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Artists Working in Education, Inc. Receives Donation from JOSH GROBAN'S Find Your Light Foundation, to be used for Fall 2011 Library Programming

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Artists Working in Education, Inc. (A.W.E.) was selected by multi-platinum singer-songwriter Josh Groban through a partnership with Americans for the Arts to receive a donation from his new Find Your Light Foundation. This foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of young people through arts, education, and cultural awareness. A.W.E. was one of several arts education nonprofit organizations selected by Groban to receive funds from the foundation and 20 free tickets to his “Straight to You” tour performance in Milwaukee.

Students from School Studio residencies at Professional Learning Institute and Alliance, and two families who worked with the Truck Studio program joined A.W.E. and participated in a “Meet and Greet” with Groban before the show. The young artists presented the singer with a homemade thank-you card filled with pictures created over the summer and everyone took a beautiful photo together. During the show, A.W.E. was excited to receive a “shout out” from Groban on stage. He graciously thanked the students for their artwork and encouraged the audience to donate to his foundation to help support A.W.E.’s goals.

The generous \$3,000 donation will fund fall Truck Studio programming through a partnership with Milwaukee Public Libraries. In this programming, four participating libraries will host a free hour and a half long afterschool art workshop once a week for a month. Each session will include an A.W.E. artist reading a story aloud, discussing the book and leading an imaginative art project with participants.

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Families are encouraged to make art together and everyone gets to take home their creations. Major project support is provided by Artists Working in Education, Inc, Milwaukee Public Library and MPS Partnership for the Arts. For more information call A.W.E. at (414) 933-3877 or visit awe-inc.org. Please see schedule below.

Atkinson Library

1960 W. Atkinson Ave., (414) 286-3000
Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Bay View Library

2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., (414) 286-3000
Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16 and 23, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Capitol Library

3969 N. 74th St., (414) 286-3000
Tuesdays November 1, 8, 15, 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Mill Road

6431 N. 76th St., (414) 286-3000
Mondays Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

About Artists Working in Education, Inc.

Artists Working in Education, Inc. (A.W.E.), was founded in 1998 by a group of Milwaukee-area art educators, museum curators, and artists who were concerned about the decline in arts education in local schools. A.W.E.'s 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 Truck Studio mobile art program that visits local parks, playgrounds, and libraries, and the School Studio artist-in-residence program that delivers art to underserved schools. A.W.E. arts learning experiences encourage children to become inquisitive, creative, flexible, imaginative, and confident.

About Find Your Light

To find out more about the Find Your Light Foundation, please visit the organization's website at <http://www.findyourlightfoundation.org> and/or its Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/findyourlightfoundation>.

About Americans for the Arts

Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

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