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**Revolving Museum's "Carnival of Creativity" on June 9 is
Second Venue for its ARTventures Public Art Program**

Historic Lucy Larcom Park will be transformed with stunning art installations as part of Lowell's city-wide *ARTventures* public art and urban revitalization program.

LOWELL, Mass., May 31, 2007 – Following the successful *ARTventures* grand opening festivities that attracted approximately 600 participants and observers to downtown Lowell on May 12, The Revolving Museum announced today that on June 9 from 7 pm to 11 pm it will kick-off a summer long "Carnival of Creativity," taking place at Lowell's Lucy Larcom Park, Mack Plaza and The Revolving Museum itself, all in close proximity. The event is free and open to the public, and will feature interactive games, visual art, music, dance, film, theatrical events, feats of science, food, games and more.

This is the second historic urban venue in Lowell to be transformed through "*ARTventures: A Creative Revolution in the Making*," believed to be the largest public art and urban revitalization program ever carried out in New England. The "Carnival of Creativity" involves more than 1,000 artists, youth, and community members who have collaborated on this public art festival. *ARTventures* (www.LowellARTventures.org) runs through September.

Lucy Larcom Park pays tribute to Lucy Larcom (1824-1893), who was one of the first important feminists in the country. She was a mill girl who labored under harsh conditions in Lowell's famous textile factories for an average of 70 hours per week during the American Industrial Revolution. The park is also home to Lowell High School, the second-largest public high school in Massachusetts.

Lucy Larcom Park features a promenade of walkways, architectural landmarks and a central canal, and includes several stone sculptures by artist Ellen Rothenberg inscribed with inspiring words from Larcom. But the historic park is not widely known, which is why it was selected for transformation through *ARTventures*.

"With her irrepressible spirit, Lucy Larcom rose above the oppression of her working environment to become a prominent poet of social injustice," said Jerry Beck, artistic director of The Revolving Museum. "To honor her legacy, 'Carnival of Creativity' will feature a 16-foot tall mill girl dress made of canvas with screen-printed designs that will hang from a flagpole in Lucy Larcom Park. In addition, dozens of smaller handmade and decorated mill girl dresses will be suspended like banners all over town."

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Mack Plaza features a dynamic natural and architectural environment that includes a Victorian Garden, fountain and park plaza along one of the city's many canals, which is partially covered with a brick vault. It also features the beautiful Mack Building, which is home to the Trolley Museum, a permanent historic train and working trolleys. The large deck outside the building is the first stop of the popular trolley tour.

A sampling of the compelling "Carnival of Creativity" artworks includes:

- **Be amazed by a giant public art dress** displayed at top a flag pole with 40 other mill girl style dresses painted by local artists and youth hanging over the canal.
- **Come play "The Green Game: Save the Earth,"** an artwork that involves world-renowned green chemistry scientist Dr. John Warner and the Boy Scouts.
- **See an incredible mythological sculpture** produced by Youth-Art-in Action (YAIA) and Cambodian master artist Yary Livan.
- **Spin the "Revolutionary Wheel of Change,"** a giant 20-foot high kinetic public artwork developed by more than 100 youth and artists.
- **Eat art from a public art garden of heirloom tomatoes** produced by artist Leah Gauthier in partnership with youth and staff from Acre Family Day care.
- **Explore an installation nestled along side one of the trees** by Jim Coates, Pam Goncalves's and UMASS art students.
- **Interact with a Skee-Ball™ style public artwork** fashioned like a birthday cake, made by Lowell High students to commemorate the school's 150th birthday. The artwork focuses on personal, social, environmental and political issues.
- **Laugh at loud when you see the world's largest "Rabbit's Foot"** constructed by sculptor Jack Welch.
- **Feel the emotions of a ceramic artwork created by youth** from the Cancer Center at Lowell General Hospital.

About The Revolving Museum

Revolving Museum is an evolving laboratory of creative expression for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities who seek to experience the transformative power of art. Through public art, exhibitions, and educational programs, The Museum promotes artistic exploration and appreciation; encourages community participation and growth; and provides opportunities for empowerment and social change. The Museum is a winner of the 2006 Massachusetts Cultural Council's Commonwealth Award.

The Museum is located at 22 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA 01852. It is open, free of charge, Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. The Revolving Museum is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization. For more information, call 978-YES-ARTS (978/937-2787) or visit www.revolvingmuseum.org.

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