

GMS Arts News

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Auschwitz Echoes



Get Ready! Get Set!
And go to your phone today to order your FREE tickets to the annual GMS Arts Education Summer Show! This year, GMS Arts Education proudly presents *Auschwitz Echoes* Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 at Central Auditorium located at the corner of Rodd and Reardon Streets in Midland.

Based on *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* by James Still and *Auschwitz Lullaby* by James C. Wall, *Auschwitz Echoes* is a compelling drama compiled and directed by Jeffrey P. Hayes.

Inspired by actual events, pulled from 1986 interviews with the two main characters along with diaries recovered during the liberation of Auschwitz, it is a stunning multimedia thriller that combines videotaped interviews and archival photographs with live performance. Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg (Jim Stewart) and Eva Schloss (Teresa

Oliver) as adults tandem with themselves as teenagers (Robert Driver and Gaia Klotz) to recreate scenes from their lives during World War II. Ed was Anne Frank's (Alex Faley) first boyfriend and she wrote about him in her now-famous diary. Eva Schloss was the same age as Anne and her family went into hiding the same day as the Frank Family ... And like the Frank Family, they were betrayed: Mutti (Frances M. Stafford), Pappy (Kurt Borgman) and Eva's brother Heinz (Gabe Klotz) were all arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz-Berkeineau concentration camp. There they met the Jewish pathologist Dr. Issac Jonah (Paul Tolly), who, along with his wife Miriam (Betty King) and daughter Sarah (Kaitlyn Mercy), is interred at the concentration camp in 1944.

Thought-provoking, and emotional, *Auschwitz Echoes* is a drama that provides insight that will cause you to think about the past – ponder the

**August 21 at 7:00PM
August 22 at 7:00PM**

CENTRAL AUDITORIUM

FREE ADMISSION

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TICKETS!**

future – and be concerned about the present! Other GMS stars in the cast are Cathie Stewart, Rick Robinson, Chris Nuhfer, Kelsey Ennis, Mark Oliver, Lauren Gray, Michael Driver, Faith Ann Glynn, Stephanie Pringle, Greg Guiles, Laura Rowland, Natalie Sloggett, Gracey Lou Houseal, and Kristopher Mercy.

FREE TICKETS are available from the GMS Arts Education Office, 2716 Jefferson Avenue, Midland. Call (989) 631-2493 for tickets and further information between 8am and 4pm weekdays. Tickets are also available one hour before each performance at Central Auditorium. Call (989) 923-SHOW for late reservations and updated information.

Auschwitz Echoes is produced in cooperation with Midland Public Schools, and the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills and by special arrangements with The Dramatic Publishing Company, Woodstock, IL.



Happy Trails to You! Kay Collison, Contributor

Important Dates at GMS ARTS EDUCATION:

Tuesday, August 19 at 3:30 pm GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting at GMS Arts Education 2716 Jefferson Avenue

Thursday August 21 at 7:00 pm *Auschwitz Echoes* performance at Central Auditorium (Corner of Rodd and Reardon) with a catered reception following the show

Friday August 22 at 7:00 pm *Auschwitz Echoes* performance at Central Auditorium (corner of Rodd and Reardon)

Monday, September 8
GMS Fall Semester Classes Begin

Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 10 GMS Arts Education Drama Troupe Performance in Muskegon for

Tuesday, September 16 at 3:30pm GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting at GMS Arts Education 2716 Jefferson Avenue **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

Tuesday, October 19 at 3:30pm GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting at GMS Arts Education 2716 Jefferson Avenue

Tuesday, November 18 at 3:30pm GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting at GMS Arts Education 2716 Jefferson Avenue

In collaboration with Senior Services-Midland County Council on Aging, Happy Trails Drama Troupe is sponsored by Community Mental Health for Central Michigan as a community outreach initiative through its GMS Arts Education program. Created in 2006, the Happy Trails mission is to establish an ensemble of mature adults to create and produce dramatic presentations for the enjoyment of all ... and BOY! have we ever been on the trail!

Over the past two years, the group and their director Kay Collison has performed 56 shows in front of nearly 5000 people at locations throughout the area; including such senior centers as Washington Woods, Trailside, and the Sanford Senior Center; as well as the Buck Run Country Club for the Red Hat Society Convention.

The group is now gathering materials for it's 6th revue, *The Roaring 20s* and plans to begin touring in late September or early

October.

If you are a senior citizen who is interested in joining the Happy Trails Drama Troupe, contact director Kay Collison at (989) 631-6892.



5th Annual Report Cover Art Contest



Community Mental Health for Central Michigan is searching for the next great artwork to be featured on their Annual Report Cover.

So, if you are an individual who has received or are receiving

services from Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, then submit your drawing, sketch, painting or photograph capturing the theme Full Participation in Community Life to any Community Mental Health for Central Michigan location by December 31, 2008.

The Consumer Action Committee for Community Mental Health for Central Michigan will select the winning artwork.

The selected artwork will be printed on the cover of

Community Mental Health for Central Michigan's Annual Report.

The winning artist will be honored by the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan's Board of Directors and will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate as well as a matted and framed copy of the annual report cover.

For more information please call customer services at (989) 772-5938 or toll free at 1-800-317-0708 from long distance areas.

GMS Arts Advisory Committee Scheduled Meetings and Contacts

The GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee meets at the GMS Arts Education Office at 2716 Jefferson Avenue in Midland on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm. The meetings last for approximately 1 hour and are open to anyone who is

interested in attending.

Upcoming meetings are:

Tuesday, August 19
Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, October 21
Tuesday, November 18

If you have questions or concerns you may contact the GMS Arts Education

Advisory Committee by leaving a message at the GMS Arts Education Office at (989) 631-2493 or talking with:

Teresa Reynolds, Mark Oliver, Laura Rowland, Diane Tilford, or Kathrine Smith, or any of your class representatives!

Think Fall! GMS Fall Semester Classes are Here!

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Ready or not, fall is just around the corner and it's time to think about what's happening now and plan for what's coming soon!

"Now", of course is *Auschwitz Echoes*, a drama that will seem much more exciting and human than everything you've ever read or knew about the Holocaust. Call today and get your tickets!

On the "Plan Ahead for a Great Fall Season" agenda is a wonderful mix of ideas to keep you busy, entertained and happy! Check out the many classes offered by GMS Arts Education. There's something for everyone, whether you're a pro or just beginning to paint, dance, sing, make jewelry, act, woodwork, or get your hands in clay and create anything, from your own personal coffee mugs to works of art. The Vocal Music and Drama Classes will be working on a new Christmas program (performing for senior citizens in Midland County and at the RICC Christmas Dinner). Classes are free to consumers of Community Mental Health services, and a modest \$10.00 tuition plus a small supply fee is charged for others.

So what are you waiting for? There are multiple classes led by warm and friendly instructors; a fantastic plot that's a thriller that entertains and educates; and opportunities for field trips, movies, and to join in the satisfying fun of being with friendly people – all at little or no cost. So don't put off until tomorrow something that just may make a difference in your life! Call (989) 631-2493 between 8am and 4pm weekdays to register for any number of classes.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Also, if a student needs help in a class, please make arrangements for someone to REMAIN with them throughout the entire class time.

Wednesdays

September 10 – November 12

AMI' Dance

Kathy Gracer
10:00 – 11:00 am
Hach Center Dance Studio
Northwood University

Jewelry

Diane Tilford
2:30 – 4:00 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson
Class begins September 17
Class ends November 19

Music I

Jim Fulkerson
1:30 – 2:15pm or 2:15 – 3:00pm
Fulkerson Music Studio
216 ½ Main Street

Vocal Music

Dorothy Moll
4:15 – 5:15 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Drama

Kay Collison
5:15 – 6:45 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Thursdays

September 11 – November 13

Dance Fun 101

Kathy Gracer
3:15 – 4:15 pm
Hach Center Dance Studio
Northwood University

Wood Working*

Will Rickel
2:15 – 3:45 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue
Class begins September 18
Class ends November 20

Wood Working*

Will Rickel
5:15 – 6:45 pm
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Class begins September 18
Class ends November 20

***YOU MAY ONLY SIGN UP
FOR ONE WOODWORKING
CLASS**

MONDAYS

September 8 – November 11

Painting 1

Joan Most
11:45am – 1:45 pm
Student Union
Northwood University

Jewelry Making

Consuelo Gabrielael
Time To Be Determined
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Stretch

Kathy Gracer
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Bennett Multipurpose Room
Northwood University

Tap

Kathy Gracer
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Bennett Multipurpose Room
Northwood University

Painting III

Mark Oliver
5:00 – 7:00pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Fridays

September 12 – November 14

Advanced Clay

Joan Most
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Midland Community Center

Drawing I

Cherri Berry
1:30 – 2:30 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Acrylics

Teresa Oliver
2:30 – 5:00 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Quilting

Teresa Oliver
5:30 – 7:00 pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Tuesdays

September 9 – November 11

GMS Crafts and Clay

Joan Most
9:30 – 11:30 am
Midland Community Center

3D Art

Joan Most
12:15 – 2:15 pm
Midland Community Center

GMS Crafts

Diane Tilford & Teresa Oliver
2:00 – 3:00 pm
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Saturdays

September 13 – November 15

Movie Matinee

Diane Tilford
1:00 – 3:00 pm
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9/13 Sound of Music pt1
9/20 Sound of Music pt2
9/27 National Treasure
10/4 Fiddler on the Roof pt1
10/11 Fiddler on the Roof pt2
10/18 Wizard of Oz pt1
10/25 Wizard of Oz pt2
11/1 Tin Man pt1
11/8 Tin Man pt2
11/15 The Bee Movie

** Please bring a dollar for pop and popcorn. Once a month, we have a pizza party with the movie, compliments of GMS!

Ceramics Class

Kathrine Smith
3:30 – 5:00pm
GMS Arts Education
2716 Jefferson Avenue

Holiday Card Contest



GMS Arts Education is holding its annual "Holiday Card" Contest.

You may submit your card designs to the GMS Arts Education Office at 2716 Jefferson Avenue in Midland.

Artwork for cards may be 2-dimensional (flat artwork) such as drawings or paintings; or 3-dimensional artwork such as sculptures. All media types (pencil, watercolor, acrylics, ink, clay, wood, or original computer generated images) are accepted.

The subject matter must be seasonal. And all artwork must be original.

Submission of the artwork grants GMS Arts Education exclusive printing rights to the artwork for the sake of the 2008 annual Holiday cards.

The winner of the contest will be given a \$25 certificate, 25 cards and envelopes, and 10% of any net profits GMS Arts Education realizes from card sales.

The deadline for submission is October 31 at 4:00pm.

Safe Haven Plans Events



Here is a list of events planned for Safe Haven:

- On Tuesdays and Thursdays you may play BINGO at 4:00pm
- A pool tournament is hosted on Fridays at 2:00pm
- The last Wednesday of each month join us to celebrate our monthly birthdays at 1:00pm.
- Are you staying in town on Labor Day? If so, join us on Monday, September 1st

for a picnic. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please note that Safe Haven will be closed September 8th through September 12th in order to accommodate camp time.

For more information please contact Safe Haven directly at (989) 832-6495.

The Safe Haven Outreach Center is located at 1011 Jefferson Avenue in Midland.

GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee Summary

The GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee has taken the following actions during their June and July meetings:

- Lost Art Gallery items from the Public Guardian Office have been returned and new items selected and sent for display there.
- The malfunctioning of the GMS Arts Education

website was addressed and is being worked on. (as of this newsletter it is up and functional again).

- a proposal to offer a ceramics class was received and approved.
- the kung fu class is lacking an instructor currently, as such is was voted to be pulled from the fall schedule with hopes of

finding an instructor and returning the class to the schedule in winter term.

- Summer production for 2009 was presented and adopted as being Neil Simon's *Rumors*. Dates for auditions and performance will be set with the Central Auditorium schedule.
- The annual GMS Arts Education Constitution

review was set for the August meeting.

- Holiday Card Contest guidelines were formalized and contest dates set.
- Approval for frame kits for the lost art gallery was granted.
- The GMS Arts Education Advisory Committee budget balance remains \$579.45.

Peggy Baker Retires

It is with a sadness and a heavy heart that GMS Arts Education announces the retirement of Peggy Baker on August 15, 1008.

With Peggy's retirement GMS Arts Education loses not only their Office Manager, but a true friend to the organization and, most importantly, to consumers.

Peggy graduated from Alpena High School, and has provided dedicated, resourceful and professional human services for 36 years.

Prior to joining us at GMS Arts Education, Peggy worked for the General Telephone Company, and was a Day Care Provider.

In 1992, Peggy joined Community Mental Health as the Receptionist at FOCUS Substance Abuse. Then in 1996 Peggy became the Office Manager and friendly face here at GMS Arts Education.

Peggy always had time to welcome consumers with a happy smile and hello. She was definitely a bright spot in the live of many people who came into the GMS Arts Education Office.

In fact "being with and helping consumers" is both what Peggy most liked about her job, and what she is going to miss the most as she retires.

As she retires, Peggy wants to say to all of you that "I have enjoyed working with you, and I wish the best for all of the consumers, I will truly miss you, and I wish for the continued success of GMS Arts Education."

In the free time that she will have now in retirement, Peggy looks forward to lots of jet skiing, water skiing and boating.

Thank you Peggy, for all that you gave of yourself to GMS Arts Education and our consumers. Keep in touch, and stop by to visit now and then.



*"If life gives us but one true friend
One who is faithful to the end,
Then life has given us more than
gold,
The greatest joy one's heart can hold.*

*If just one friend is ours to share,
To understand, believe and care,
Then life is sweet complete and true,
Because of just one friend like you."*

-- Anonymous

Field Trip Announced



GMS Arts Education will be taking a joint field trip along with students from Northwood University to the Saginaw Valley Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

The trip will include a tour of the gallery, which features large scale indoor and outdoor sculptures by renowned artist Marshall Fredericks. Participants will also be seeing a short film about the sculpture and viewing the regional biennial juried sculpture exhibition currently on display in the gallery.

Students are to arrive at the GMS Office (2716 Jefferson Avenue in Midland) by 11:00am Saturday morning. We will be car pooling to the museum. Students should

bring lunch money and extra spending money for the gift shop. We will be stopping for lunch after the tour of the museum.

If you are interested in participating in this trip to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, you **MUST** call to register by phoning either the GMS Arts Education Office at (989) 631-2493 or Joan Most at (989) 631-2899 to reserve your spot. We **MUST** have your **NAME** and **PHONE NUMBER** to make travel arrangements and contact you with further details about the trip. Students must be registered prior to 4:00pm on Monday, September 15 to attend. Participation is on a first-come, space available basis. Space is limited, so make sure to register **EARLY**. Don't just sit there, call now!

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Glynn, Rob Staples, David
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GMS Staff:

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Peggy Baker

Auschwitz Echoes Logo Winner

Congratulations to Teresa Oliver the winner of the logo design for *Auschwitz Echoes*.

Teresa's logo (which you may see on the front page) is featured on all the printed advertisements, posters, and invitations for *Auschwitz*

Echoes.

In addition to seeing her logo in print (see upcoming issues of the Midland Daily News), Teresa will receive a framed copy of the *Auschwitz Echoes* show poster.

Thank you to all of you phenomenal artists who submitted artwork – it was truly a difficult decision.

To see all of the submitted logos, come to *Auschwitz Echoes* August 21 and 22 at Central Auditorium. Call 631-2493 for your FREE tickets.

GMS Drama Troupe to Perform in Muskegon

The entire GMS Drama Class performed in Muskegon several years ago and has been invited to return! Because "Auschwitz Echoes" performance is the end of August, there isn't enough time to begin and rehearse a new play. So a smaller group is revisiting "All I

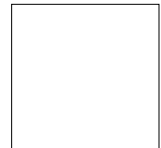
Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" for two presentations in the Harbor Theatre September 10.

This presentation of "Kindergarten" will include some of the old favorites that delighted audience here in Midland, in addition to some new scenes that

are sure to be a hit.

The cast of this much smaller "Kindergarten" group include Mark and Teresa Oliver, Rick Robinson, Kurt Borgman and Jeff Hayes. Jeff is doing double duty as technical director and Kristen Nelb will serve as tech crew. Kay Collison directs

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See us at:
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