

Teen Creativity Showcase at Creative 360 in April

What: Events featuring teen creativity

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

When: April 10 – April 30. See details below.

Cost: Free participant entry; free or \$3 admission. Donations encouraged.

For more information: Call (989) 837-1885 or visit www.becreative360.org

Midland – Creative 360 in Midland hosts a series of events featuring the creative work of local teens during April. From performing arts to visual art to fashion and jeans art, students from Midland County and throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region can display their works in an environment that celebrates the creative process and highlights the benefits of arts experiences for youth.

Pre-registration for the activities listed below is requested. Call 837-1885 or register on-line at www.becreative360.org.

- **April 10, Saturday: Alt Art Expo.** Saturday, from 10 am – 6 pm. Area high school students will create, perform and display their new, edgy and creative art forms. During the Expo, volunteers will coordinate a “paint-in” where teens can paint a pair of their jeans to enter in the Traveling Pants art exhibit, opening April 29. Donations from visitors to the Expo will benefit the DStreet Entertainment Foundation, which provides musical instruments at no cost to band students.
- **April 22, Thursday: Eco-Chic Fashion Show.** From 7 – 8 pm on Earth Day. This runway show features designs from recyclable materials by middle and high school students in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 are offered for the three winning designs. \$3 audience admission will benefit Midland Volunteers for Recycling.
- **April 29, Thursday: Traveling Pants Jeans Art Exhibit** opening reception, 7 – 8. 30 pm. The exhibit will remain on view until June 5th. Open to teens from all Midland County high and middle schools. The theme of the jeans art is respect and responsibility in relationships. Donations will benefit the sexual assault program at Shelterhouse, which serves those impacted by sexual violence and provides prevention programming to youth and adults throughout the community to help eliminate violence.
- **April 30, Friday: Jazz It Up!** concert featuring Dow High and Jefferson Middle School students, 6.30 – 9 pm. Admission is \$3 per person at the

door. The award-winning performers include two jazz bands and La Voz, a contemporary *a cappella* jazz ensemble, from Dow High. Jefferson brings to the stage their jazz band, Vocal Showcase, and jazz choir.

“These teen programs are all collaborations with community partners throughout Midland,” says Creativity Director Sarah Gorman. “We are happy to be partnering during this our 15th anniversary year with the student group Arts Outside of School, Shelterhouse, the Midland Volunteers for Recycling, and the Dow High and Jefferson Middle School jazz programs. Continuing our history of integrating forms of art, during the ‘Jazz It Up!’ program, our gallery will be covered with jeans art in the Traveling Pants exhibit. The Alt Art Expo and the Eco-Chic Fashion Show will be held amid the woven forest exhibit of Saginaw artist Roz Berlin, ‘Growing Green in the Forest Glen.’”

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness 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, 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 for more 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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