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**October 31, 2008**

**What:** *Fall Soirée Honors Work of Rod Bieber*  
**When:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008; 7 – 9 pm  
**Where:** Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland  
**Cost:** \$45 registration due by November 14  
**Information:** Call 989-837-1885 or e-mail [creativity@creativespiritcenter.org](mailto:creativity@creativespiritcenter.org)

**[Midland]** – Rod Bieber of Saginaw, classical violinist, radio producer and host, and champion of the musical arts in the Tri-City area, will be honored at Creative Spirit Center’s Fall Soirée on Wednesday, November 19. Dinner, wine, conversation with the artist, and chamber music will be on the program. The event is a fundraiser for Creative Spirit Center.

Bieber plays with the Midland Symphony Orchestra, the Saginaw Bay Symphony and the Flint Symphony Orchestra, and hosts two weekly radio shows on Delta College Public Radio WUCX-FM 90.1, *Backstage Explorer* and *The Audition Room*. He is married to pianist, arranger, and composer Catherine McMichael. At the soiree, McMichael and the couple’s children Meredith and Nathan will join Bieber in performing chamber music especially chosen for the evening. Bieber, who is a New York Life agent, will also discuss how he has combined his careers in music and business with family life and travel.

Catering by Rachel will provide the dinner in Creative Spirit Center’s gallery, where the celebrants will be surrounded by the seasonal Angel Art Invitational exhibit, featuring the work of more than 30 area artists.

Creative Spirit Center since 1995 has honored creative people in a series of meet-the-artist soirées, providing attendees the opportunity to converse in an intimate setting with men and women who are accomplished artists with regional influence. Past honorees include Michelle Courier of Bay City, Fred and Betty Foltz of Saginaw, Louise Chen of Midland, and Bruce Winslow of Midland. One out-of-stater has been honored: the late singer, actress and spokeswoman for the arts Kitty Carlisle, widow of Moss Hart.

**About the artist:**

Rod Bieber is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who earned a Master’s degree from the University of Michigan. He has lived in Saginaw since 1981. In addition to his work with New York Life and musical performance, he is Music Director at First United Methodist Church in Saginaw. Bieber is a member of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and the Saginaw Rotary Club. He enjoys playing backyard baseball and the gourmet cooking of his talented wife.

**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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[Note: JPG attached separately: Rod Bieber]