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**CITYarts will host Iraqi students
for a week of New York cultural and community service activities,
July 19-22**

Project:

CITYarts will host 8 Iraqi students, ages 17-18, and their 3 chaperones, as collaborators on our international *Pieces for Peace with Youth from Around the World* project, for a fun and educational tour of New York City. In keeping with our mission to empower youth to become actively involved with shaping their own lives, we will provide these youth with cultural, recreational, and community service activities that will give them a lasting impression of the people and culture of our city and engage them in meaningful dialogue with American youth under our *Young Minds Build Bridges* program. Activities include a tour of the United Nations, tours of major New York art museums, participation on CITYarts public art projects, and a visit to Top of the Rock.

Program:

Young Minds Build Bridges brings together groups of youth from diverse cultural backgrounds to work together for a common artistic goal. CITYarts collaborates with international artists and youth via the internet to facilitate global communication and understanding. Through this program, CITYarts strives to strengthen bonds among youth from all over the world and to instill in them a positive attitude towards each other.

When:

July 19-22, 2010

About CITYarts:

CITYarts empowers children and youth by bringing them together with professional artists to create public art that addresses civic and social issues, impacts their lives, and transforms their communities.

Thinking globally and acting locally, CITYarts' projects build bridges of cultural understanding, giving youth the opportunity to take an active role in shaping their own future.

Since 1968, CITYarts has created over 280 projects that have transformed communities and impacted over 100,000 kids, collaborated with more than 500 artists, partnered with over 1,500 sponsors, and engaged over 500,000 volunteers in the process. CITYarts' projects frequently foster community revitalization by galvanizing businesses, schools, and community organizations into developing youth programs and constructing playgrounds and gardens.

"We hope our Iraqi student collaborators will gain a new perspective on the American people and life in New York City."

-Tsipi Ben-Haim, Executive & Artistic Director

For further information, or to cover one of our activities:

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