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## **CROSSING 8 MILE: STEREOTYPES EXPOSED** *Join the dialogue April 29<sup>th</sup> and then see Mosaic's DIA show at half price!*

**DETROIT, April 17, 2009 --** *"What is keeping you from crossing 8 Mile?"* On April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm until 9pm at the Southfield Public Library, that question will be explored in **Crossing 8 Mile: Stereotypes Exposed**, a community forum hosted by 105.9 kiss-fm's Ms. Smiley and Detroit Demographer Kurt Metzger. Metro-Detroiters of all ages, economic and racial backgrounds are encouraged to come and speak out at this family-friendly event, a collaboration between **Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, ARISE Detroit, ONE D, Detroit-Area Community Information System, Generation of Promise** and **Michigan Suburbs Alliance**. The featured panel includes Luther Keith (ARISE Detroit), Steve Duchane (City of Lincoln Park), Melissa Roy (Detroit Regional Chamber) and young people from Mosaic and Generation of Promise.

*"The lack of cohesiveness and connectivity between the inner city and suburban areas is an issue that every American city faces,"* said Mosaic Founder and CEO, Rick Sperling. *"It is a problem, particularly in the Metro Detroit area, that fosters negative stereotypes that are associated with the "suburbs" and the "city", race, and economic status."* The forum is open to the public with no charge, but seats should be reserved in advance by registering at [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org). Light refreshments will be served. Half-price tickets for Mosaic's production, **Crossing 8 Mile**, May 8 – 17, at the DIA will also be made available at the community forum.

**Crossing 8 Mile** is a remounting of one of Mosaic's most popular comedic plays. A modern musical adaptation of Shakespeare's **The Comedy of Errors**, **Crossing 8 Mile** satirizes Metro Detroit's urban versus suburban relations, mixing traditional Commedia dell'Arte style and hip hop culture. This high energy farce tells the story of two sets of twins, separated as infants who are comically reunited when they "cross 8 mile". To purchase tickets for **Crossing 8 Mile**, call 313-833-4005 (Wed. thru Sun.), or order online at [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org). General admission tickets are \$20 and \$12 for students and seniors. Thanks to the generous support of 105.9 kiss-fm, Friday performances are half-priced at \$10. For more information on student matinees and special group rates call 313-872-6910 ext. 4021. Recommended for ages 8 and up; children under 5 are not permitted.

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**JOIN THE DIALOGUE**                      **Crossing 8 Mile: Stereotypes Exposed**  
April 29, 2009  
Southfield Public Library  
26300 Evergreen Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48076

**SEE THE SHOW**                              **Crossing 8 Mile**  
May 8 – 17, 2009  
Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA (John R. Entrance)  
5200 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202

Show dates and times:

Friday, May 8	8:00pm	Friday, May 15	8:00pm
Saturday, May 9	8:00pm	Saturday, May 16	8:00pm
Sunday, May 10	4:00pm	Sunday, May 17	4:00pm

**Special Student Matinees May 7 & 14**

**SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY GIVEAWAY**

One lucky mother will win an earring and necklace, courtesy of Tapper’s Jewelry (valued at \$1500) during the Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day performance of **Crossing 8 Mile**.

*Crossing 8 Mile* is presented by Ford Motor Company Fund. Additional sponsors include: 105.9 kiss-fm, DTE Energy Foundation, Henry Ford Health System, Pepsi, Comerica Bank, *Between the Lines*, *The Michigan Chronicle*, *The Michigan FrontPage*, and Detroit Public Television.

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**About Mosaic**

Named *Best-Managed Nonprofit* by *Crain’s Detroit Business* in 2006, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit is a national model for youth development through the arts. Mosaic’s mission is to empower young people to maximize their potential through professional performing arts training and the creation of first-rate theatrical and musical art. Mosaic’s all-teen performances have toured Africa, Asia, Europe and the U.S., and have been featured on NBC’s *Today Show*, NPR’s *All Things Considered*, and was the subject of the Michigan Emmy Award®-winning PBS documentary, *And They Flew: The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre*. For more information about Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit visit [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org).