

WHEREAS: Three types of art objects have also been created to assist fundraising for Cambridge Cares About AIDS: Y Monoprints, Y Commemorative Glass work, and Y Shadow Boxes. Images can be seen at www.RalphBrancaccio.com; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the Cambridge City Council express their appreciation to Ralph Brancaccio for bringing The Y Project to Cambridge and helping to educate the public about HIV/AIDS, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Brancaccio on behalf of the entire City Council.

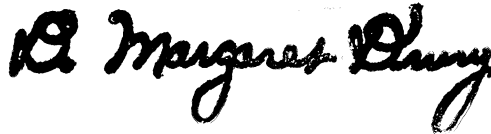
In City Council June 23, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Ralph Brancaccio's outdoor public art installation titled "The Y Project" opened June 14 at the Cambridge River Festival and will be displayed throughout Cambridge throughout this summer at Corporal Burns Park, Winthrop Square, Sennott Park, and Clement Morgan Park; and
- WHEREAS: This work is sponsored by New York Foundation for the Arts and funded in part by The Cambridge Arts Council, Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Puffin Foundation, and private donations; and
- WHEREAS: The aim of the "Y" Project is to promote a greater understanding of social issues through temporary sculptures placed in public space in the form of the letter Y to cultivate positive change over time; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge will be the third city hosting the project, which expresses a belief and serves as a reminder that change is possible, and we can reach common goals, and that the spirit of goodwill among people of all nations can prevail if we ask ourselves what role we play in the presented situations and work toward change. The project's power is in its simplicity and ability to plant a seed to benefit a cross-section of the community at large; and
- WHEREAS: Four artworks "Y Think", "Y Discriminate", "Y AIDS" and "Y Care" will be in this outdoor exhibition through April 2009. The Y shaped steel structures stand ten feet tall, and a word runs vertically down the Y; and
- WHEREAS: A partnership has been formed with Cambridge Cares About AIDS allowing them to promote AIDS prevention to the general community, and reinforce their visibility and dedication to an underserved community as well as the community at large. Youth from the Community Art Center's Teen Media Program are creating a documentary film on the installation and the community's response as a summer project. The finished film will be shown on August 13th and submitted to "Do It Your Damn Self" youth film festival in November. Community talks are scheduled throughout the year, the first being at the Broad Institute; and

RESOLUTION #27

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**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
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ORDER ADOPTED