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**MELTDOWN RECEIVES RACIAL HARMONY &
DIVERSITY AWARD FROM CHASE MANHATTAN**

Meltdown Inc., the Park Slope-based, not-for-profit social service arts agency has been named the recipient of a Racial Harmony & Diversity Award from the Chase Manhattan Bank. The award includes a gift from the Chase Manhattan Foundation for \$15,000 which will enable Meltdown to continue its innovative programming for teenagers, homeless and formerly homeless women. Meltdown was honored for its unique work at a ceremony on November 25 at Chase Manhattan World Headquarters.

Meltdown began as an experimental arts organization in 1983, and has a long history of working to promote greater understanding among diverse groups. From the celebrated concert that brought together the famed composers John Cage and Sun Ra, to the present violence prevention and leadership programs for youth and women such as *Teenscenes* and *Voices of the Armory*, Meltdown has exemplified programs which confront the racist and sexist roots of urban violence.

Bronwyn Rucker, CSW and Rick Russo are Meltdown's founding directors. Meltdown maintains an office and studio space at 346 Flatbush Avenue, and may be reached at (718) 857-MELT, or by e-mail, downmelt@aol.com.

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