, and we are happy to work with educators and families on ways to make attending a school matinee or public performance the best experience possible for individuals with accessibility needs.

- / The performance is a shush-free zone – audience members can talk quietly or express themselves freely during the performance.
- / We provide downloadable social stories that portray the theatre-going experience with pictures and text for use by educators, students, and families.
- / House doors are kept open; audience members are welcome to stand, move around, and leave as need be.
- / Audience members are welcome to bring their own manipulatives, seat cushions, comfort objects, headphones, electronics, special snacks, and other support items to the show.
- / Sensory bags provided by Midland Center for the Arts are available for use during performances and museum visits.

### UPCOMING RELAXED PERFORMANCES

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
**Holiday Pops Concert**  
DEC 14, 2024 / 1 PM

YOUTH & FAMILY SERIES  
**Timbalooloo**  
MAR 10, 2025 / 4 PM

CENTER STAGE YOUTH THEATRE  
**Matilda the Musical**  
APR 12, 2025 / 2 PM



# IN-CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS

Transform your classroom or library into a center of learning with our engaging, hands-on workshops. Specialized for students from grades PreK–12, these 45-60 minute interactive workshops are designed to enrich your curriculum with immersive experiences in the arts, science, and museum studies.

**\$100 FOR ONE CLASSROOM**  
(\$50 for additional classrooms)

Classroom maximum 30 students. Additional travel fees apply for all on-site programs; see pg. 2 for mileage rates.

## SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

### Amazing Magnets

Discover the magic of magnets through art! Learn how objects levitate, float, and move during an engaging story time. Watch your students create a unique masterpiece by exploring the basic properties of magnetism while using their artistic skills! *Grades PreK–2*

### A Water Story

Learn how water moves around the world! Through movement, song, and science students will understand the water cycle! Observe your students' curiosity as they understand the process of the water cycle by creating crafts and science experiments. *Grades PreK–2*

### New! Shadows

Unveil the magic of light! Through demonstrations and hands-on experiences, students will explore the magic of storytelling by understanding the science of light. Learn the history of shadow puppetry and how the science of light plays an important role in the world of theatre. *Grades 6–12*

### Rocket Power

Blast off into the world of rockets! Students will participate in interactive demonstrations while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion. After a brief history of rocket science, students will design, build, and test their own miniature straw rockets! *Grades 6–12*

## ARTS WORKSHOPS

Introducing *Masterpieces on the Move*, a program that brings renowned artworks to your location and pairs them with hands-on exploration. Get ready to embark on a journey through the world of art history and witness where science meets creativity! Four workshops available for booking.

### Monet Meteorology

Learn about weather systems with brushstrokes! Students will learn the science of the weather portrayed within Monet's artworks. Students can then search through weather sensory bins and create their own version of a Monet masterpiece! *Grades PreK–2*

### Lavish Landscapes

Explore how artists have portrayed our Earth throughout history through paintings of wide-open fields, vast seas, and bustling cities. Learn the science behind the land formations within the artwork with some hands-on exploration. *Grades 3–5*

### Mess Makers

Splat! Drip! Splash! Meet some artists who aren't afraid to get a little messy to create stunning visual art. Students will analyze art from Jackson Pollock, Sam Gilliam, Joan Mitchell, and Elaine de Kooning and then get a chance to be art detectives. *Grades 3–12*

### Art Influencers

Art history is full of amazing artists who used multiple mediums to push boundaries! From Vincent Van Gogh to Andy Warhol and Frida Kahlo, learn all about the background of some of the most famous names in art. Students can then showcase their creativity by designing a social media page for their favorite art influencer. *Grades 6–12*

### From Author to Artist

Explore the world of comics and graphic novels while learning about the literary and artistic aspects of the genre. Students will discover the basics of illustration, narrative writing, and bookbinding to create their own graphic novel. Students will enhance their work using dialogue and character development. *Grades 3–12*

### Hello Yellow Cello

Come explore the wonders of music and sound with our friend Yellow Cello! Enjoy story time with this one-of-a-kind story written by Bay City author Rae Chesny and published by the Center that inspires teamwork, creativity, and friendship. Listen to music composed for the book as students explore the anatomy of a cello and create music. The Education Department at the Center has created a workbook that includes follow-up curriculum activities, coloring pages, and more! *Grades PreK–3*

## HISTORY WORKSHOPS

### Michigan on the Move

See history in motion as we learn how innovations in transportation shaped Michigan! From the Erie Canal to the revolution of the auto industry, students will discover how changes in transportation led to the settlement of Michigan. Along with a history lesson, students will be able to design and craft their own method of transportation. *Grades 3–5*

### New! History Detectives

Embark on a thrilling journey through time! Students will become young historians as they delve into the fascinating world of primary and secondary resources from various historical periods. *Grades 3–8*

### New! Civil War Chronicles

Students will compare the past and present as they travel back in time to 1861. They will learn what it was like to live, fight, and survive through the Civil War. Through discussion and presentations, students will create connections to the contributions made by the state and people of Michigan. *Grades 4–12*

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Park Hoppin'

**Available MAR - APR 2025 only**

Celebrate National Parks Week! Explore the wonders of the U.S. National Parks! Travel to the beautiful forests, pristine beaches, dry deserts, and breathtaking mountains. Look through travel guides and create your own travel souvenir. *Grades 4–12*

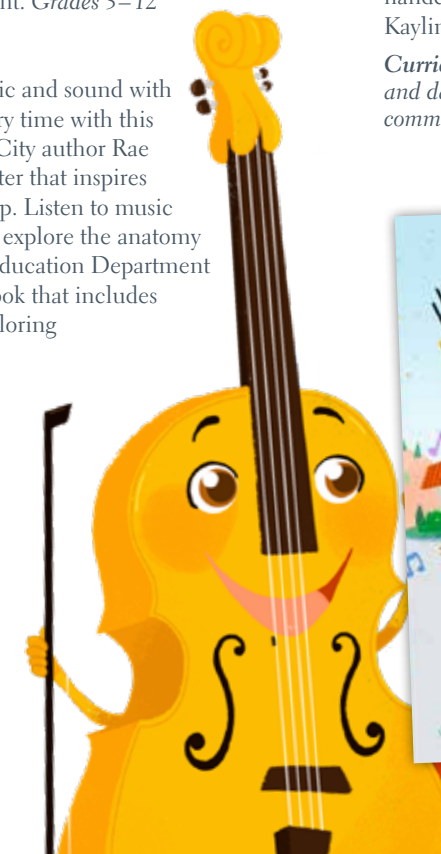
*Curriculum Connections: History of National Parks, natural sciences, and environmental conservation.*

### Sail to the Pacific Islands

**Available APR - MAY 2025 only**

Celebrate Asian / Pacific American Heritage Month! Journey into the rich culture of Polynesia. Learn through music, dances, handcrafts, and the storybook called Aloha Everything written by Kaylin Melia George. *Grades 2–8*

*Curriculum Connections: Cultural appreciation, movement and dance, storytelling, natural science and symbolism, and community.*



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# SPACE EXPLORERS THE INFINITE

**OPENING JANUARY 29 FOR GROUPS!** \$5 / PERSON

**Space Explorers: THE INFINITE** is a captivating immersive experience inspired by NASA missions aboard the International Space Station (ISS). This unique journey will give audiences breathtaking 360-degree views of Earth and life in space as an astronaut using advanced technology.

This transformative adventure allows guests to embark on their own trip in space, or to share the voyage with others. Each person chooses their own path through the ISS and out into space itself, interacting with astronauts, learning about life and work aboard the station, seeing the earth from a whole new perspective, and stepping out for their own spacewalk!

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## LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES

Book all hands-on workshops as well as our summer COLOR OUR WORLD library programs!

Discover all the colors that make up our world with Midland Center for the Arts through these engaging 45-60 minute workshops. We foster a love for science, learning, and creativity, allowing library staff to relax and enjoy the excitement of all participants at your location.

### \$100 / SINGLE PROGRAMS

(\$50 / per added booking in a season)

On-site library programs are subject to a mileage fee. See pg. 2 for more information.

#### Nature's Palette

Unlock the secrets of the color spectrum and celebrate everything found in nature! From the vivid hues of flowers to the different pigments that are derived from plants and minerals, learn the role color plays in natural sciences and art through an interactive workshop and hands-on activities. *Grades 3 - 5*

#### I Am a Masterpiece

Unleash your creative personality by exploring the magic of colors and self-portraits. Discover the world of colors learning primary, secondary, and complementary hues while expressing yourself in an artistic way. *Grades PreK - 2*

#### Prismatic Patterns

Delve into the psychology and symbolism of colors in textiles, exploring how different hues evoke emotions and cultural meanings. Through hands-on weaving projects and color theory workshops, students learn to harmonize shades, patterns, and textures, mastering the art of weaving vibrant and visually captivating textiles. *Grades 6 - 12*

#### "Eye" Can See Colors

Explore the fascinating realm of color perception! Through engaging demonstrations and interactive activities, unravel the mysteries behind color vision and gain a deeper understanding of the science that shapes our perception of the world. *All ages*

## PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS

Introduce your students to the wonders of space science with a portable planetarium visit to your school! Planetarium presentations can accommodate up to 20 students per group.

### \$150 FOR UP TO 40 STUDENTS

(\$50 for each additional group up to 20 students)

Additional travel fees apply for all on-site programs; see pg. 2 for mileage rates.

#### Stellar Lunar

Students will journey through the night sky as they learn about the stars, constellations and phases of the moon. Discover the causes of moon phases as we model the earth, moon and sun systems. *Grades K-5*

#### World in Motion

Students will discover the motion of our solar system as they look at the movements of the earth that give us day and night and the seasons. Students will explore the effects of gravity and more. *Grades 6-8*

#### The Sun

Students will explore the age, energy sources, and structure of our closest star, the Sun. They will also discover the Sun's role in supporting life on Earth and more. *Grades 9-12*

# ART & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

School Matinee Series tickets, workshop fees, and transportation grants are available to qualifying schools and organizations through our Art & Education Scholarship program. Individual scholarships for Center classes and summer camps are also available. **Funds are granted based on funding availability – so plan and apply early!**

Grants and scholarships are available for programs from SEP 2024 - AUG 2025. Art & Education Scholarship program guidelines are available on the Center website. Follow-up documentation must be received by Center staff to receive transportation grants.

If multiple classrooms in one school building intend to participate in a Center program, they are encouraged to apply as a single group.

Learn more and fill out a short form to apply at [midlandcenter.org/scholarship](http://midlandcenter.org/scholarship)

# YOUTH THEATRE EDUCATION

The Center is excited to offer educational theatre courses, masterclasses and programs for students grades K - 12 looking to gain experience on-stage and behind the scenes!

Students can learn more about fall and winter youth theatre classes and more at [midlandcenter.org/youth-theatre](http://midlandcenter.org/youth-theatre).

## Anne of Green Gables

**DEC 12 -15 / 2024**  
**AUDITIONS / Early OCT 2024**

This exciting new adaptation captures the charm of Lucy Maude Montgomery's enduring classic about an orphan girl, Anne Shirley. All the triumphs and tragedies that mark Anne's growth are here: her friendship with Diana, her feuds with Gilbert, the mistaken wine bottle, and the saving of Green Gables. Whether the playgoer is an "old friend" of Anne's or meeting her for the first time, this play will solidify a lasting friendship.

Adapted by Joseph Robinette from the novel by L.M. Montgomery  
Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois

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## RISING STARS

Every summer, the Center seeks top teen talent in the Great Lakes Bay Region for an intensive, professional-level acting or technical theatre experience and training from a Broadway creative team. We look forward to presenting Disney's *FREAKY FRIDAY* in 2025! Audition dates and the creative team will be announced later this school year!

## Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical

**APR 10 - 13 / 2025**  
**AUDITIONS / Late JAN 2025**

Inspired by the ingenious Roald Dahl, the Tony® Award-winning *MATILDA THE MUSICAL* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill audiences of all ages. Matilda is a girl with astonishing wit and psychokinetic powers. Unloved by her cruel parents, tormented by headmistress Miss Trunchbull, and encouraged by her teacher Miss Honey, Matilda could be the school pupils' saving grace! Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, audiences will be delighted by the story.

Book by Dennis Kelly  
Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin

Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

## The Production Arts Program (ProArts)

ProArts is an exciting educational opportunity for young people to develop theater skills through experiential learning.

This program meets once per week during the rehearsal process of a Center Youth Theatre production. ProArts participants choose to focus on either the Performance Track or Technical Theatre Track. Anyone can participate in ProArts without auditioning.

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