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## ARCHER, HARLAN, TUNE-UP MAN TAKE THE STAGE WITH MOSAIC! *Detroit celebrities join Mosaic's production of "Woodard Wonderland"*

**DETROIT, Dec. 1, 2008** – “Wait – I know that guy!” If one of the young artists in Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit’s **Woodward Wonderland: A Detroit Holiday Celebration presented by Target®** looks a little older and a lot more familiar than usual, it’s not your imagination. Prominent local celebrities, including former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Sr, WDIV Senior Anchor Carmen Harlan and 105.9 Kiss FM on-air personality Tune-Up Man will perform along with Mosaic’s talented young artists, ages 11 – 18, when **Woodward Wonderland** opens at the Detroit Institute of Arts, December 12 – 14, 2008. AS A SPECIAL DETROIT HOLIDAY “STOCKING STUFFER”, **TARGET® IS PROVIDING ½ PRICE TICKETS TO ALL PERFORMANCES OF WOODWARD WONDERLAND AT JUST \$10 EACH!**

During each performance of **Woodward Wonderland**, Mosaic’s celebrity guest will present the classic holiday tale of anticipation and wonder, *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*. One reason this poem has endured for generations is that it is a joy to be read aloud. Beginning in hushed suspense, the story builds to a dramatic climax as it follows the course of the mysterious midnight visitor. Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> will feature 105.9 Kiss FM’s mid-day host Tune-Up Man. Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> features legendary Detroit news anchor Carmen Harlan, who recently served as the Honorary Chair for Mosaic’s 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> features Mayor Dennis Archer Sr., who led Mosaic’s successful 3.5 million dollar capital campaign in 2007.

Through original short plays and exuberant song and dance, **Woodward Wonderland** takes the audience on a nostalgic theatrical journey to magical Motor City destinations like Toyland on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the old J.L. Hudson’s department store and the windy 1990 Thanksgiving Day Parade when the Chilly Willy float made its memorable escape down Woodward Avenue. In the tradition of holiday classics like *The Nutcracker*, **Woodward Wonderland**, puts a uniquely Detroit spin on the holiday season, paying tribute to the metro area’s many rich holiday traditions, including church performances of Handel’s Messiah, ice skating at Campus Martius Park and listening to Motown Christmas albums. In addition to the local celebrity guests, a cast of more than 100 performers will entertain audience members, including performances by the internationally acclaimed Mosaic Singers and Mosaic Acting Company, as well as LaShelle’s School of Dance.



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**THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF TARGET, TICKETS FOR ALL PERFORMANCES OF WOODWARD WONDERLAND ARE HALF-PRICED AT \$10.** To purchase tickets, call 313-833-4005 (Wed. – Sunday), or order online at [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://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.

### Show dates and times follow:

<b>Friday, Dec. 12</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Featuring Tune-Up Man, 105.9 Kiss FM air personality</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 13</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Featuring Carmen Harlan, WDIV Senior Anchor</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 14</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Featuring Dennis Archer, Sr., Former Detroit Mayor</b>

**Woodward Wonderland** is performed at the **Detroit Film Theatre inside the DIA**, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202 (John R. Entrance)

Additional sponsors of **Woodward Wonderland: A Detroit Holiday Celebration presented by Target** include: 105.9 kiss-fm, *Between the Lines*, *The Michigan Chronicle*, *The Michigan FRONTPage*, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and National Endowment for the Arts.

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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 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, visit [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org).

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