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## **Mesa State Alum and His A Cappella Group MOSAIC Named MTV's Top Pop Group 2008**

Mosaic (mō-zā-ik) n: A picture produced by arranging variously colored pieces of tile, stone, glass, or in this case ... humans.

Mesa State College is pleased to announce that Music Department graduate Josh Huslig and his a cappella group MOSAIC claimed the grand prize and were named MTV's Top Pop Group of 2008 last Thursday. This Orlando-based band, comprised of six unbelievably skilled vocalists, produce all of their own music - back-ups and instrumentation included - vocally; thus demonstrating their claim "You won't believe what comes out of our mouths."

Huslig founded MOSAIC over three years ago when he met several other professional male singers in Florida also interested in a cappella singing. Josh's love for performing a cappella has, in fact, been a personal passion for many years. Throughout his Central High School and Mesa State College days he was usually leading, directing, and arranging five- and six-part, unaccompanied music for male voices. MOSAIC is therefore the result of many years of hard work for this high level singing. MOSAIC deftly combines a Bobby McFerrin range of vocal abilities with current popular musical styles, including rock, pop, hip-hop, jazz, funk, R&B, and even opera, and of course, classic male harmony.

MOSAIC has performed across the county including a sold out performance in Mesa State College's Robinson Theatre in 2006 and a standing gig at the famous Flamingo Room in Las Vegas. The group gained further notoriety last year after winning a national competition judged by the members of the band BOYZ 2 MEN and appearing on CBS's THE MORNING SHOW.

A clip from the MTV show can be found at:

[http://www.mtv.com/ontv/dyn/mtv\\_top\\_pop\\_group/series.jhtml](http://www.mtv.com/ontv/dyn/mtv_top_pop_group/series.jhtml)

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