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## **Local Charities to Share Spotlight in *Respect: A Musical Journey* Gem Theatre Seeks Photos of Detroiters In Action**

DETROIT, MI – The Gem Theatre is seeking photos of local charitable organizations in action to use in the venue's new production, *Respect: A Musical Journey* opening February 7. Featuring popular music from 1900 to today, high-energy choreography, and fabulous vocalists, the show also includes a slide show depicting women and life throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

In an effort to further localize the show, The Gem Theatre is seeking photographs from local charitable organizations depicting Detroiters making a difference in their communities. Photos should be of organization leaders, members, volunteers, and beneficiaries and include the name of the charity in the photograph (on a sign, in front of a building, on a t-shirt or golf-shirt, etc.). Women's & girl's charities are particularly encouraged to participate. The producers of *Respect: A Musical Journey* will select the best photos to be included in the Gem Theatre production. Selected organizations will receive recognition at the show and a ticket donation.

*Respect: A Musical Journey* is a high-energy, historical and hysterical look at women's changes from 1900 to today as illustrated by popular song, portrayed by a narrator and three breath-takingly talented singers. It is a lively and engaging look at music's depiction of women, as they go from codependence to independence, from "Someone to Watch Over Me" to "I Will Survive" and beyond. Vanderbilt professor Dr. Dorothy Marcic created the show based on her book, *RESPECT: Women and Popular Music*, where she analyzed all Top-40 female song lyrics since 1900. The musical combines excerpts of 60 popular songs with women's own stories about finding dreams, lost love, relationship issues, entering the workforce, gaining independence, and more. It's not just a story worth telling, it's a must-see and must-hear journey of women through music.

Interested organizations may submit non-returnable photos via the US Post Office or Email.

Non-returnable photos can be sent to:

The Gem Theatre  
Respect Photo Submissions  
333 Madison Ave  
Detroit, MI 48226

Entries may also be submitted via Email to: [info@gemtheatre.com](mailto:info@gemtheatre.com) Please include "Respect Photo Submission" in the subject line.

All entries MUST include the organization name, contact name, phone number, Email address (if applicable), and mailing address.

**Submission Requirements:**

Printed photos must be at least 5X7 original prints and no larger than 8X10. Plain paper inkjet prints are not acceptable. High quality prints on photo paper are acceptable. Electronically submitted photos must be at least 800X600 pixels, and no larger than 1MB. Submissions that do not meet these qualifications may be disqualified.

All submissions must be received no later than January 27, 2007. Additional information is available online at [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).

Tickets for **Respect: A Musical Journey** (\$39.50 with Half-price previews February 7,8,& 9) are on sale now for performances through April 1 by calling (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster Charge By Phone (248) 645-6666, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and in person at the Gem Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Show times are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 PM, Thursday afternoons at 2 PM, Saturday afternoons at 3 PM and Sundays at 2 & 5:30 PM. Group Discounts (15 or more) and dining packages at the Century Grille & Elwood Bar & Grill restaurants are available.

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