



Contact: **Victoria Holmes, Marketing Manager**
313.872.6910 ext. 4005
vholmes@mosaicdetroit.org

Nekiesha Walker, Publicist
734-239-2494
Nekiesha@hotmail.com

SPEND MOTHER'S DAY WITH MOSAIC AT THE DIA

All tickets available at half-price

DETROIT, April 22, 2008 – This Mother's Day, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit's Sunday performance of ***SING JUBILEE! The Story of the Fisk Jubilee Singers**** is sure to reach the hearts of many. In appreciation of Metro Detroit mothers, Mosaic will present a Mother's Day rose, courtesy of Goodness Gracious Florals, to the first 250 mothers in attendance. As an extra bonus, all tickets will be available for 50 percent off the regular price as a part of "**Target Half-Price Family Matinees**" generously sponsored by Target®.

Presented by General Motors Corporation, ***SING JUBILEE!*** an original play written by University of Michigan playwright-in-residence OyamO, is one of the most inspiring stories in the history of African American music. In 1871, Fisk University's choir was formed to save the fledging all black university in post-emancipation America from financial collapse. The Fisk Jubilee Singers introduced the world to the songs of enslaved African Americans. The 'Negro spirituals' they performed served as a musical oral history passed down from generation to generation and expressed their deep religious beliefs, unbendable faith, and their ever present yearning for freedom from oppression. Though they faced their own share of discrimination and racism in attempting to perform, they ultimately persevered by tearing down racial and social barriers. The Fisk Jubilee Singers continue the tradition today as one of the most highly regarded choirs in the United States.

Performances of ***SING JUBILEE!*** take place at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the Detroit Institute of Arts on Friday, May 9 through Sunday, May 11 and Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors, and both Sunday performances will be 50 percent off regular price as a part of "**Target Half-Price Family Matinees**". Tickets can be purchased by calling (313) 833-4005 or online at <http://www.mosaicdetroit.org/tickets-may.htm>.

SING JUBILEE! is made possible with the generous support of the General Motors Corporation, Target and 105.9 kiss-fm. Additional sponsors include: Comerica Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, *WDET 101.9FM*, *The Michigan Chronicle*, *The Michigan FRONT Page*, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

***Note: This play contains images of slavery and the use of racial epitaphs which may be disturbing to some.**

****Additional promotional photographs available upon request.**

#

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.