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What: **Holiday Performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night***
When: Sunday, December 21, 2008; 2 pm
Where: Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland
Cost: \$15/\$12 members; \$3 child care with take-home craft for children of audience members
Information: Call 989-837-1885 or visit [www:creativespiritcenter.org](http://www.creativespiritcenter.org)

[Midland] – Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* comes to Midland for the holidays in an engaging performance by the Grand Haven-based Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company, a touring professional acting troupe. The family-friendly event, at Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, celebrates the winter solstice, on December 21, in a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. Tickets include an afterglow with the actors, roasting chestnuts in the fireplace of the Alden B. Dow-designed building, and holiday music. Child care for young children of audience members is available during the performance.

In Shakespeare's England, the holiday of Twelfth Night (January 6) was a celebration of festive chaos, in which holiday revelers disguised themselves and turned the normal order of things upside down. Shakespeare's play *Twelfth Night* brings this tradition to the stage with a comedy of disguise, mistaken identity, practical jokes, and multiple love triangles. The play begins when twins Viola and Sebastian are separated in a shipwreck. Believing her brother to be dead, Viola disguises herself as a boy to become a servant to Duke Orsino. She soon finds herself carrying messages from the Duke to the object of his affection, Olivia. Olivia, taken in by Viola's disguise, prefers the messenger to the Duke. Hilarity ensues as Viola tries to fend off Olivia's advances and win Orsino for herself.

Pigeon Creek's cast includes Randy Brown II, Brooke Heintz, Patrick Kepley, Scott Lange, Katherine Mayberry, Joel L. Schindlbeck, Sarah Stark, Scott Watson, and Scott Wright. The company's performance style, based on the performance conditions of Shakespeare's own time period, is very lively and audience interactive, making the experience accessible to all ages. The December 21 performance is sponsored by Janet I. Martineau. Martineau has written, "Classic theater is imperiled in this country -- particularly in small towns. But this group of young actors dedicated to it gives one hope that if it is well staged in unusual places, people will come. And stay."

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.

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