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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Revolving Museum Celebrates “Primal Spirit” on Jan 9**

Exhibition and performances showcasing artworks that celebrate the primal spirit for one night only.

**LOWELL, Mass.: Dec 30, 2000** – On Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 7-10 p.m., The Revolving Museum presents ***Primal Spirit***, a celebration of ancient art, music, and language. This exhibit is a culmination of work by students from the 2009 fall semester programs: **Artbotics**, **Spirit Cypher**, **Free Verse!**, and **Vanguardian Art**.

In each semester of **Artbotics**, students are responsible for collectively choosing the design and theme. The latest theme is **Robozygous**, a series of kinetic sculptures inspired by Mayan glyphs. Each piece is a hybrid creature combining two animals – such as panda/eagle, cat/turtle and toucan/snake that will move in reaction to the viewer. Utilizing **microprocessors** and motors, each student **programmed and fabricated** their sculpture. The Artbotics program is a collaboration between UMass Lowell and The Revolving Museum **offered to local** high school students.

For the first time, Djembe drum artisan Dan Holt instructed **Spirit Cypher**, a twelve-week workshop, in which youth created their own African Djembe-inspired drum. Each drum functions as a musical instrument as well as an individual work of art. The drums will be on display before a performance later in the evening. All guests are welcome to bring their own drum and join the circle.

Connected to the evenings' theme, **Vanguardian Art** will display fiber art created through various manipulation techniques. Drawing upon Lowell's textile history with an emphasis on reduce, reuse, and recycle, these artworks repurpose second-hand textiles into unique sculptures.

A recent addition to The Revolving Museum family is **FreeVerse!**, a group dedicated to the art of spoken word, poetry, and the slam movement. Youth classes are held at the Museum with slam performances happening throughout Lowell. **FreeVerse!** will present a spoken word performance inspired by the *Primal Spirit* theme.

**One night only!** Check out *Primal Spirit* on **January 9, 2010, from 7-10 p.m.** on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the museum at 978-937-2787. The event is free and open to the public.

### **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 Revolving Museum is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization located at 122 Western Avenue #217, Lowell, MA 01851. For more information, call (978) YES ARTS (978/937-2787) or visit [www.revolvingmuseum.org](http://www.revolvingmuseum.org).

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