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**Mixed Roots Foundation Announces Community Partners and Presents
The Grammy Award-Winning Sounds of Blackness and Kimberly Michaels to
Sing National Anthem at First Ever Adoptee Night with the MN Twins**

Community Partners include Adopted Korean (AK) Connection, North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), and Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota to help raise funds and awareness of event

San Francisco, CA and Minneapolis, MN, July 12, 2013 –The Mixed Roots Foundation announces its first list of community partners for the second season of its signature 'Adoptee Day / Night' Sporting Events and will feature the **Grammy Award-Winning Sounds of Blackness** and Korean Adoptee artist and singer **Kimberly Michaels** both based in Minneapolis, MN to sing the **national anthem** at the inaugural **Adoptee Night with the Minnesota Twins** where they take on the Houston Astros on **Friday, August 2, 2013 – 7:10 p.m. at Target Field in Minneapolis, MN.**

“We are honored to participate with Mixed Roots Foundation to sing the national anthem for Adoptee Night with the MN Twins,” said **Gary Hines, Musical Director for the Grammy Award-Winning Sounds of Blackness.** “We know so many people who have been touched by adoption and how exciting to be able to bring our talent and passion to this very special community event. We look forward to helping this event grow so that this event can take place every year – it is so much needed.”

“As a Korean Adoptee from Minnesota which is the land of the largest population of Korean Adoptees worldwide, I am speechless and overwhelmed to have the opportunity to sing the national anthem,” expressed **Kimberly Michaels, Musical Artist and Singer.** “There is finally an opportunity that I can bring my whole self of being adopted and combine my passion for singing for a cause that is so near and dear to my heart – I look forward to collaborating with the Grammy Award-Winning Sounds of Blackness, too... Talk about mixed roots!”





The Minnesota Twins in partnership with Mixed Roots Foundation will also be donating a portion of all signature Adoptee Night tickets sold to benefit local nonprofit organizations that will serve as community partners whose vision and mission align with **providing important post-adoption resources** that include programs and services that **inspire the next generation of adoptees to achieve their dreams and goals.**

The list of new community partners include: **Adopted Korean (AK) Connection, North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), and Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM).** Each community partner will assist in reaching out to their networks to help drive people to the stadium as well as help raise awareness of the importance of the cause and actual event.

Tickets are now on sale. For more information, details on the event and/or to buy tickets, **please contact Landon Oldenburger at the MN Twins** at 612.659.3583 or email landonoldenburger@twinsbaseball.com. To become a sponsor, volunteer, or learn more about Mixed Roots Foundation and its partners, programs and events, please LIKE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook, call 800.659.6958, email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org, or visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org.

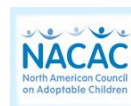
About Mixed Roots Foundation

Mixed Roots Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with its global headquarters based in San Francisco, CA and serves as the first and only national / global multicultural adoptee led foundation for all adoptees and their families that is representative of the international, domestic, and foster care adoption experience and aims to leverage philanthropy to provide more post-adoption resources by promoting and supporting organizations that serve as a resource to the diverse adoptee community, create more awareness about the adoption experience and inspire the next generation of adoptees to achieve their dreams and goals through collaboration with likeminded individuals, businesses, and organizations in the greater community.

About The Grammy Award-Winning Sounds of Blackness

Sounds of Blackness are a Grammy Award-Winning vocal and instrumental ensemble based in Minneapolis. They have performed all over the world and throughout the United States with such artists as Sting, Prince, Elton John, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Usher, Santana, Earth, Wind & Fire, Bob Dylan, and many more. The Sounds of Blackness perform several genres of music including Pop, Gospel, R&B, Hip-Hop, Soul & Jazz.

Please visit www.soundsofblackness.com





About Kimberly Michaels

Kimberly Michaels is a musical artist that delivers versatility and an intoxicatingly passionate vibe through singing. Born halfway around the world in Seoul, South Korea, as Park Sung Hee, then adopted and became a native Minnesotan at just 6-months old, Kimberly grew up in Minnetonka where music became part of Kimberly's life from early childhood and as an adult. She began her classical training in piano at age four. And over time, Kimberly earned her way into Opera, R&B, and Pop societies. Kimberly can be found singing with R-Factor and at various corporate, night clubs, and other special events. **Please visit: www.kimberlymichaels.com**

About Adopted Korean (AK) Connection

Since 2000, AK Connection has proudly served the adult Korean adoptee community in Minnesota (primarily in the Twin Cities region). The mission of AK Connection is to be resource for adult Korean adoptees in Minnesota by providing information and building a supportive community. Through providing up-to-date information on its website and resources of interest to adult Korean Adoptees in Minnesota, AK Connection also hosts educational, cultural, and social events that foster friendship, networking, and support for the various needs for Korean adoptees in Minnesota. **Please visit: www.akconnection.com**

About North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

Founded in 1974 by adoptive parents, NACAC is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt them. NACAC'S mission is to promote and support permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. and Canada who have been in care—especially those in foster care and those with special needs. Core values of NACAC include family, racial and ethnic identity, empowering adoptive parents, connect other communities, organize grass roots advocacy and strive for organizational excellence.

Please visit: www.nacac.org

About Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM)

The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) formed in 1994 as a community initiative, and promotes mentoring for Minnesota youth. MPM leads the mentoring movement to ensure youth and mentors have access to high-quality mentoring experiences. MPM's mission is to lead the state of MN in building and sustaining quality mentoring for every child. MPM supports more than 400 youth mentoring programs through training, technical assistance, and marketing around quality mentoring and provides resources on how to initiate and maintain a mentoring program.

Please visit: www.mpmn.org

