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MOSAIC LOOKING FOR YOUNG VISUAL ARTISTS TO LEARN THEATRICAL DESIGN TAUGHT BY COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

New member auditions – Sept. 22-24, 2008

DETROIT, Sept. 12, 2008 – Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit announced today details of a new collaboration with the College for Creative Studies that will train members of Mosaic's Technical Crew in the areas of Theatre Arts & Design, culminating with the students designing Mosaic's Main Stage production of *Crossing 8 Mile* this May. This announcement comes just in time for Mosaic's new member auditions that will take place Sept. 22, 23 & 24, 2008 from 6pm to 10pm at the General Motors Mosaic Theatre (located at 610 Antoinette St. Detroit, MI 48202, on the campus of University Prep High School).

The collaboration is a part of the CCS Community Arts Partnerships (CAP) program which, develops and maintains partnerships between CCS and metropolitan Detroit community organizations such as Mosaic.

The partnership is will provide talented young visual artists the opportunity to receive professional training in set design, lighting design and costume design and to see their designs used in a production seen by thousands of audience members at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Through the partnership CCS will bring education in art, design, and new technologies to the greater community and inform young people about art and design career opportunities.

The CCS CAP approach to community arts education is based in a visual arts curriculum inspired by art making, team teaching, and team learning.

In addition to auditioning for Mosaic's Technical Crew, all youth ages 11 to 18 are encouraged to audition for Mosaic's other free training programs in Acting and Vocal Performance.

All youth who audition will be placed in a Mosaic program.

For more information on Mosaic New Member Auditions please contact 313-872-6910 ext. 4013 or visit www.mosaicdetroit.org.

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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.