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Public Art Opening Ceremony  
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**Opening ceremony for the “Avenue of the Immigrants” SIGN + PATH project, a public art installation.**

(Chinatown, June 21st) Hester Street Collaborative, M.S. 131, the UNRAP coalition, (United Neighborhoods to Revitalize Allen and Pike) and Leroy Street Studio would like to invite you to the “Avenue of the Immigrants” opening ceremony.

This project, in honor of the co-naming of Allen Street to “The Avenue of the Immigrants”, celebrates a broad range of immigrants, artists, activists, and even buildings that have contributed to the rich cultural history and diversity of these communities. This site-specific installation is the culmination of a two-year intergenerational collaboration between local residents, cultural organizations, and public school students at M.S. 131 participating in HSC’s Ground Up program. This project is designed to strengthen the community led effort to reclaim the Allen and Pike Street corridors.

WHO: Hester Street Collaborative, M.S. 131 and the UNRAP Coalition

Honoree’s: Damaris Reyes, Good Old Lower East Side  
Margaret Chin, Asian Americans for Equality  
Deacon Edgar J. Hopper, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

WHAT: Opening ceremony for the “Avenue of the Immigrants” SIGN + PATH installation.

WHERE: Allen Street Mall #3 (between Hester + Grand)

WHEN: June 21st, 2006 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

WHY: To celebrate the opening of the Avenue of the Immigrants installation, the student designers, and to honor individuals who have served the immigrant communities of the Lower East Side.