



GRACE ACADEMY

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What: “*commUNITY*” A Benefit for Grace Academy Middle School Students

Where: Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, 1535 NE 17th Ave., Portland, OR

When: Thursday, May 12th, 2005, 6pm to 8pm

Cost: Free and open to the public

On Thursday, May 12th, 2005, from 6pm-8pm, we present “*commUNITY*”, a celebration and benefit that explores and reveals, through the eyes of our youth, the diverse aspects that comprise, challenge, and contribute to our community. Students will exhibit their large group paintings, woodblock prints, fused glass blocks, and will present their poetry.

On sale will be Grace Academy’s first Anthology, entitled, *Art for All Walks of Life, Celebrating Community*. This 87 page book of poetry and art records the insights, questions, and artistic creations from this year’s journey. Also on sale will be student-created silk-screened t-shirts, bags, and fused glass nightlights!

Students will perform their own *spoken word poetry* on stage and present a short film highlighting this last year of the Academy.

A Silent AUCTION will be held featuring the generous donations of our community businesses and showcasing art from Academy students and artists connected to Grace Institute.

Grace Academy is a high quality, after school creative education non-profit program provided to culturally diverse, underserved students, referred by NE and SE middle schools. With over 70% of our students qualifying for scholarships, Grace Academy has for the past two and a half years empowered over 75 youth to integrate their own unique ideas and perceptions through the arts and prove their own success.