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What: Soprano Recital with Michele Marszalkowski
When: Friday, March 20, 2009; 7 pm
Where: Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland
Cost: \$15 adult; \$10 student
Information: Call 989-837-1885 or visit [www:creativespiritcenter.org/classes/htm](http://www.creativespiritcenter.org/classes/htm)

[Midland] – Soprano Michele Marszalkowski performs Mozart, Puccini, Bernstein, Lloyd Webber, Gershwin and more at a recital featuring classical and Broadway favorites, at Creative Spirit Center in Midland, on Friday, March 20, at 7 pm. A highlight of the recital is the bravura “Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen,” often referred to as "The Queen of the Night Aria" from Mozart’s *The Magic Flute*. Considered one of the most famous opera arias, the piece is highly memorable, fast paced and menacingly grandiose. The aria, with its coloratura passages, is widely renowned for being a demanding piece to perform well. The aria's range is two octaves, with many notes reaching the very highest limit of the soprano voice. The artistic demands of the dramatic context, a vengeful demand for murder, put a heavy demand on even the well-qualified voice. Hearing this aria in live performance is a rare thrill for classical music lovers. Ms. Marszalkowski will be accompanied by Jantz Black.

About the Artist



Michele Marszalkowski has performed with I Solisti Cantori in England, Scotland and Wales in a Viva Verdi celebration, singing Gilda and Oscar; and in Italian opera houses, where she debuted as the Koenigin der Nacht in *Die Zauberflöte* with the Rome Festival. In May of 2008 she sang the Queen of the Night with the Arbor Opera Theater. She has performed in *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* with the University of Toledo Symphony. She has been featured soprano soloist in Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio*, Mozart’s *Mass in C Minor* and the *Messiah*. She is a guest soloist with the Motor City Brass Band and featured soloist with the internationally award-winning Detroit Concert Choir. She received her Master of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Toledo, studying with Barbara Rondelli-Perry. She resides in the metropolitan Detroit area, where she remains a freelance soloist and serves as an adjunct Professor of Voice at Macomb Community College.

Ms. Marszalkowski’s recital is sponsored by Wolverine Bank.

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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