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~THE ACTORS ARE COMING ~

STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA HOLDS PRIVATE WORKSHOP FOR MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE'S YOUNG ARTISTS

October 30, 2006 Detroit, MI — Mosaic Youth Theatre's Acting Company once again has the extraordinary opportunity to work privately with yet another internationally acclaimed acting troupe, The Stratford Festival of Canada, on November 2, 2006. Mosaic recently worked with members of The Royal Shakespeare Company on the concept of creating a character. With the arrival of Stratford's actors, Mosaic will be putting those characters to the test as they learn new audition and performance techniques.

Members of The Stratford Festival will be working one on one with Mosaic's young artists to help them hone and refine their skills. Director of Acting, Janet D. Cleveland, knows that "Mosaic's actors will be taught to connect physically with their characters, how to commit to the moment and truly bring it to life for an audience."

Rick Sperling, Mosaic's CEO, hopes that "this will be the first of many visits from this globally respected company, the beginning of a long relationship. The Stratford Festival is so close that not only do Mosaic's young artists have the privilege of working with the Festival's professional actors here in Detroit, but we hope they will also have the chance to visit the Festival and get to see their teachers in action."

The Stratford Festival hosts over 60,000 students each year for special student performances and enrichment activities. Anita Gaffney, Administrative Director at the Festival, explains that one of their objectives is "to get young people excited about theatre so they will make it a part of their life as they grow up, and to show aspiring young performers that they can consider theatre as a career." The Festival is familiar with Mosaic Youth Theatre's work and according to Ms. Gaffney they are "so impressed with the productions they have seen from Mosaic that they are looking forward to working with its young artists."

Mosaic Youth Theatre takes the training of its young artists very seriously and is thrilled to bring such a notable company to the General Motors Mosaic Theatre. Participating in this workshop with the talented members of The Stratford Festival of Canada will only enhance the quality of Mosaic's performances this season.

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