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RBC Dain Rauscher Increases Support for Arts at Anwatin

St. Paul, October 13, 2006--RBC Dain Rauscher has awarded Young Audiences of Minnesota (YAMN) \$7,500 to support extended artist residency programs at Anwatin Middle School in Minneapolis for the 2006-2007 school year.

This is the third year RBC Dain Rauscher has funded YAMN arts programming at Anwatin. A \$2,500 increase from last year's donation allows Young Audiences to provide to reach more Anwatin students with our in-depth programs such as Milkweed Edition's Read, Explore, Create.

Last year's program featured teaching artist Mike Hazard, or "Media Mike" and his program *The Art of Making Video*. 122 Eighth grade students in Sarah Wernimont and Dan King's classes were able to write, storyboard, direct, produce, and star in a 2-3 minute "video poem".

The first project this year involved 41 seventh graders learning about the spoken word with teaching artist Frank Sentwali. Additional projects will continue throughout the school year.

Young Audiences of Minnesota is in its 43rd year of providing arts-in-education programs for students, families and communities in Minnesota and western Wisconsin, and is a chapter of Young Audiences, Inc., a nationally recognized arts-education provider. YAMN offers performances, workshops and residencies, professional development sessions, and a unique traveling art exhibit program *Real Art+ Real Kids* ©. Young Audiences staff and artists work with educators and community program coordinators to provide authentic arts learning experiences that meet the specific needs of their students.

Young Audiences of Minnesota inspires, empowers and unites children and communities through education, arts and culture. For more information on Young Audiences of Minnesota programming, visit our website www.youngaudiencesofmn.org or call (651) 292-3399.

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