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“United World College, MainStreet Las Vegas Host Public Forum on Community Arts & Culture Education Center”

Las Vegas, NM- This Saturday, everyone in the Las Vegas community will have an opportunity to design and program a Community Arts & Culture Education Center. United World College will host a community design forum (also known as a “charrette”) on this new center April 5, 2008, from 9am to 1pm in Kluge Auditorium on the UWC campus, followed by tours of Montezuma Castle. The purpose of the charrette is to brainstorm ideas for Arts & Culture programs at the First Baptist Church Building at University and 7th.

UWC, in partnership with MainStreet Las Vegas, will be working with Highlands University and several community organizations to develop and operate an all-new Arts & Culture Center for Las Vegas in the former First Baptist Church building.

“The possibility of an arts magnet school is on the table, as are K-12 arts augmentation (i.e., field trips, guest presenters), afterschool arts programs, undergraduate and post-graduate arts enrichment programs (i.e., mentorships, internships, studio visits, guest speakers, etc.), adult education in the arts, theater and music performance space, rehearsal space, shared non-profit office space,” said Roy Montibon, chairman of MSLV’s Arts & Culture District Committee, “and it simply could provide space for students from our different schools to hang out, share ideas and get to know each other. I’m sure this list is only just scratching the surface...”

UWC will provide shuttle bus service from the “Old Safeway” parking lot at 7th and Douglas. Pick up time is 8:15am. Returning shuttle will be back at the lot at approximately 1:45pm. Those who cannot attend the full forum are advised to arrange their own transportation.

“UWC-USA is very interested in building community relationships and in supporting and expanding educational opportunities—so we are excited about this opportunity for community collaboration and meaningful discussion.” UWC’s Elizabeth Morse said. “We have such a wealth of culture and experience in and around Las Vegas. It would be great to have representatives from all parts of our diverse community participate in Saturday’s event.”

Coffee and light snacks will be provided and UWC will be giving tours of the Castle starting at 1pm.

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