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**SITE SANTA FE PRESENTS**

**ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CHALK MURAL PROJECT AND**

**SANTA FE NEW MUSIC YOUTHFEST 2006**

**Friday, May 12, 2006, 9 am—7 pm**

Santa Fe, NM— **SITE Santa Fe, Alameda Middle School, and Santa Fe New Music** present an all-day event dedicated to the accomplishments of youth in the arts to be held **on Friday, May 12, 2006 at SITE Santa Fe from 9 am to 7 pm**. The program will showcase chalk murals created by Alameda Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and produced on site from 9 am – 4 pm. The event will continue from 5:30 – 7 pm with the Santa Fe New Music Youth Ensemble and Young Composers' Awards. **The public is invited and admission is free.**

***The Chalk Mural Project*** is the result of SITE's yearlong collaboration with Alameda Middle School. Alameda students participate in the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) program. VTS provides students with an introduction to the world of art, and at the same time encourages them to exercise their critical thinking and communication skills. VTS presents viewers with opportunities to use their perception, experience, and intelligence to find meaning, and in doing so, lays the foundation for visual literacy. After multiple classroom VTS sessions, students will visit SITE to view the exhibition ***Life After Death: New Leipzig Paintings from the Rubell Family Collection***; students will dialogue about their ideas of community and specifically their sense of place within Santa Fe. They will take photographs, make sketches, and use found images of their favorite places in Santa Fe. All these elements will be made into collaged maquettes. Students will use the "pointing up" system to turn these preliminary studies into large-scale chalk murals that relate to community as revealed through landscape, iconic architecture, and sense of place. Come join us and watch the progress of ***The Chalk Mural Project*** between 9 AM and 4 PM on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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At 5:30 pm the festivities continue with **Santa Fe New Music Youthfest 2006**, a musical celebration for the entire family! This year's **Youthfest** features the SFNM Youth Ensemble's final concert of the season, as well as the presentation of awards to winners of the New Mexico Young Composers' Project.

The SFNM Youth Ensemble, under the direction of David Tolen, focuses exclusively on contemporary music and is comprised of young instrumentalists aged 12-18. Their May 12 program features the World Premiere of a new work the Ensemble commissioned from internationally recognized composer Eve Beglarian, who is based in New York. Beglarian's work, "Atque Semper", features Allegretti in a solo role on guitar, accompanied by the ensemble. The program also features the premiere of "Alphabet Soup" by San Francisco composer Belinda Reynolds, as well as new music classics by Terry Riley, Art Jarvinen, and others.

The New Mexico Young Composers' Project is an annual, statewide competition for composers under 18 to submit original musical compositions, fully and properly notated, in music of all genres. This year's competition received over 40 entries, and the winners will be announced on April 20. At **Youthfest**, the winning composers will receive their awards, and some of the prize-winning works will be performed.

**The Chalk Mural Project** and **Youthfest 2006** are free of charge; for more information contact SITE Santa Fe at 505.989.1199 or Santa Fe New Music at 505.474.6601 or [www.sfnm.org](http://www.sfnm.org).

Concurrent with this program is the exhibition *Life After Death: New Leipzig Paintings from the Rubell Family Collection* on view from **April 22 - June 4, 2006**. The exhibition includes over 60 works by: Tilo Baumgärtel, Tim Eitel, Martin Kobe, Neo Rauch, Christoph Ruckhäberle, David Schnell, and Matthias Weischer. The exhibition is organized by MASS MoCA, and co-curated by Laura Heon, Director/Curator of SITE Santa Fe, and Mark Coetzee, director and curator of the Rubell Family Collection. A 150-page color catalogue accompanies the exhibition. After its presentation at SITE Santa Fe, the exhibition will travel to the Katzen Arts Center Museum, American University, Washington, DC; Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington; and the Salt Lake Art Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

SITE Santa Fe is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico. **SITE Santa Fe hours:** Wed-Sat, 10 am – 5 pm; Friday, 10 am – 7 pm; Sunday, 12 – 5 pm. Museum admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students, teachers and seniors; members are free. Free admission is offered on Fridays, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston. Tours by SITE Guides are available free of charge to the public with paid admission and are also regularly scheduled on Fridays at 6 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 pm. SITE Santa Fe gift certificates are available. Call 505.989.1199 for more information.

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