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Fusion Arts Reclaims Mission Hill Park

WHERE: Sheehy Park, in Mission Hill, Roxbury, MA 02120

WHEN: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 12, 19, 2008. Tuesdays 5pm – 8pm.

WHO: Open to all Mission Hill youth and families, hosted by Sociedad Latina

WHAT: Fusion Arts is one of Sociedad Latina's many efforts to bring together the youth and community of Mission Hill.

Fusion Arts is a weekly series of multi cultural events planned and organized by active Sociedad Latina Youth Leaders in the Sonic Life program. The events will take place every Tuesday from 5pm-8pm, starting on July 7 and running until August 19. The six, *free* weekly night events will focus on multi cultural, bilingual activities ranging from performance and visual arts, dance, music, and many more.

Turning Sheehy Park into a cultural hub is part of Sociedad Latina's Summer Safety Initiative, which aims at preventing youth violence and reducing drug activity in the area during the evening hours. Fusion Arts will empower youth to organize and reclaim this beautiful spot as a positive space for youth and families can share in the celebration of their community.

The final Fusion Arts event in August will serve as the summer finale. It will showcase past art projects created during the summer, and feature a wide range of traditional and popular art forms in unique multimedia performances complete with food and music. A group of Youth Leaders that will document the Fusion Arts series will conclude the activities by premiering a video that will recap the summer's events.

The mission of Sociedad Latina is to work in partnership with youth to create the next generation of leaders. Founded in 1968, Sociedad Latina has grown into an organization that provides a comprehensive, community-responsive array of programs designed to empower Latino youth and their families. In 2007, while maintaining its commitment to remaining a Latino organization with a focus on Latino youth, Sociedad Latina now serves youth and families of all ethnicities and races, a testament to our commitment to the growing ethnic diversity of Roxbury and greater Boston. To find out more visit www.sociedadlatina.org.

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