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**20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER TO PRODUCE  
YOUTH ARTS & MEDIA FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2011**

Los Angeles, CA – (September 18, 2011) – On September 24, 2011, 20 community-based organizations will partner to present the second annual one-day celebration of youth arts and media in Los Angeles featuring films, photos, music, spoken word and dance performances, workshops, and more. The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome! **The Youth Arts and Media Festival will take place from 1:00 to 5:00 pm on September 24, 2011, at Mercado La Paloma, 3655 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007.**

Celebrating media arts work produced and curated by youth from throughout Los Angeles County, the event will include an exhibition of photographs curated by teen photographers; a film festival showcasing short films, animations, and multimedia works by youth; as well as music, dance, spoken word, and skate performances throughout the afternoon by groups of young people from various parts of LA, including Kid Frost, Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, DJ CIVIK, Knocksteady, Sessions LA, Kids Being Kids, Choice Group, Buddy Williams, Deaf Edge, Minerva Barrales, Acid Rain, ICD and OUTLIAR. Workshops will include DJ production, graffiti art, art cards, animation, bike repair, and more. Deanna Erdmann, Lead Photographer at Venice Arts, says, "It's wonderful to see this coalition of organizations from across Los Angeles grow in our second year of working together to present this festival. We are excited to build on the success of last year's festival and to showcase the tremendous talents of young artists and the work that organizations across the city are doing to engage youth in media-based arts."

**ABOUT YOUTH ARTS & MEDIA: LOS ANGELES**

Youth Arts & Media: Los Angeles (YAM) is a partnership of community-based organizations that are committed to providing teens and young adults in Los Angeles County with free access to high quality, technology-intensive media arts, visual, and music education. The organizations share in common a desire to encourage youth to use and understand digital technologies as vehicles for communication. Through YAM these organizations are seeking to leverage their resources and thus, strengthen their ability to promote the contributions of young artists. Youth served by YAM partners represent ethnic and economic diversity that is reflective of Los Angeles County, particularly historically disenfranchised communities.

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YAM was created in 2009 following a series of meetings convened by Venice Arts and Cassandra Malry of the California Consumer Protection Foundation. It has since grown into a partnership of 20 organizations: Choice Group Inc., ICEF Public Schools, CalArts Community Arts Partnership, Venice Arts, Echo Park Film Center, Bresee Foundation, Digital Dove, All Peoples Christian Center, Youth Speak, A Place Called Home, LA-Artist.com, LifeWorks, Long Beach YMCA Youth Institute, Little Tokyo Service Center, Urban Oasis, The Garage Board Shop, MOCA, Mobile Mural Lab, Project Great Futures, and Urban Canvas. The YAM Festival is sponsored in part by HBO.

**Learn more and see a video from last year's Youth Arts & Media Festival at [www.yamla.org](http://www.yamla.org)**

Images: Poster with details of the 2011 YAM Festival and photographs of the 2010 Festival.

**Hi-Res images available upon request.**

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