



Imagine Bus Project Premieres "Moving You" Art Exhibit - Cinco de Mayo Reception Kicks off Art Exhibit Showcasing Works by Disadvantaged Bay Area Youth

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([PRWEB](#)) April 21, 2005 -- The Imagine Bus Project, a non-profit organization providing art programs for disadvantaged Bay Area youth, will present "Moving You: An Art Show of the Imagine Bus Project" in the lobby of One Market Street from April 25th through May 20th. The show, sponsored by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation, premieres murals completed by children incarcerated at San Francisco's Juvenile Detention Center. The event will also feature over 40 framed works by children living in low-income neighborhoods across the Bay Area. An opening reception featuring Mexican food from Los Jarritos restaurant in San Francisco's Mission district will be held Thursday, May 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The show draws attention to the work of The Imagine Bus Project and its art programs designed to help build children's self esteem, help at-risk youth see their world in a positive way and grow children's identity through self-expression. The murals on display will highlight the Juvenile Hall Program (also known as "Art at Juvie"), a four-year effort that takes art instruction directly to youth incarcerated in San Francisco's Juvenile Detention Center.

"The goal of the Art at Juvie workshops is not only to create high quality art but also to use public art to educate the kids to be constructive, intelligent, socially conscious, responsible and team-oriented adults," states Geoff Benjamin, CEO of the organization. "We are thrilled to premiere the murals created at Juvenile Hall so we can share with the community-at-large the effect that art is having on these kids."

The organization's namesake program is The Art Bus, a 28-foot shuttle bus outfitted as an art studio that serves 500 youth a year at five locations throughout San Francisco and West Oakland. A second bus serves another 500 youth in Sonoma County via the Imagine Bus Project North program.

"Never over the [4 years] I've been here have I found a way to escape the mental confinement of Juvenile Hall," states a 17-year-old Juvenile Hall Program participant. "The time I'm serving is much easier due to the Imagine Bus program. I can seek guidance from [the instructors] in expressing my feelings through art. Thank you for all you do for us."

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