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Fiddle Concert for All Ages

What: *Old Time Fiddle and Song Concert with Bruce Bauman*
When: Saturday, March 14, 2009; 2 – 3 pm
Where: Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland
Cost: \$3 per person at the door
Information: Call 989-837-1885 or visit [www:creativespiritcenter.org](http://www.creativespiritcenter.org)

[Midland] – Bruce Bauman, one of the founders of the Wheatland Music Organization, offers a concert for all ages at Creative Spirit Center in Midland on Saturday, March 14, from 2 – 3 pm. The ticket price of \$3 per person makes the concert affordable for families and the youngest toe-tapper will enjoy the music as much as adults who appreciate the tradition and culture behind the music. Bauman is a seasoned entertainer and teacher of children; and interactive opportunities, a hallmark of concerts at Creative Spirit Center, will be part of the fun.

About the artist

Bruce Bauman, Master of the Michigan fiddle, lives and plays in Remus, Michigan. A founding father of the Wheatland Music Organization, Bruce is the fiddler for the Rhythm Billies (squares, contras and more), and teacher and mentor to aspiring fiddlers in central Michigan and beyond. Bauman learned his craft from his grandmother, mother, and master children's musician and storyteller, the late Dick Tarrier of Boone, North Carolina, for whom the kids' stage at the Wheatland Music Organization is named. Bauman has recorded *Old-Time Fiddle Tunes for Beginners, Michigan Style* and has been fiddling for dancers nearly all of his 30 years of playing. Bruce fiddles to save the tunes from extinction and to promote traditional dancing. He teaches fiddling to kids so they will carry on this fine tradition. At the Wheatland Music Organization, he helps promote the practice of roots music and dancing among friends and families. Bauman believes that traditional fiddling fosters creativity and activity. "Old-time fiddling," he says, "is a participatory pastime and it is good, clean, fun."

About Creative Spirit Center

Creative Spirit Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 1994. The Center's mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, conferences, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

Printed Winter/Spring 2009 schedules showing all classes and events at Creative Spirit Center are available at no charge. Telephone 837-1885 to have schedules delivered to your business or location, or mailed to your home.

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