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MOSAIC SINGERS' *SINGSATION!* SWINGS AT THE DIA TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY – FEBRUARY 13th AND 14th

DETROIT, January 4, 2009 – The Mosaic Singers will take audiences from the concert hall to the Cotton Club in high style this February! Filled with their signature powerhouse vocal performances, the limited engagement of *Singsation! The Mosaic Singers in Concert presented by Pepsi*, will run on February 13th and 14th in the Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA.

Singsation! has a little something for everyone. Under the direction of DeLashea Middleton, the Mosaic Singers open the show with the music they are best known for – classical, spiritual, and world music. After intermission, the joint will be jumpin' as the Singers take us to the heart of 1930's Harlem – The Cotton Club. With a live jazz combo and swinging dance moves, the performance will feature jazz standards made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Fats Waller, Billie Holiday and Benny Goodman, as well as jazz-inspired music from films and Broadway.

The Cotton Club and other famous nightclubs of the Harlem Renaissance featured many of the greatest African American entertainers of the era, but ironically denied admission to people of color. The "Juke Joint" was the place where African Americans danced, socialized, made music and let their hair down. *Singsation!* will pay tribute to both - including spoken word performance of poetry and prose to highlight the story of this "parallel universe", and celebrate the enduring spirit of these trailblazing artists.

The internationally acclaimed Mosaic Singers have performed in over 25 states, at The White House and The Kennedy Center. Internationally, they have represented the United States at the World Festival of Children's Theatre in Copenhagen, Denmark, performed at The Millennium Dome in London, England and participated in cultural exchanges in Dakar, Senegal and Singapore. They have also performed at myriad major local events (the final game at Tiger Stadium, Mayoral and Gubernatorial Inauguration ceremonies, Super Bowl XL festivities) and have been honored to open performances for Sweet Honey in the Rock, Pete Seeger, Al Green, the Temptations and Maya Angelou.

TARGET HALF-PRICE FAMILY VALENTINES DAY PERFORMANCE!

THANKS TO TARGET'S GENEROUS SUPPORT, ALL TICKETS FOR THE VALENTINES DAY PERFORMANCE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH ARE HALF-PRICED AT \$10. THIS PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE SPECIAL GIVEAWAYS AND SURPRISES FOR ALL WHO ATTEND! To purchase tickets to either performance of *Singsation!*, call 313-833-4005, or order online at www.mosaicdetroit.org. Special group rates are available by calling 313-872-6910 ext. 4021. All shows are general admission. Children under 5 are not admitted.

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FACT SHEET

SINGSATION! the Mosaic Singers in Concert presented by PEPSI

Show dates and times:

Saturday, February 13th 8:00pm
Sunday, February 14th 6:00pm

Performance Location:

Singsation! The Mosaic Singers in Concert, presented by Pepsi, is performed at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202 (John R. Entrance.)

Production Staff:

- DeLashea Middleton, *Co-Artistic Director, Director of Music Programs*
- Dennis Ryans, II, *Assistant Music Director*
- Kate Peckham, *Co-Artistic Director, Director of Mosaic Acting Company*
- Scot Cleaveland, *Production Manager*
- Carollette Phillips, *Choreographer*

The Band: "The Element"

- Jonathan Dixon, *Band Director and Piano*
- Darell Campbell Jr, *Bass*
- Nate Winn, *Drums*

Additional sponsors of Singsation! include:

Ford Motor Company, Official Sponsor of the Mosaic Singers; Bank of America, Official Sponsor of the Mosaic Acting Company; 2009-2010 Lead Sponsors Henry Ford Health System, Blue Cross Blue Shield and DTE Energy Foundation; 2009-2010 Supporting Sponsors Comcast, The Skillman Foundation, Masco Corporation Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts Recovery Act. Media sponsors, 105.9 kiss-fm, *The Michigan Chronicle*, *The Michigan FRONTPage*, Detroit Public Television.

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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.