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State Theatre New Jersey and the Tony Award®-winning Crossroads Theatre Company present

Common Ground

A Holiday Musical Celebration of Community

Featuring Shanice Williams, star of NBC's *The Wiz Live*

Also featuring The Youth Choir of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple,

R.A.D.I.C.A.L. – the hip-hop dance troupe from Abundant Life Family Worship Church,

a special appearance by New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill, and more!

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3pm / Adults: \$25, Student: \$15, Child: \$5

New Brunswick, NJ (November 28, 2018)—State Theatre New Jersey and the Tony Award®-winning Crossroads Theatre Company present **Common Ground – A Holiday Musical Celebration of Community** on **Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3pm**. Featuring star **Shanice Williams** from NBC's broadcast of *The Wiz Live*. *Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$5 for children.*

“We are honored to partner with Crossroads to celebrate the diversity of our community during this holiday season,” said **Sarah Chaplin, President & CEO of State Theatre New Jersey**.

This unique concert collaboration between the State Theatre and Crossroads Theatre Company celebrates the holiday seasons in and around the month of December including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Diwali. A holiday performance highlighting both song and dance, **Common Ground** features **Shanice Williams** from NBC's broadcast of *The Wiz Live*, plus local choirs and community organizations. The **Common Ground** lineup includes **The Youth Choir of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, R.A.D.I.C.A.L. – the hip-hop dance troupe from Abundant Life Family Worship Church, JP Stevens South Asian Dance Troupe, Rutgers Liberated Gospel Choir, and The Body & Music School from Piscataway.**

“Our goal is to provide families a meaningful multi-cultural celebration for people of all ages during this special time of year,” declares **Crossroads’ producing artistic director Marshall Jones, III.**

Music Director Jeanel LeBlanc is a graduate of Rutgers University’s Mason Gross School of the Arts. “This time of year is my favorite and we are pleased to share this joyous time of year with the community,” states LeBlanc, veteran performer of Off-Broadway. The show will be

sprinkled with a healthy dose of audience participation and special guests—including **New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill**—adding a special touch of holiday cheer.

For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at STNJ.org. State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

About State Theatre New Jersey

The theater exists to enrich people’s lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey’s programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.

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