

## Camps at Creative 360 Feature Circus, Brazil

**What:** *Cirque du Science* and *Globetrotting: Destination Brazil*

**Where:** Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) at 1517 Bayliss in Midland.

**When:** *Cirque*: August 23-27, 1-4 pm. *Brazil*: August 30-Sept. 2, 9 am – 4 pm

**Cost:** *Cirque*: \$85 + \$10 materials fee. *Brazil*: \$165 + \$15 materials fee.

Scholarships available through the Susie Giering Scholarship Fund.

**For more information:** Call (989) 837-1885 or visit [www.becreative360.org](http://www.becreative360.org)

**Midland** – Creative 360 hosts two special summer camps in August for 8-to-12-year-olds. *Cirque du Science* explores the science behind cool things that happen at the circus and finishes with a three-ring circus show, in morning sessions the week of August 23. *Globetrotting: Destination Brazil* explores from a kid's-eye view Brazil's music, food, sports, and traditions, including a Sao Paulo birthday party. This all-day camp runs for 4 days, August 30 – September 2.

### About the instructors

*Cirque du Science*: Darcy McMahon has over 16 years of teaching and administration expertise in education. She was an adjunct professor of education at Central Michigan University for six years. As an entrepreneur, she has developed and published curriculum and conducted professional development programs. She taught science and English at Jefferson Middle School in Midland for five years and chaired many committees for Midland Public Schools. Most recently, Darcy was the Director of Education and Volunteers at Midland Center for the Arts and continues to serve on the School of Distinction Committee at St. Brigid Catholic School.

Christine Brillhart holds a Master of Science degree in biology from Central Michigan University. She taught science in the Midland Public School system for 13 years, where she designed curriculum and provided professional development for educators. She created and coordinates a math mentoring program (S.M.A.R.T.) with over 50 volunteer community members for 5th and 6th grade students. Currently, she networks and develops partnerships with schools and other educational agencies to re-tool, create and expand existing programs.

*Globetrotting: Destination Brazil*: Kristiina Pilnik earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at Alcantara Machado University in Sao Paulo, Brazil, has travelled

the world extensively and is fluent in six languages. She has designed and taught English language courses for children and adults; designed and coordinated after-school arts programs; been a foreign correspondent for television; written as a freelance journalist for newspapers and magazines; and won awards as a public relations account executive for Ogilvy & Mather in Brazil. Kristiina has been involved in children's theatre in Midland for almost 10 years, co-directing Peanut Gallery productions at Midland Center for the Arts with Denyse Clayton and teaching children's theatre classes and summer camps.

Denyse Clayton, a graduate of Northwood University in Midland, has been teaching children's theatre classes for 10 years, primarily in Midland and Bay City. She has also directed dozens of shows at Midland Center for the Arts including Peanut Gallery, Theatre Guild and Music Society productions, as well as in many venues in the Detroit area. She is a past board member of Peanut Gallery, was the drama coach at Jefferson Middle School in Midland, and is currently the drama coach at St. Brigid Catholic School in Midland.

All four instructors are principals in the Meta4 group, developers of the popular Flying Pig Theatre Academy.

### **About Creative 360**

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization now celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Center's mission is help people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit [www.becreative360.org](http://www.becreative360.org) for information about the offerings at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy of the current schedule.

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