LEAP'S PUBLIC ART PROGRAM: 10-PARK STUDENT EXHIBITION (SUMMER 2009)

the largest student exhibition in the history of NYC parks – developed in cooperation with NYC Parks & Recreation

Exhibition Site: Inwood Hill Park (in front of park house at Seaman Avenue at Isham Street—Inwood, Manhattan)

Student Artists: Paula Hedbavny School-Middle School 278M

Title of Art Table: "Reach for the Stars: Live Above the Influence"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students address the idea of achieving success despite obstacles, and using creativity and self-expression in the journey to reach their goals. This table is a tribute to the lives of all young people.

Art Media: Acrylic paint, metallic ink and paper



Exhibition Site: Tompkins Square Park (center of park behind flagpole—East Village, Manhattan)

Student Artists: Tompkins Square Middle School

Title of Art Table: "Changes We Want to See in the World"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students communicate their vision for the future by making the earth the central element or "heart" of the design. The other images show the students' pride and love for the neighborhood and belief that through our shared values we can come together to effect positive changes for our city, environment and global community.

Art Media: Acrylic paint



Exhibition Site: Crotona Park (next to flagpole at Crotona Park East and Charlotte Street—East Tremont, Bronx)

Student Artists: Accion Academy

Title of Art Table: "Achieving Our American Dreams and Overcoming the Obstacles that Stand In Our Way"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students express their hopes and dreams for the future while exploring the obstacles—gangs, abuse, guns, war, drug and alcohol abuse, racism and poverty—they need to overcome to achieve those dreams.

Art Media: Acrylic paint, Ink and Plates



Exhibition Site: Claremont Park (next to park house where Morris Avenue meets Teller Avenue—Morrisania, Bronx)

Student Artists: Middle School 219X at The Dr. Charles R. Drew Educational Complex

Title of Art Table: "All of the Above"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students address our planet's environment, focusing on endangered animals, pollution, waste, littering and recycling.



Art Media: Acrylic paint, Ink, Paper

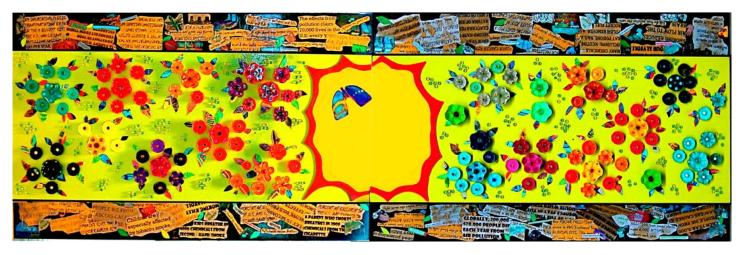
Exhibition Site: Juniper Valley Park (at park house at 78th Street at Juniper Blvd. South—*Middle Village, Queens*)

Student Artists: Walter Reed School P 9Q

Title of Art Table: "The Plastic Garden"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students respond to the effects of pollution, smoking, and asthma by creating an idealized, recycled garden.

Art Media: Plastic bottles, acrylic paint, jewelry findings, glass & plastic Beads, recycled artwork, photographs and epoxy resin



Exhibition Site: Parsons Greenstreet (triangle at 75th Avenue, Kissena Blvd. and Parsons Blvd.—*Flushing, Queens*)

Student Artists: Robert F. Kennedy Community Middle School 250Q

Title of Art Table: "The Three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students address the importance of recycling. Through photography, they document what the community is doing and examined the broader impact of recycling.

Art Media: Mixed media and collage



Exhibition Site: Commodore Barry Park (behind pool at Flushing Ave. at N. Elliott Place—*Fort Greene, Brooklyn*) **Student Artists:** Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Arts

Title of Art Table: "Which Path Would You Take?"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students focus on how negative outcomes in life can be avoided if the right path is chosen.

Art Media: Acrylic paint, collage



Exhibition Site: Green Central Knoll (beside flagpole at Evergreen Avenue at Noll Street—Bushwick, Brooklyn)

Student Artists: Magnet School of Humanities Intermediate School 347K

Title of Art Table: "Economy Gone Mad"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students explore the effects of the current economic crisis on Wall Street, as well as Main Street, and address concerns and hopes about the economy and the health of the nation as a whole.

Art Media: Acrylic paint



Exhibition Site: Silver Lake Park (at fountain plaza at Victory Blvd. and Eddy Street—*Brighton Heights, Staten Island*) **Student Artists:** William A. Morris Magnet School of Arts & Letters Intermediate School 61R

Title of Art Table: "Project Peace- Making Positive Change"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students focus on the issue of peace and how each individual can make a positive change. They created a mandala-inspired peace motif on one side, and a maze of good and bad choices on the other, leading toward empowerment.

Art Media: Acrylic paint



Exhibition Site: Stapleton Playground (at benches at Tompkins Ave and Tompkins Street—*Stapleton, Staten Island*) **Student Artists:** Berta A. Dreyfus Intermediate School 49R

Title of Art Table: "Beware: Danger - The Washington Gap"

Issue(s) Addressed: Students address the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and the gap between the rich and the poor.

Art Media: Mixed media collage

