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## **ASF Partners with Taina's Art Gallery for Exhibition of *Crowns* Inspired Art**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

MONTGOMERY, AL (September 26, 2007) The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is partnering with Taina's Art Gallery for an art exhibition in conjunction with the upcoming production of *Crowns*. Twelve pieces of art will be on display at the theatre from October 12 – 20. Four of the twelve pieces on display were specifically created with the theme of "Crowns," or ladies church hats, in mind. These four will be unveiled at a special invitation only dress rehearsal of the play on October 12.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Taina's Art Gallery. The art that will be on display is a testament to the role that "crowns" play in African American culture. We are proud to share Taina's art with our patrons and hope that Taina's family of clients will come to ASF to enjoy a show and possibly acquire some wonderful new art," says Director of Marketing and Communications Alicia Johnson Reed.

Regina Taylor's musical *Crowns* was a sell-out success at ASF last season. Once again the show will serve a generous helping of inspiring gospel music, including "In the Morning," "Marching to Zion," "His Eye is on the Sparrow," "Just a Closer Walk," and "Mary Don't You Weep."

*Crowns* runs October 12 through November 11. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$42. For more information, call the ASF Box Office toll free at (800) 841-4273 or go online at [www.asf.net](http://www.asf.net). For more information on the exhibition and Taina's Art Gallery contact gallery curator Kenneth Davis at (334) 834 – 6010.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is among the largest Shakespeare theatres in the world. Designated as The State Theatre of Alabama, ASF has been located in Montgomery since 1985 when it moved from Anniston as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Wynton M. Blount's gift of a performing arts complex set in the 250-acre Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park.

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