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Social Justice and Rich African-American Textures: Sweet Honey in the Rock to perform in Wisconsin Union Theater

Celebrated a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock will grace the Wisconsin Union Theater's stage on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 8 pm. This long-awaited show takes place on Friday, October 7, 2011, 8:00 pm, with ticket prices for general admission at \$38, \$34, \$25, Union members and UW-Madison faculty & staff \$34, \$30 and \$25, and \$10 for UW-Madison students. Call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), fax your order at 608-265-5084, buy online [here](#) or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. or Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. The show is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Founded by Bernice Johnson Reagon in 1973 at the D.C. Black Repertory Theater Company, the internationally renowned Sweet Honey In The Rock has been a vital and innovative presence in the music culture of Washington, D.C. and in communities of conscience around the world.

This female African American ensemble's repertoire is steeped in the sacred music of the Black church, the clarion calls of the civil rights movement, and songs of the struggle for justice everywhere. Rooted in a deeply held commitment to create 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 Blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, Hip Hop, ancient lullabies, and jazz improvisation.

Sweet Honey's 20th CD release, "Experience...101" was a 2008 Grammy® Award nominee. In the same year Sweet Honey was asked to compose new material in celebration of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater's 50th anniversary. In 2009 Sweet Honey performed to President and Mrs. Obama at the White House. They will premiere a new work - AFFIRMATIONS - with the National Symphony in April 2012.

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