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MEDIA ALERT – Photo and Interview Opportunity

Renowned Artist/Activist Mel Chin and the Fundred Armored Truck Visit to PS 119 to Collect Fundred “Stimulus Package” from Brooklyn Students

BRIC’s Contemporary Art Education Program Proactively Addresses Threat of Lead Poisoning through the Fundred Dollar Bill Project, a Nationwide Social Art Action Project



Brooklyn, NY— BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn and partner school **P.S. 119 the Magnet School of Global and Ethical Studies** are pleased to be one of the final collection points in the **Fundred Dollar Project’s** nationwide initiative in support of a solution to the hidden lead problem in New Orleans. To collect student-made Fundred Dollar Bills, an armored truck powered by used vegetable oil from partner school cafeterias has been traveling 20,000 miles across the country since January, 2010. The truck will come to Brooklyn **Tuesday, June 8 at 9am** at Amersfort Park by P.S. 119. Fundred creator, renowned artist and activist **Mel Chin**, will be at the event. The collected Fundreds will be presented to the U.S.

Congress with a request for real funding to *make safe* lead-polluted soils in New Orleans.

WHEN Tuesday June 8, 9 am

WHERE Amersfort Park, Midwood Brooklyn
Ave J between E 38th and E 39th St
Midwood, Brooklyn

WHO Interview opportunities include:

Mel Chin, Artist/Activist and founder of the Fundred Dollar Bill Project

Tory, Driver of the Fundred Sous Terre Armored Truck

Lisa Fernandez, Principal, P.S. 119

Barbara Snow, Assistant Principal, P.S. 119

Hawley Hussey, Director of Contemporary Art Education, BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn

WHAT The event will feature an exchange of Fundreds between the Armored Truck Driver with Mel Chin and P.S. 119 students.

P.S. 119 students will be performing at the event, including the **P.S. 119 Steppers** who will be performing their signature P.S. 119 school step, and the **P.S. 119 Rhythm Group** who will be playing global celebration music.

The seven New York State collection centers will be **contributing 45,000 individual FUNDREDS**, more than any other participating state. Complete New York FUNDRED collection schedule:

**Tuesday, June 1, 10:15 a.m. at Hillside School, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
NYSATA Fundred Initiative**

Hillside Elementary School, 120 Lefurgy Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706
Contact Nate Morgan, Morgann@hastings.k12.ny.us for further information.

Friday, June 4, appx 2:00 p.m. at Smithtown High School, St. James, NY

Smithtown High School, 10 School St, St. James, NY 11780-1800
Contact Tim Needles, needlesart@aol.com for more information.

Sunday, June 6, 3:00 p.m. at Queens Museum of Art

Queens Museum of Art, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Flushing, NY 11368
Contact Lauren Schloss, LSchloss@queensmuseum.org for more information.

Tuesday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. at P.S. 119, The Magnet School for Global and Ethical Studies

PS 119, 3829 Avenue K, Brooklyn, NY 11210
Contact Johanna Taylor, jtaylor@bricartsmedia.org for more information.

Tuesday, June 8, 1:15 p.m. at High School for Leadership & Public Service, New York, NY

High School for Leadership & Public Service, Joyce Riley, 90 Trinity Place, New York, NY 10006
Contact Joyce Riley, joyceriley99@hotmail.com for more information.

About the Fundred Dollar Bill Project:

The **Fundred Dollar Bill Project** is raising nationwide awareness of the environmental threat of lead contamination and lead-poisoning by collecting the funds necessary for a model remediation effort in New Orleans. New Orleans is the initial focus of this ambitious project as 30-50% of inner city children are affected by elevated blood lead levels and at risk for severe learning disabilities and behavioral problems. In New Orleans, an estimated 86,000 properties with soil lead levels above 400 ppm was mapped pre-Katrina, an issue that has severely escalated since the hurricane. Mel Chin explains "there was a disaster before the disaster." The Fundred Dollar Bill Project is a way for citizens nationwide to engage in the creation of a safer environment for future generations. www.fundred.org



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