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## The Asante Children's Theatre Intergenerational Kwanzaa Community Choir In Free Concert

**Who/What:** The Asante Children's Theatre Intergenerational Kwanzaa Community Choir will perform several selections during a holiday concert this December. This concert is part of the celebration of 20 years of performing arts and life skill development programming by the Asante Children's Theatre. In lieu of its annual Haughville Story Fest, the Asante Children's Theatre will present the 37-voice choir under the direction of Artistic Director, Deborah Asante and Musical Director, Vincent Howard.

Our goal is to educate, empower, and enlighten, program participants and audiences, by any means necessary. For that reason, ACT constantly seeks to improve the strategies it uses to reach young minds. We know that music, like so many other art forms, has an appeal that crosses generational lines, gender lines and cultural lines. We can also use it to reinforce Indiana's Academic Standards by researching its various historical origins as well as the cultures that produced them.<sup>1</sup> Using the medium of music, the Kwanzaa principles [*Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility) Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); Imani (faith)*] are fundamental concepts that, if incorporated into daily living, will strengthen values and enrich families. Thus, the Intergenerational Kwanzaa Community Choir was developed as a way of blending an opportunity to explore the history and diversity of the music genre, as well as revive the importance of the Kwanzaa principles.

**When:** Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 8 p.m.

**Where:** The Frank and Katrina Basile Theater located in the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN (46202).

**Tickets:** Due to the generosity of Gleaners Food Bank and its commitment to end hunger by engaging individuals and communities to provide food for people in need, admission is free with a can good or non-perishable food item. Gleaners Food Bank has agreed to help us in the collection of canned goods and nonperishable food items for the holidays. For more information on Gleaners Food Bank, visit [www.gleaners.org](http://www.gleaners.org) or call 317-925-0191. For more information on admission to this concert, please call 317-627-4755.

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<sup>1</sup> Indiana Standards 200-Music, Standard 8