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### **Students and Seniors to Share Artistic Talents**

Using dance, improvisational movement and visual arts, students at a public charter school for at-risk teens will express what they have learned about identity and their place in the community with seniors at the Clinton Rose Center.

Students at Northern Star School will present “Me and My Shadow” Thursday, March 26, at the Center, 3045 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The event celebrates a semester-long exploration of self and identity in collaboration with visual artist Thea Kovac and dancer Susanne Carter.

Continuing a several year history of collaboration between Artists Working in Education (AWE) and the Clinton Rose Senior Center, the students will perform their piece at the Center and will in turn be entertained by the Center’s dance troupe, the Rosettes. Students will join the seniors for lunch following the show.

Under the artists' guidance, the students used dance, movement and use of props within one's body space to create shapes and composition the same way an artist does in visual art. The visual artists also created large banners and small self-portrait pieces exploring the use of positive and negative space, movement in visual art. The performance also includes spoken word elements based on student writings.

The Northern Star project was sponsored by AWE with support from the Mary Nohl Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, with additional support from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the City of Milwaukee Arts Board with funds from the Wisconsin Arts Board.

During the 2008-2009 school year AWE will sponsor a total of 18 visual art projects in collaboration with professional artists in Milwaukee schools.

Artists Working in Education, Inc., founded in 1998, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide youth in the Milwaukee area with arts enrichment programs to enhance human potential, advance learning and cultivate community. Its two main initiatives are the School Studio, an artist-in-residence program designed to advance learning through the arts; and the Truck Studio, a mobile outreach program providing free outdoor art experiences for children low income Milwaukee neighborhoods during the summer months.

**Me and My Shadow Performance Details:**

Thursday, March 26, 2009 - 10:30-11:30 a.m.

At the Clinton Rose Senior Center, 3045 N. Martin Luther King Dr.

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