

Free Movie Night at Creative 360's ArtFest55 Features *Young@Heart*

What: *Young@Heart*

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

When: August 20, 6.30 pm

Cost: No charge

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

Midland – Creative 360 hosts a free movie night as part of ArtFest55, its summer festival celebrating the creativity of people 55 and older. The documentary *Young@Heart* follows a senior citizens' chorus as they rehearse and ultimately deliver a triumphant performance of songs by Jimi Hendrix, Coldplay, Sonic Youth, and other unexpected musicians. The performers have been tagged "the hippest seniors since George Bernard Shaw." The Young@Heart Chorus continues to tour, with a 2010 season in progress. The group's harmonica soloist was born in 1920.

After viewing *Young@Heart*, the audience can join a facilitated discussion about myths and facts of aging.

Free admission is made possible by ArtFest55 sponsors Chemical Bank Trust and Investment Management Services, Independence Village of Midland, and Morley Companies, Inc; and supporters Mid Michigan Health, Willows Salon & Day Spa, Rosemary Hayes, and Janet I. Martineau.

About the film

The Walker George documentary *Young@Heart* has played nationwide on [Independent Lens](#) on PBS. The film, distributed by [Fox Searchlight Pictures](#) in the US and Canada, had a successful run and was released internationally in over 30 countries. The [YOUNG@HEART SOUNDTRACK](#) from Rhino contains 16 songs highlighted by the Young@Heart Chorus' renditions of the Ramones' "I Wanna Be Sedated," Bruce Springsteen's "Dancin' In The Dark," David Bowie's "Golden Years," Sonic Youth's "Schizophrenia," James Brown's "I Got You (I Feel Good)" and Talking Head's "Road To Nowhere."

"Time revises every taste and closes every gap. To observe the Young@Heart Chorus, a fluctuating group of about two dozen singers whose average age is 80,

perform 'Stayin' Alive' by the Bee Gees in Stephen Walker's documentary 'Young@Heart' is to be uplifted, if slightly unsettled. Sung by people approaching the end of their lives, the song is no longer about strutting through the urban jungle with your elbows out; it is a blunt survival anthem. These singers, most of them well-rehearsed amateurs, refuse to go gently into that good night. For them music is oxygen," wrote *New York Times* reviewer Stephen Holden.

In 2008 the film won the Audience Award at the Sydney Film Festival, the Paris Cinema International Film Festival, Ghent Film Festival, Atlanta Film Festival, Bergen International Film Festival, Warsaw Film Festival and others.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization now celebrating its 15th 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 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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