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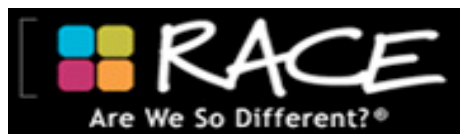
RIYMAA is one of many events designed to engage youth in this community-wide preparation for the upcoming Race Exhibit: *Race, Are We So Different*, which will be on display at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum for four months during 2010.

Looking through the eyes of history, science and lived experience, the RACE Project explains differences among people and reveals the reality – and unreality – of race. The story of race is complex and may challenge how we think about race and human variation, about the differences and similarities among people. Learn more: visit the website. www.understandingrace.org.

Worldwide Family Media Productions and Western Michigan University take this opportunity to reach out to the diverse youth of this region and stimulate broad-based, productive community dialogue on issues of race, diversity, tolerance, and social justice through the free Race Initiative Youth Media Arts Academy. (RIYMAA)

During the six sessions, RIYMAA participants will explore some of these differences through various forms of Media Art. The mini-documentaries produced by these youth will be presented in various locations, to the community in 2009 and also as partner displays during the time of the Race Exhibit in 2010.

This program is supported by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



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Race Initiative Youth Media Arts Academy

March 7-April 11, 2009



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Media Arts Academy

The goal of the *Media Arts Academy* is to educate, enlist, and empower young people to be able to explore issues associated with their experiences of race, racism, and other forms of diversity. Youth will also develop creative, transformative responses to these issues that can in turn impact other youth and adults. 15 teenagers of diverse backgrounds will be recruited from up to twelve organizations with active youth programs throughout Kalamazoo County.

Organizations that have already committed to nominating teens from their programs for the academy include the Adventure Centre's DALT Program, ACT-SO, Bilal Islamic Center, Kalamazoo Boys & Girls Club, Fire, Kalamazoo Junior Girls Association, Portage Community High School, and Vision Crew of Worldwide Family Media Productions.



Vision Crew
Future Documentary Producers

Event Schedule

The Media Arts Academy is a collaborative effort involving representatives of diverse educational and arts organizations who are already participating in the Western Michigan University Race Exhibit Initiative. All sessions begin promptly at 10 am and run until 4 pm. Lunch and snacks will be served. Personal cameras allowed. Cell phone use during lunch and breaks. NO exceptions.

The Academy is a FREE program.

Session One: March 7

AM Registration and Short Film Screening
PM Diversity Awareness Team-building Workshop

Session Two: March 14

AM Intro to Documentary Production
Interviewing Techniques

PM Students interview each other on camera

Session Three: March 21

AM Interviews on location in community

PM Guest filmmaker #1 Sultan Sharrief
Film Screening and Workshop

Session Four: March 28

AM Editing Basics (Introduce/Review)
PM Editing begins

Session Five: April 4

AM Guest filmmaker #2 Ben Begay
"Cinematography"
PM Editing Continues

Session Six: April 11

All Day Students complete video editing
Solidify community presentation details
Evaluation/Wrap Up/ReCap

Sign-up Form

Participant Name

Address

School

Age/Grade

Phone

Sponsorship Opportunities for Businesses/Individuals

Donations Appreciated for the following items :

Lunches

Beverages

Snacks

Paper Products

Fruit

Organization/School/Parent

Phone

Contact Person

Please Submit Completed Application to:

Worldwide Family Media Productions
742 Summit Park Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

On or before Tuesday February 24, 2006

Application may also be e-mailed to:

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Subject: MEDIA ARTS ACADEMY

15 students will be selected from the applicants.

A REFERENCE FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION must accompany your application.

Location: 1000 W. Patterson, Kalamazoo

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