

**CHILDREN 'CHALK IT UP' AT THE ITALIAN STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL,
PHOTOS FEATURED ONLINE AT KIDSTREETART.COM**

Benefactor sponsors Frank Howard Allen and Old Republic Title photographed the young artists along "Children's Avenue," where over \$15,000 was raised for YIA

SAN RAFAEL, CA, June 15, 2007 – Children ages 2-12 were invited to express their creativity at the 2007 Youth in Arts Italian Street Painting Festival and Children's Avenue, sponsored by Frank Howard Allen Realtors and Old Republic Title Company. Volunteers from both companies captured the much loved event on Polaroid film, as keepsakes for the kids to take home and for the first time ever, digitally for an online gallery – KidStreetArt.com, where nearly 300 photos featuring talented youngsters intently focused on their work and proudly showing off their art can be found.

Around 1500 kids turned out over the course of the two day event, held June 9-10 in downtown San Rafael. They joined hundreds of professional and student madonnari (street painters) who covered the streets in spectacular chalk renditions ranging from reproductions of classic masterpieces to pop culture tributes, while the festival's featured artists, Mark Wagner and Clayton Thiel, worked in the third dimension. Meanwhile, over on Children's Avenue, favorite themes included cartoon characters, flowers and pet portraits.

Sprouting up as islands amongst the sea of traditional squares, ten mini houses covered in chalkboard paint and donated by Frank Howard Allen, Old Republic and Live Oak Estates, were also decorated in chalk as a play on the festival's 3D theme. "We loved the houses," said Youth in Arts Executive Director Miko Lee, "They were fabulous because they added a whole new dimension for the kids."

Children's Avenue participants paid \$12 for a 2-by-2-foot square, box of pastels and a blending eraser, generating \$15,144 to benefit Youth in Arts, the premier provider of arts education to Marin County Students.

To view the online gallery, please go to www.kidstreetart.com

About Youth in Arts

Youth in Arts provides visual and performing arts experiences and instruction to over 30,000 public and private school students annually and enriches the community with cultural events. With an outstanding reputation among the arts and education community, Youth in Arts has been providing arts education to students in the Bay Area since 1970. To find out more, visit www.youthinarts.org.

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