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## MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE OF DETROIT

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## **MOSAIC celebrates MLK Day of Service with 2009 Perform-A-Thon** **40 FREE PERFORMANCES IN ONE DAY!**

***“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.” Martin Luther King, Jr.***

**DETROIT, Jan. 15, 2009** – On Monday, January 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., the talented young artists of Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy by providing free concert and theatre performances for the residents of 40 nursing homes; juvenile detention facilities; hospitals; hospices and other residential facilities. Initiated by Congress in 1994, King Day of Service transformed the federal holiday honoring Dr. King into a national day of community service where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to improve lives, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the “Beloved Community” that Dr. King envisioned.

Each year the young artists of Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, ages 11 – 18, provide a model of multicultural cooperation, sharing the gift of music and theatre with metro Detroit residents who might otherwise have no opportunity to see live performances. Some of the facilities that will host “Perform-A-Thon” shows on January 19 include: Federation of Youth Services, Michigan Vets Foundation and American House. Other free performances on that day will be presented at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Detroit Triumph Church, Cranbrook Performing Arts Center, Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, and The Henry Ford Museum.

### **MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

**Mosaic Acting Co. at Don Bosco Hall, 10001 Petosky, Detroit, MI 48204 (1:30pm)**

**Mosaic Singers at Triumph Church, 2760 E. Grand Blvd, Detroit 48211 (4:30pm)**

**Mosaic Singers at Cranbrook Performing Arts Center, 550 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills 48303 (6pm)**

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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)