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Inner-City Art: Creative Expression & Artistic Growth

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg’s Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre will host an art show featuring the remarkable artwork created by inner-city youth during the University’s free Youth Arts & Crafts day camp this summer.

Working with talented artists Andrea Roberts (canvas painting) and Mike Spence (soapstone carving), approximately 22 inner-city youth expressed their creativity through paintings on canvas and soapstone carvings.

Members of the media are welcome to attend and interview/film participants and instructors:

Inner-City Youth Summer Arts Camp Show
Monday, August 28, 2006
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
University of Winnipeg Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre
First Floor, 509 - 511 Ellice Avenue

Youth involved in the art camps received hands-on instruction and developed artistic skills and knowledge. Inukshuk, landscape, and people were portrayed in the paintings while Aboriginal-themed clan animals were carved in soapstone.

“Both the painting on canvas and soapstone carving art projects provided the participants with an outlet for creative expression, as well as an opportunity to develop their art skills and celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage,” said Christine Boyes, RBC Community Learning Commons coordinator and coordinator of the Wii Chiiwaakanak summer camp programs.

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