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JOHNSON COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

We're proud to have achieved the early vision of JCCC's founders and look forward to the future.

VISION

Serving as Johnson County's performing arts center, we inspire learning to transform lives and strengthen communities through the performing arts.

MISSION

The Midwest Trust Center

- ▶ Presents professional performing arts programming featuring world-class artists.
- ▶ Serves as a comprehensive arts education resource for the community.
- ▶ Serves as a leader, partner and collaborator on campus, in the community and across the country.

HISTORY

Years ago, Johnson County Community College (JCCC) founders dreamed of building a world-class performing arts center in Johnson County. In 1990 that dream was realized, and the Cultural Education Center soon became a cultural hub for the rapidly growing county. Renamed Carlsen Center in 1998, the Center's growth paralleled that of the county, expanding from 50 events the first season to around 180 each year.

In 2020, JCCC accepted a \$1 million donation for an endowment to support the College's Performing Arts Series. These funds will also provide scholarships for students studying creative arts at JCCC. As a feature of the donation, the center now bears the name **Midwest Trust Center**, a local company founded by Brad Bergman. The Midwest Trust Center (MTC) hosts a performing arts series, events presented by JCCC's academic branches and events presented by community groups that rent the space. The Midwest Trust Center has grown from hosting 15,000 patrons in the 1990–1991 opening season to more than 75,000 each year.

The **MTC Arts Education** program was created in 2000 to address cultural and arts-related program needs in pre-K – 12 education and includes school performances at MTC, artist performances in schools through master classes, workshops and lectures/demonstrations and other opportunities throughout the year. MTC Arts Ed also offers support materials for programs, study guides and training for docents and concert previews, as well as professional development, creative skills workshops and arts integration seminars for teachers.

The MTC Arts Education program, Shawnee Mission School District, Liberty Public Schools and Kansas City Young Audiences are members of the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. They were selected because of their demonstrated commitment to improving education in and through arts integration. Since it began, the MTC Arts Ed program has served more than 270,000 children and adults.

21/22
Season
57

The Harriman-Jewell Series
opens its stellar 57th season
with **violinist Joshua Bell** (Oct. 2)
at the Kauffman Center for the
Performing Arts, followed by
**Keith Lockhart and the
Boston Pops On Tour** (Oct. 29),
soprano Renée Fleming
(Nov. 18), and **Canadian Brass
Holiday Concert** (Dec 6).

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ANDY BOWNE, Ed.D.
President, Johnson County Community College



Welcome back to the newly renamed Midwest Trust Center at Johnson County Community College. The seven members of our Board of Trustees and I share a sense of pride that the Midwest Trust Center continues to serve as a cultural destination for audiences of all ages throughout the metro area.

It's been quite a long time since audiences have gathered here and much has changed about our lives and this institution. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, JCCC has worked hard to keep all staff, students and guests safe by providing free testing sites and vaccination clinics, among other efforts.

On a happier note, JCCC is grateful for the gift from Brad and Libby Bergman to support the College's Performing Arts Series and rename this center the Midwest Trust Center, a local company founded by Brad. Personally, it has been wonderful to join the college in July 2020 as president and support many of JCCC's community engagement endeavors like the Midwest Trust Center. Thank you for your continued support.

As the Midwest Trust Center returns for its 32nd season, it's good to reflect on the impressive history of bringing diverse and distinctly talented performing artists to our campus, both in-person and virtually. Our role of helping to strengthen the creative fabric of our community is one that remains at the forefront of designing a performance schedule.



ANDY BOWNE, Ed.D.
President, Johnson County Community College

It is a delight to showcase such a vibrant range of vocal, instrumental, theatrical and dance performances that shine a spotlight on extraordinary talent in our corner of the world.

Attending a Midwest Trust Center performance is sure to enrich the lives of all who join us. We know that when we share an experience like this with classmates, colleagues, family or friends, it nurtures a love of the arts for current and future generations.

Again, welcome to what may be your first — or another of many — experiences with us. Thank you for your support of the performing arts here at JCCC. I feel certain you will enjoy the show.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Bowne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andy Bowne, Ed.D.

President, Johnson County Community College

EMILY BEHRMANN
Executive Director, Midwest Trust Center



Welcome to Johnson County Community College! We're grateful to have you here with us making memories in Johnson County's performing arts center, the Midwest Trust Center. That's right, we have a new name, but shows are our signature quality and variety, offering enjoyable and thoughtful experiences for you and yours.

As we emerge from the events of the last couple of years, we continue to support the mission of JCCC: Inspiring learning to transform lives and strengthen communities. We've expanded our offerings to include virtual programming that helps us achieve this mission, in addition to the return of in-person performances.

We believe nothing can be as transformational as the performing arts. This experience you're now a part of is a once-in-a-lifetime event, unique to this moment in time.

The mission of the Midwest Trust Center is threefold:

- ▶ To present a diverse schedule of professional performing artists from around the world
- ▶ To be a comprehensive arts education resource for the community
- ▶ To collaborate on campus, in Kansas City, the region and across the United States



EMILY BEHRMANN
Executive Director, Midwest Trust Center

Our role here at the College is facing the community, engaging the community, welcoming the community. We cherish that role now as much as ever, and we look forward to spending this time with you.

Over 2.3 million people have walked through the doors since we opened in summer 1990. From the ladies attending the country show as a Girl's Night Out to the 25th anniversary gift from wife to husband to the granddad who brought his grandson to hear the Beatles tribute show, every event in our theatres makes memories. From Natalie Cole, Peter Frampton, Michael Bolton, Lindsey Buckingham, Buddy Guy, Rita Moreno, and more, we've presented celebrities, Broadway musicals, theatre, comedy, dance and all kinds of music throughout our 32-year history.

Enjoy this incredible performing arts center and what you experience on stage. We look forward to making more memories with you in the years ahead!

Curtain up!

Emily Behrmann
Executive Director, Midwest Trust Center

2021 - 2022 SEASON

MIDWEST TRUST CENTER PRESENTS

THE SNOWY DAY

MESNER PUPPET THEATER



Saturday, December 4 &
Sunday, December 5, 2021

Polsky Theatre

Johnson County Community College

This performance will not have an intermission.



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SCENES

SCENE 1: The Snowy Day

SCENE 2: Whistle for Willie

SCENE 3: Goggles!

SCENE 4: A Letter to Amy

Director: Mike Horner

Stage Manager: Rita Sobbing

Lighting Design: Kris Kirkwood

Puppet Design: Mike Horner

Puppeteers: Mike Horner and Meredith Wolfe

Voice Actor: Terrace Wyatt, Jr.

Puppet Construction: Mike Horner, Erika Baker, DaLene DePriest, Annie Kalahurka, Tab Trembl, Elizabeth McManus, Hannah Rosenthal

Scenic Design/Construction/Painting: Scott Hobart, Erika Baker, Austin Lionbarger, Mike Horner, Elizabeth McManus

MPT STAFF:

Executive Artistic Director: Meghann Henry

Director of Puppetry Arts: Mike Horner

Director of Education: Alex Espy

Puppets in Progress Coordinator and Education Associate:
Michael Andrew Smith

Early Education Specialist: Mary Poggie

This production was made possible in part by support from:

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MIKE HORNER is the Director of Puppetry Arts for Mesner Puppet Theater. He has been a creative force with them since 2006, but his puppetry roots began in childhood working with his family's puppet ministry. He is a principal puppeteer for the company as well as the lead puppet builder

and designer. Mike tours nationally and internationally with his shows and regularly designs and builds puppets for other theaters and businesses in Kansas City and beyond.



MEREDITH WOLFE is a Kansas City-based actor and lifelong theatre lover. Some of her favorite roles include world premieres of "Women Playing Hamlet," "Maul of the Dead" and "The Ghosts of Lote Bravo" (for which she was on the cover of the February 2018 issue of American Theatre

Magazine). She has worked with many Kansas City theatres such as Heart of America Shakespeare Festival, the Unicorn Theatre and The Coterie. Whether it be through Shakespeare, world premieres, theatre for young audiences, improv or staged readings, Wolfe is always excited to share her character work with new audiences. Thank you for being present and your continued support of the arts!



TERRACE WYATT, JR. is thrilled to make his debut with Mesner Puppet Theater. He's a William Jewell College graduate with a B.F.A. in Theatre and plans to continue acting and writing plays, musicals, films and television, leading towards his goal to run his own studio for the

arts in Kansas City, Missouri. Wyatt has worked with Starlight ("Footloose"), Musical Theater Heritage ("Camelot"), The White Theatre ("Something Rotten!"), Music Theatre Kansas City ("Hairspray"), Leawood Stage Co. ("Seussical"), Kansas City Repertory Theatre ("A Christmas Carol"), Theatre in the Park ("The Music Man"), The Black Repertory Theatre of Kansas City ("Blood at the Root"), Jewell Theatre Company ("Radium

Girls") and more. He's also worked on camera for Wide Awake Films and Bark Productions ("Wendy's – TikTok"). His next project will be a staged reading of his new play, "Black Man, MO" with KC Public Theatre in May 2022. You can also catch Terrace in Music Theatre Kansas City Pro's "A Christmas Story" at B&B Shawnee 18 from now to December 19. To my family, friends and God, thank you so much for loving and supporting me from day one. Happy holidays!!!

ABOUT MESNER PUPPET THEATER

Internationally recognized puppeteer, Paul Mesner, established Mesner Puppet Theater (MPT) in 1987 to provide:

"Innovative storytelling that captures children's imagination and inspires communities."

Over the past three decades, the organization has captivated nearly two million people through our productions and educational programming. Audiences delight in the craftsmanship of the puppets, which range from glove puppets to marionettes, to innovative shadow and object-based puppetry. MPT holds the distinction of receiving three Union Internationale de la Marionette (UNIMA-USA) Citations of Excellence. The UNIMA-USA award was created by Jim Henson to promote high-quality puppetry in the United States and is considered the "Academy Award" of puppetry.

MPT uses humor and heart to present stories that connect to the complex social-emotional experiences of our young audience. Each year we engage more than 30,000 young people and adults in our programs.

The organization is currently led by Producing Artistic Director, Meghann Henry, Mike Horner, Director of Puppetry Arts, and Alex Espy, Director of Education. This team's knowledge and experience in theatre for young audiences, puppetry and arts integration is ensuring MPT's history of excellence will continue while they evolve to meet and inspire today's audiences.

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DAN + CLAUDIA ZANES

The Holiday Sing-Along



SAT / Dec. 11 / 11 a.m.
YARDLEY HALL



FREE EVENT

MTC kids jam

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SAT / Jan. 22 / 11 a.m.
POLSKY THEATRE

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MTC kids jam

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UPCOMING
EVENTS

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FRI / Feb. 11 / 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Yardley Hall / Grades 3-6



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THE LOST TREASURE **STONELION PUPPET THEATRE**

WED / Mar. 2 / 7 p.m.

THU / Mar. 3 / 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Yardley Hall / Grades K – 5



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SECRETS OF SPACE

THU / Mar. 10 / 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Yardley Hall / Grades 2–6



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BRAD AND LIBBY BERGMAN

In 2020 Brad and Libby Bergman gave \$1 million for an endowment to support the performing arts at JCCC and provide scholarships for students studying creative arts at the College.

Brad is the founder, CEO and chairman of the board for the Midwest Trust, a local, independent financial institution. He started the company in 1993 to help customers achieve their financial goals while providing outstanding service.

Libby is a philanthropist and serves on multiple committees in the region. Brad and Libby are also long-time supporters of the College, having co-chaired the JCCC Foundation's annual Some Enchanted Evening Gala, the largest single fundraising event for student scholarships. Brad has also served as chair of the JCCC Foundation Board of Directors. The Bergmans have been consistent supporters of dozens of activities at JCCC. They have four children, each of whom has benefited from classes taught at the College.

As a feature of the donation, the center now bears the name Midwest Trust Center.

ALMA AND ARTHUR YARDLEY

Although Arthur and Alma Yardley pledged a gift and bequest totaling more than \$2 million for a performing arts endowment at JCCC, they were as humble and modest as the simple act of kindness that inspired their giving in the first place.

Arthur worked as a manufacturer's representative for Hanson Tool and Die for many years before his retirement. Alma was a master pianist and music educator in the Kansas City area for more than 60 years. At first, they wanted to remain anonymous when they made their gift. It was only later the couple agreed to release their names, and the performance venue became Yardley Hall. Despite their modesty, the Yardleys were pleased with the hall that bore their name, calling it "... the most beautiful and functional building in our area." We agree.

Because of the Yardleys' gift, performers from around the world have entertained thousands and arts education events have enlightened and inspired all ages within the theatre's walls. Their legacy gives back to our community year after year.

ELAINE AND NORMAN POLSKY

Norman and Elaine Polsky exemplify those who graciously give of their time, talent and treasure to benefit others.

In 2004, JCCC honored the Polskys by renaming the 400-seat theatre in the Midwest Trust Center the Polsky Theatre. Norman was the retired chairman of Fixtures Furniture, which designs, manufactures and sells tables, chairs and fabric for commercial use nationwide. Elaine served as the first woman president of Beth Shalom Congregation and co-chair of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She also cofounded the Linwood Presbyterian preschool, along with the Westport Free Health Clinic.

The Polskys were members of numerous boards and advisory boards throughout the community. They funded scholarships, art collections, special exhibits, endowments – the list goes on. Even though both Norman and Elaine are gone (Norman in 2010 and Elaine in 2016), the Polsky legacy of giving lives on and emphasizes their kindness, vision and action.

As Norman once said, “We believe the benefits of philanthropy are circular. When you contribute time and money as a donor, you are also a beneficiary. The results outlive us all.”

HARVEY S. BODKER

In honor of Harvey S. Bodker's lifetime of community service, advocacy and generous support of JCCC performing arts students, the Black Box Theatre was renamed the Bodker Black Box Theatre in October 2010. The Bodker Black Box Theatre is used exclusively by the College's theatre department. It can be configured in a number of ways so students can experience different kinds of theatre productions. This fitting addition to the Bodker legacy will benefit JCCC theatre students for years to come.

Bodker is president of Bodker Realty and has been involved with the Boy Scouts, Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, the Overland Park Planning Commission, Congregation Beth Shalom, University of Kansas, KCPT TV and the Truman Library. Since 1998 he has been a member of the JCCC Foundation, where he has served in many capacities, including as a member of the program advisory committee for the performing arts and the Some Enchanted Evening committee.

The Harvey S. and Beverly R. Bodker Executive Classroom in the Regnier Center is named for Bodker and his late wife, as is the Beverly R. and Harvey S. Bodker scholarship for students of the performing arts. Bodker also provides a criminal justice scholarship honoring former Overland Park Police Chief John M. Douglass.

SEASON 2021 - 2022

DR. PETER G. GOULET

Peter Goulet is the generous donor of the Steinway Model D Concert Grand piano. For 2021-2022, Peter is also supporting several artists appearing as part of the Midwest Trust Center series.

A professor of management for 40 years, Goulet and his wife moved to the area several years ago and began attending performances at the Midwest Trust Center. "We were immediately impressed with the amazing facilities and joined the Friends society. When Emily told us about some of the projects they were considering, I offhandedly asked what she really wanted, and she said a Steinway Concert D piano. Like all Steinways, it is gorgeous. Every time I look at one of them up close, I keep wondering how they figured out exactly how those insides should be configured to get that marvelous sound. It's kind of like magic."

At almost nine feet long, this majestic musical instrument — the pinnacle of concert grands — is the overwhelming choice of the world's greatest pianists and for anyone who demands the highest level of musical expression.

(Lynda L. Goulet passed away on 12/31/19.)

Polsky Theatre E-Coustic Digital Acoustic Enhancement

The E-Coustic digital acoustic enhancement system has dramatically improved the listening experience in the Polsky Theatre, which joins more than 200 performance spaces that use E-Coustic technology. The most widely used acoustical enhancement system in the world is used at venues such as Millennium Park, Chicago; Adelaide Festival Centre Theatre, Adelaide, Australia; Elgin Theatre, Toronto; the TSAI Performance Center at Boston University. E-Coustic continues to receive critical acclaim from some of the world's foremost musicians, performers and conductors.

When the acoustics for the Polsky Theatre were designed, the emphasis was on the spoken word. It is an excellent venue for theatre and other speaking engagements, as well as dance and amplified music of all kinds. The E-Coustic system has achieved an "upgrade" to the current acoustical outcomes of the space without changing the existing architecture. The sophisticated digital electronics generate the desired acoustical conditions in a way that never detracts from the performance. Audiences experience the rich sound and greater envelopment that enhances listening enjoyment in every seat in the house. Best of all, the installation didn't change the already excellent acoustic environment for the spoken word, allowing us to expand programming of acoustic music in Polsky Theatre.

Thank you to Bob Coffeen, the original acoustical consultant for Polsky Theatre and Yardley Hall, whose counsel during this process was invaluable.

Our sincerest gratitude goes to Mark and Nancy Gilman, whose financial support made the installation of the system possible.

ENSURE THE FUTURE — SUPPORT EXCELLENCE

JOIN FRIENDS OF THE MIDWEST TRUST CENTER

Donors like you help bring great artists to our stage by underwriting artist fees and other direct costs.

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By joining now, you can take advantage of all the **Friends benefits**. Contact Janell Rinne at 913-469-4450, jrinne2@jccc.edu. You can also give online at jccc.edu/MTCsupport. Consult your tax adviser about the deductibility of your gift.

THINK CREATIVELY IN SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Did you know there are many ways to financially support the Midwest Trust Center? Whether it is a gift of stock for a Friends of the Midwest Trust Center membership or a one-time gift as part of your estate plan, your generosity helps sustain quality arts programming at JCCC, which benefits the entire community. For more information, contact the **JCCC Foundation** at **913-469-3835** or visit jccc.edu/MTCsupport.

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- Plus the benefits below

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- One complimentary Patron Level membership for gifting
- Plus the benefits below

YARDLEY Level \$25/month or \$300/annual

- Priority on any Midwest Trust Center waiting list
- Invitations to artist receptions, meet & greets and lectures
- Plus the benefits below

DIRECTOR Level \$10/month or \$120/annual

- Recognition on the donor board in the Midwest Trust Center lobby
- Plus the benefits below

PATRON Level \$5/month or \$60/annual

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text messaging ▪ camera phones ▪ videotaping ▪ sound recording devices ▪ cameras

For the duration of the performance, please silence:

▪ cellphones ▪ watch alarms ▪ any other noisemaking devices

Johnson County Community College is a tobacco-free campus. Smoking, including vaping, is prohibited on the JCCC campus. College policy 428.01

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Effective November 1, 2021

Please visit us at jccc.edu/MidwestTrustCenter for the latest updates.

- ▶ Face coverings are required.
- ▶ Temperature kiosks will be available at venue entrances.
- ▶ Sanitizer stations are available throughout the venue.
- ▶ All seating is reserved.
- ▶ If you are feeling ill, please stay home.
- ▶ Events will go on sale a few months at a time to allow flexibility in seating from show to show.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- ▶ All tickets will be sold for a single performance; no season packages for fall events.
 - » Past subscribers and Friends of MTC will receive early access before the general public.
 - » There will be no minimum number of events to buy and no discounts.
 - » Beginning with our Spring 2022 series events, tickets will be available for season packages and single performances. Please see our season ticket page for more information.
- ▶ Seating capacity: **Beginning November 1**, please note our performances will be at full capacity, and there may be other patrons sitting in front, beside and behind you.
- ▶ Signage will be posted in the lobby and volunteers will be available to direct guests to appropriate entrances closest to their seats.
- ▶ Programs will be available digitally.
- ▶ Gathering places are limited; no receptions, meet & greets or intermissions.
- ▶ There will be COVID-level post-show cleaning in the theatre, in restrooms and backstage.
- ▶ Air handling and ventilation has been upgraded for safety.

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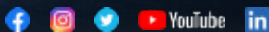
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The Midwest Trust Center acknowledges that we reside on the ancestral territory of several tribal nations, including the Kanza, Osage and Shawnee peoples. Specifically, JCCC occupies land taken from these nations. We recognize that Native Americans are traditional guardians of the land and that there is an enduring relationship between Native peoples and these traditional territories. In addition, we recognize, advocate, and support the sovereignty of the Federally recognized tribes of Kansas.

Thomas Johnson, for whom our county and College are named, was a slaveholder and missionary to the Shawnee. Upon their next removal to Oklahoma Indian Territory, he was compensated for his missionary work with this county's land. The success of Johnson County and the College is a result of our location on these lands. (Source: John Bowes, *Exiles and Pioneers: Eastern Indians in the Trans-Mississippi West*, Cambridge University Press, 2007. Available through JCCC Library.)

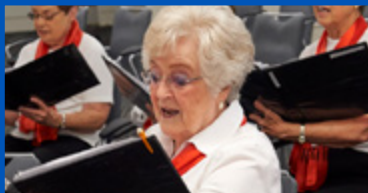
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