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Mosaic Youth Theatre Conjures Infamous Red Dwarf At The Detroit Film Theatre This Spring

March 12, 2007 Detroit, MI – His sightings are few, but the disasters he sets in motion are legendary! This spring, Mosaic Youth Theatre will call forth Detroit's most notorious baddie, The Red Dwarf, in their new production, CITY IN A STRAIT. Commissioned by Mosaic for its young artists, CITY IN A STRAIT, by renowned University of Michigan playwright-in-residence OyamO, will be at the Detroit Film Theatre in the Detroit Institute of Arts May 11–20.

The internationally acclaimed Mosaic Youth Theatre, a national model for youth development through the arts, will bring to life this poignant story with the power and energy that only a professional youth ensemble can bring to the stage. As the curtain rises, audiences will find themselves bouncing through time as CITY IN A STRAIT begins over 200 years ago when The Red Dwarf first marred the banks of the Detroit River. Having been insulted by Antoine Cadillac, this misshapen demon with a twisted mass of blazing hair, cursed Detroit to an eternity of chaos and misfortune. . . and The Red Dwarf keeps his word.

The adventure continues as CITY IN A STRAIT follows two friends pulled unexpectedly into the past, who find themselves struggling against The Red Dwarf and his minions. Their scuffles criss-cross through the turbulent and triumphant Civil Rights era, and what they learn from their journey could forever change Detroit's future. Join Mosaic as they revisit one of the most pivotal crusades in our country's history. From the joys of friendship and innocence, to the tragedies of the 1967 uprising, CITY IN A STRAIT is a powerful event that will keep audiences talking long after the curtain comes down.

Mosaic invites you to start that discussion at their post-show talk-backs following CITY IN A STRAIT on Saturday, May 12th and Sunday, May 13th. These engaging sessions, made possible through the "Strengthening Michigan's Communities Through the Humanities" grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, will be lead by Janet Cleveland, Director of CITY IN A STRAIT, and will include several area Civil Rights scholars. Don't miss this chance to share your opinion and voice your hopes for the city's future.

CITY IN A STRAIT is a unique multi-media, theatrical experience that should not be missed! Support Detroit teenagers as they excel in life and on stage. CITY IN A STRAIT is presented at the Detroit Film Theatre in the DIA May 11–20, Friday and Saturday performances at 8pm, Sunday matinees at 4pm. Reserve your tickets in advance by calling (313) 833-4005. General admission is \$18 per person, senior and student tickets are \$12 per person. Group discounts are available for 10 or more by calling (313) 872-6910 ext 4005.

Support Mosaic's young artists as they **excel on stage and in life**. For more information about Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit visit www.mosaicdetroit.org.

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