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Chinatown Youth Radio Project to launch Asian American youth radio show on WMFO 91.5 FM

The Chinatown Youth Radio Project, a program of the Asian Community Development Corporation and Chinatown Heritage Project, will premiere on April 8, 2006 from 3-4 pm. on WMFO 91.5 FM Tufts/ Medford Community Radio. The launch show, fully produced and engineered by local Asian American youth, will showcase the diversity of Asian American youth experiences and interests as the students bring their voices and concerns to the airwaves.

The launch show will feature a playlist of music, chosen by the youth, from various genres, and will also present feature pieces on student interests such as photography, art, and entertainment; commentaries on news and social issues; and a calendar of upcoming events in the Chinatown and Asian American communities of Greater Boston.

The Chinatown Youth Radio Project introduces youth to community radio as a means of engaging the community, promoting positive change, and developing an independent and creative voice in the media. It is the only program in the country dedicated to bringing Asian American youth voices to the public. The Chinatown Youth Radio Project provides a platform for Asian American youth to represent themselves in the media by producing content that gives authentic insight into their opinions and concerns, which are often ignored or absent in mainstream mass media.

According to Lisa Ho, a participant in the project and junior at North Quincy High School, "The Chinatown Youth Radio Project allows my voice to be heard in a society that usually doesn't."

The Chinatown Youth Radio Project is a comprehensive youth development program that promotes youth leadership through the medium of radio. After months of training in broadcasting, writing, recording, and audio production, students in the program not only write and produce the content, but also take charge in promoting and engineering the live radio broadcast.

Starting with the launch show on April 8, the Chinatown Youth Radio Project will be heard on WMFO 91.5 FM every Tuesday from 4-5 pm, and Saturday 3-4 pm. The live broadcast can also be heard through itunes.com radio, and streamed from WMFO's website at www.wmfo.org.

The Asian Community Development Corporation, a community-based organization, is committed to high standards of performance and integrity in serving the Asian American community of Greater Boston, with an emphasis on preserving and revitalizing Boston's Chinatown. The Chinatown Heritage Project is an innovative series of programs designed to preserve the stories of the neighborhood through cultural and neighborhood development; it is lead by a partnership between Asian Community Development Corporation, the Chinese Historical Society of New England, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the United Commercial Bank.