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Student-designed drawing machine takes MPS kids, parents for an ‘arts ride’

What: “Marks Made,” a collaborative art show and demonstration by MIAD college & MPS elementary students
When: Tuesday, January 10, 2006, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Elm Creative Arts School, 900 W. Walnut St., (414-267-1800)
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A slow-moving bucking broncho? An old-fashioned dentist’s chair? No, it’s an indescribable drawing machine created by Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design students as part of their service learning with MPS Elm Creative Arts School students.

Elm students, parents and teachers will experience the machine and other mixed media works created by the college and elementary students at “Marks Made,” a collaborative show and reception on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Adding “color” to the show are four televisions displaying animations created by MIAD and Elm 4th graders, the large drawings on which the animations are based, an installation of over 40 paintings using the word “unity,” and the drawings Elm students created with the drawing machine.

MIAD’s service learning combines academic objectives with community service. In this case, eight students in MIAD’s Mixed Media course taught by MIAD faculty Jason Yi and Jill Sebastian applied knowledge of artistic disciplines to classroom teaching experience, while exposing MPS students to higher education and new media/art forms.

Elm art teacher Vicki Samolyk coordinated the collaboration with Bernadette Witzack, AmeriCorps *VISTA Member in MIAD’s Outreach Department. Witzack’s placement at MIAD is made possible by Wisconsin Campus Compact (WiCC), an association of college and university presidents of which MIAD is a member.

MIAD is Wisconsin’s only college devoted exclusively to the education of artists and designers. Founded in 1974, it today enrolls 650 talented students from across the country who are taught by artists and designers recognized regionally and nationally for their professional and educational accomplishments. Its unique academic approach blends curricular and extracurricular experiences, a community service requirement, and liberal studies in 11 majors toward the bachelor of fine arts degree.

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