

Paths to the Park

Performance May 29, 2009 at Manchester Craftsman's Guild, Allegheny Commons Park and sites nearby



Photos by Larry Rippel

Program Description

The *Paths to the Park* three-part artist residency series featured performance artist Julia Mandle, who worked with local youth to develop a unique path-making system with a focus on Allegheny Commons.

From April 6 – 9, 2009, Mandle and her associates Sarah Lilley and Jeff Hlnicka worked with students from the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) educational programs to create chalk shoes. The project culminated in a free performance and a celebratory picnic on May, 29, 2009 in Allegheny Commons. Representatives from Northside organizations joined the students in a silent performance that utilized the chalk shoes to create paths leading to Allegheny Commons. Northside restaurant Bistro to Go was also on hand to provide food for audiences members.

Paths to the Park helped to create a vision of a better North Side growing out of meaningful partnerships and collaborations. The students at the core of this project demonstrated great resiliency, patience, risk-taking and teamwork.

Documentation and remnants of the work were exhibited in the MCG gallery at 800 Penn Avenue from June 15 – August 30, 2009.

Collaborative Partners

New Hazlett Theater
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild
Allegheny Commons Initiative

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