

the cloud foundation

## Crossing Cultures 2006: An Open House and Celebration of the Cloud Foundation's Boston-Paris Youth Exchange Program

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 | 6:00 – 8:30 pm | 647 Boylston Street, Boston

On November 1<sup>st</sup> you are invited to Cloud Place for an evening of dance, film, art exhibitions, and more as the Cloud Foundation celebrates the talents of teen artists and performers from Boston and Paris. Every year the Cloud Foundation invites a group of young artists from Paris to perform in Boston, meet local teen artists, and understand themselves in a new way through the vast cultural resources of the city of Boston. Students participate in local activities, make art or perform with peer groups, visit museums and art festivals, and take part in workshops with local artists.

In October 2006, 10 young women from the modern jazz dance troupe Indans'Cit  will come to the Cloud from Aubervilliers, France. Their stay will culminate with a performance during Crossing Cultures that is designed to create connections between individuals across cultural and linguistic barriers and to inspire international dialogue.

### *Also on the program for Crossing Cultures*

Dance performance by Ballet Rox, a youth-based professional ballet company founded by Anthony Williams to enrich young people's cultural experiences and break down racial and economic barriers in the community

Premiere screening of the Teen Film Curators' documentary on the history, mission, and daily life of Cloud Place.

Exhibition of screenprints and pinhole photographs created by participants in the Cloud's summer workshops for teens led by local artists Janice Rogovin and Jesus Matheus.

*Beneath the Surface*: an exhibition of mixed-media prints and drawings from RAW Artworks, a studio space and outreach program for teens in Lynn, MA. Through art therapy and other visual arts programming RAW encourages teens to express themselves and share their experiences and emotions with others through their work.

Large-format digital prints by Christopher Shelley celebrating the musicians of ZUMIX, an east Boston teen performance organization empowering young people to make positive changes in their lives through music.

More than three years worth of the Cloud's photos from Boston-Paris youth exchanges.

Crossing Cultures is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Cloud Place:**

A vibrant studio and performance space in the heart of Boston's Copley Square, Cloud Place is dedicated to enriching the lives of urban youth by supporting Boston-area arts and performance groups through space grants and mutually beneficial partnerships.

Cloud Place is run by the Cloud Foundation, whose mission is to support programs that build confidence, ambition, and hope in Boston at-risk youth through artistic creation and cross-cultural exchanges.

For more information or to schedule a visit to Cloud Place, please visit [www.cloudfoundation.org](http://www.cloudfoundation.org) or call 617.262.2949. Cloud Place is located at 647 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.