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*“Don’t worry, Moms. It’s just a mistake. I’ll clear it all up and be back next week.”*

Maurice spent 29 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

ARBEZ DRAMA PROJECTS

Presents

**MAURICE CARTER’S INNOCENCE**

Written by Donald Molnar & Alicia Payne

Directed by Tanisha Taitt

A 16-member gospel choir helps tell the true story of Maurice Carter’s quest for freedom.

In 1973, an off-duty policeman named Thomas Schadler was shot in the head six times while Christmas shopping with his wife in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He survived and was discharged from hospital after a few days. Nearly two years later, they arrested Maurice Carter, an unemployed bus driver from Gary, Indiana, in town looking for work.

**MAURICE CARTER’S INNOCENCE** is based on the enduring friendship between Maurice Carter and Doug Tjapkes, a former church organ salesman and radio station owner. They worked tirelessly together for ten years fighting for Maurice’s freedom. Maurice is Black. Doug is White. They became brothers.

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Sunday matinees @ 2:45 pm

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