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Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University presents

Sweet Honey In The Rock SHE ROCKS!
Friday October 3rd 7:30 p.m.
The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street, Downtown Dallas

Combining soul-stirring acappella harmonies with American Sign Language interpretation, Sweet Honey in the Rock has been entertaining and uplifting audiences around the globe for more than 30 years. The Grammy award-winning group brings their special blend of spirituals, hymns, gospel, jazz and blues to The Majestic Theatre in Downtown Dallas on Friday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Firmly rooted in the sacred music of the black church, and committed to creating music out of the rich textures of African-American legacy and traditions, Sweet Honey in the Rock possesses a stunning vocal prowess that captures the complex sounds of the blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip-hop, ancient lullabies and jazz improvisation.

Founded by Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon at the D.C. Black Repertory Theater, Sweet Honey in the Rock has been a vital and innovative presence in the music culture of Washington D.C., as well as in communities around the world. Their biblically-inspired name comes from Psalm 81:16, which promises that a people will be fed by honey out of the rock.

Tickets are available from \$20 to \$45 at www.ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster Outlet or by calling 214.373.8000.

In addition to their stunning *a cappella* vocals, the group includes American Sign Language interpretation, making their concerts both accessible and moving.

Sweet Honey In The Rock on October 3rd is presented as part of "Art & Soul 2008", a quadrennial program made possible by the Claudia and Taylor Robinson Lectureship at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

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Perkins School of Theology, founded in 1911, is one of five official University-related schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Church Ministries, and Doctor of Ministry, as well as the Ph.D., in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.