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Young Audiences of Minnesota Partners with Target for Lakeville Arts Residency

St. Paul, October 11, 2006—Target has awarded Young Audiences of Minnesota (YAMN) \$2,500 to support an artist residency program in the Lakeville School District.

Target gives back more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs. Additionally, Target team members and retirees donate more than 315,000 hours to more than 7,000 projects each year.

“At Target, we are making a real difference every day through our sponsorship program,” said Laysha Ward, vice president, community relations, Target. “We’re proud to partner with Young Audiences of Minnesota as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

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. Young Audiences of Minnesota 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 to 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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