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MOSAIC BRINGS MOTOWN MAGIC BACK TO THE STAGE

"Now That I Can Dance --Motown 1962"...back by popular demand!


DETROIT-- July 2, 2007-- On Friday, August 3, 2007, internationally-acclaimed Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit will revive its wildly successful production of the hit musical, ***Now That I Can Dance — Motown 1962***. The show will run for two consecutive weekends from August 3rd thru August 12th at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Produced in cooperation with the Motown Historical Museum, ***Now That I Can Dance*** recounts the early days of Motown, before Diana Ross reigned *supreme*, Little Stevie became a legend, and five young girls from Inkster (The Marvelettes) recorded Motown's first song to ever reach number one on the Billboard pop charts -- "Please, Mr. Postman."

Written by Mosaic Founder and CEO, Rick Sperling, ***Now That I Can Dance*** is based on the personal memories and stories of Katherine Anderson Schaffner – an original Marvelette, whose character "Kat" serves as the play's narrator – and other Motown pioneers.

"I have never met a group of young people as charismatic and professional as the young artists of Mosaic," stated Anderson Schaffner. "I couldn't be more thrilled about the return of *Now That I Can Dance*, and I'm honored to have my name associated with it!"

"Many people know the story of what Motown became, but few know about the early days when the stars-to-be were still teenagers, and Berry Gordy was trying to refine the Motown sound," stated Sperling. "We're thrilled to have Mosaic alumni and community members join our young artists to bring this inspiring, dance-in-the-aisles story to the stage."

Now That I Can Dance will be performed at 8pm on Friday's and Saturday's and at 4pm on Sunday's. As part of "**Target Half-price Weekend**" generously sponsored by Target , tickets for the first weekend (August 3, 4 & 5 performances only) are available at **50% off** the regular ticket prices! Tickets for the second weekend (August 10, 11 & 12) are available at regular ticket prices (\$18 general admission; \$12 students and seniors). To purchase tickets, call the DIA box office at (313) 833-4005, or visit www.mosaicdetroit.org. For groups of 10 or more call (313) 872-6910 ext 4021. ***Now That I Can Dance*** is recommended for ages 9 and up.

Additional sponsors of *Now That I Can Dance—Motown 1962*, include MotorCity Casino, Comerica, Rock Financial, LaSalle Bank, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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Named the 2006 best-managed nonprofit by Crain's Detroit Business, 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.

