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(Washington DC) **The ARTS and the YOUTH met to reflect on global development challenges at the Warehouse Theater. What's next? Can arts, any kind and style, help attain those Millennium Development Goals that were set by the world leaders at the UN Summit in year 2000?**

The **Arts For Global Development, Inc.**, in support with the Youth-2-Youth Community of the World Bank, organized a **'get-together' and 'screening' on February 22, 2006 at the Warehouse Theater**. The 20 min. long screening of the **CreativeChange Arts Exhibition** presented a representative selection of youth artworks from across the globe to help the word on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) go around, make people think of the connectivity of arts and development, learn together and encourage each other to take action to overcome social and economic challenges. Artwork images, texts and the sound project are based on and highlight developmental issues.

"Very inspiring!" was participants' shared response to the screening event and quite a number of them expressed their interest to take part in future programs.

Artworks were submitted by young individuals from Afghanistan, Nepal, Nigeria, USA, Greece, Australia, Netherlands, Spain, Uganda, Russia, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Egypt, UK, Canada, India, Sweden, Philippines, Italy, Israel, and more. The *Sound Project* was created by young Turkish sound engineers. The compositions highlight issues such as education, HIV/AIDs and malaria, poverty, women empowerment, infant mortality, and more. Istanbul Technical University Centre for Advanced Studies in Music supported this project to be realized.



"The Arts is a strong communication and education medium. Projects like the CreativeChange help convey critical issues to everyone and develop an interdisciplinary approach to overcome challenges that affect all of us..." said Nil Sismanyazici-Navaie, the exhibition project co-organizer and the founding director of Art4Development.Net.

Arts For Global Development (Art4Development.Net), an international voluntary arts and development organization based in Bethesda Maryland, curated the *CreativeChange Arts Exhibition* at the Arts Windows of the Warehouse Theater together with artist / sculptor John D. Antone.



Pedestrians / Visitors can see the exhibition at the Arts Windows on 1021 Seventh (7th) Street, NW Washington DC until 5th of March!

The CreativeChange Traveling Arts Exhibition project has been co-organized by Arts For Global Development, Inc. (Art4Development.Net); TakingITGlobal (Takingitglobal.org) and the UN Millennium Campaign (Millenniumcampaign.org).

For more information on the exhibition or the project please visit www.art4development.net

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