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UN: YOUTH ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE CARBON FOOTPRINT: LAUNCH ON 5 JUNE AT U.N. (MaximsNews.com, U.N.)

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This week over 600 pairs of shoes are being painted in five New York City schools. These vibrant and creative Art Miles Shoes of Hope will join hundreds of other shoes painted across the country at a display for World Environment Day at UN Headquarters, outdoor plaza in New York on 5 June 2007 at 12 PM.



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The World Environment Day event is being hosted by the World Federation of United Nations Associations, and marks the launch of a partnership project between the World Federation, the International Education and Resource Network and Channel Thirteen called "(OF)2: Our Footprints, Our Future".

Through (OF)2, young people around the world will use on-line tools to measure their current carbon footprint and to develop strategies for reducing their carbon usage.

The goal is for one million students around the world to join together with their families, their schools, and their communities to reduce the total global carbon footprint.

The Art Miles shoes of Hope are a visual representation of the collaboration and commitment that young people around the world are making to reduce their own carbon footprint and decrease their negative effects on the environment.

The shoes will be placed along the public installation piece "Uniting Painting" by famed artist Ranan Lurie that runs from inside the UN building down to the East River and over to Roosevelt Island.

The shoes painted in New York were mostly on the theme of climate change.

The painting process inspired the students to reflect on how they can make a difference to help save the environment not just for their own futures, but for the futures of those living in developing countries.

"This activity is helping the students to understand the link between poverty and climate change," said Joanne Tawfilis, Co-Founder Art Miles Mural Project.

"The student painters included a message in each shoe with their commitments for reducing their carbon production, addressed to its recipient," she said.

After the event, the shoes will be shipped to disadvantaged children in Africa through Art Miles Shoes of Hope - the NGO that originated the shoe painting program.

A thousand pairs of shoes were donated for this project by New York Knicks point guard Stephon Marbury of Starbury Shoes, who will be making an appearance at the



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event.

This event is being sponsored by the UN Environment Programme and the UN Office of Sport for Development and Peace. It will be a part of a full day of festivities including the "Fishes Feed Us" performance by 30 fifth-graders from PS124 in Chinatown/NYC (11am), and an appearance by Bindi Erwin (11:45am).

Participating Schools in NYC include: Bronx Preparatory Charter School (Bronx), Frank Sinatra School of the Arts (Queens), High School of Art and Design (Manhattan), Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School (Manhattan), PS 57 (Staten Island).

Footage will be available of New York school students painting the shoes, and they and the other presenters will be available for interviews at the event.

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