



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FREE ARTS PROGRAM TRAVELS TO NINE INDY PARKS FAMILY CENTERS

Arts for All program focuses on social change and behaviors

Discover your creative side and increase social awareness with *Arts for All* - a celebrated structured program offering youth and families a chance to create a life-long connection to the arts. The Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) is teaming-up with community-based artist LaShawnda Crowe Storm to bring a fun and inspiring, hands-on arts activity to your local park - *Quilting As Social Commentary*. The events are FREE, all ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Crowe Storm, who creates large-scale quilts with community participation, uses the craft to create social change: "If life were a photo, then my artwork would be its negative, seeking to explore those aspects in our society that have been ignored or forgotten ... By 'printing' these forgotten negatives, I give voice to the marginalized people and disregarded aspects of our society. For me art is my form of 'social work' and I use it to open doorways to community dialog, which is the first step to healing, which in itself leads to wider social change."

Crowe Storm will bring her passion for quilting and social change to the following Indy Parks Family Centers:

- Sept. 11- Christian Park, 10:30-1:30
- Sept. 18- Douglass Park, 11-2:00
- Oct. 16- Brookside Park, 12:30-3:30
- Oct. 23- Riverside Park, 11:30-2:30
- Nov. 6- Municipal Gardens, 10:30-1:30
- Nov. 13- Krannert Park, 9-12:00
- Dec. 11- Broad Ripple Park, 9:30-12:30
- Dec. 18- Windsor Village, 12:30-3:30



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- Jan. 15- Washington Park, 11:30-2:30

Arts for All, an ongoing program at the Garfield Park Arts Center, continues to educate and delight families on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the traditional school year, and every day in the summer. Families can explore performance, visual and language arts through fun, hands-on activities. Arts for All themes are based on exhibits displayed in the Arts Center and engage participants to create their own masterpieces. For more information visit www.indyparks.org or call (317) 327-7135.

