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Leonardo Tombelli, a Volunteer with the Perugia Committee said, "We're very lucky that ArtPrize continues the entire year as represented by this painting. And so that is a very nice aspect of this that maybe the original visionaries may not have thought of, but

certainly we're reaping the benefits of that."

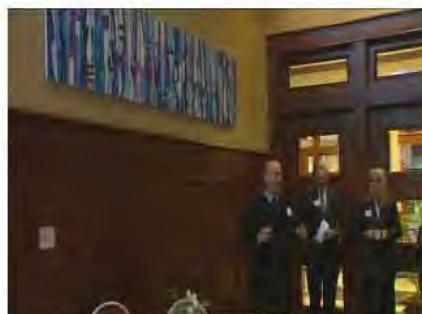
During ArtPrize 80 handpainted river rocks surrounded the piece. The stones were hand painted by students from Thornapple Elementary School.

By Christa Graban

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## L'ARTISTA PERUGINO LUIGI MARZO PROTAGONISTA A GRAND RAPIDS

Ha realizzato numerose mostre e anche uno dei manifesti di Umbria Jazz



**PERUGIA** – Un artista perugino, **Luigi Marzo** (nella foto), è stato tra i protagonisti di Art Prize, festival di arte contemporanea che si è svolto per la seconda volta a Grand Rapids, città del Michigan gemellata con Perugia. Proprio nelle relazioni del gemellaggio si è inquadrata la partecipazione di Marzo, pugliese di origine ma ormai perugino di adozione. A Perugia Marzo ha realizzato numerose mostre, ed ha pure realizzato uno dei manifesti di Umbria Jazz. Ad Art Prize partecipano migliaia di artisti, americani e non, e le loro opere coinvolgono in pratica tutti gli spazi della città, interni ed esterni: strade, piazze, caffè, ristoranti, musei, biblioteche, uffici pubblici, esercizi commerciali.

L'opera di Marzo, "Fiume Oceano", è stata in un primo momento esposta in un ristorante italiano, e poi, grazie all'iniziativa del Comitato di gemellaggio Grand Rapids – Perugia, è stata collocata nella biblioteca della Grand Valley State University nel centro della città. Alla cerimonia hanno preso parte il sindaco di Grand Rapids, il Console italiano a Detroit ed il rettore dell'Università.

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### Perugian Artist participates in ArtPrize 2010

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**Kokapena** Grand Rapids

**Sortzailea** Grand Rapids Sister Cities International (GRSCI)

**Argibide gehiago** Our Sister City of Perugia is partnering with Grand Rapids Sister Cities International Perugia Committee to send artist Luigi Marzo to participate in ArtPrize 2010. His piece will arrive in Grand Rapids with Mr. Marzo this September and be on display through October 10th, the final ArtPrize date. Mr. Marzo will be donating his entry to GRSCI and the Perugia Committee for the citizens of Grand Rapids to enjoy permanently! (Marcy Yanus)

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Grand Rapids Sister Cities International (GRSCI)



**Luigi Marzo - ArtPrize Artist Profile - A radically open art contest, Grand Rapids Michigan.**

[www.artprize.org](http://www.artprize.org)

In The River Ocean, an amazing long pannel, Luigi Marzo echoes some melodic and rhythmic sensations and creates many others very new and ...

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## ARTPRIZE PAINTING DONATED TO GVSU



**Dedication:**

Viewers gather in the foyer of the Steelcase Library at Grand Valley State University's Pew Campus to dedicate the ArtPrize painting "The River Ocean," by Italian artist Luigi Marzo. The acrylic was donated to GVSU by the Grand Rapids Sister Cities International Perugia Committee.

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## «Fiume Oceano» di Luigi Marzo a Grand Rapids

— PERUGIA —

UNA TELA di insolite dimensioni, un rotolo alto neppure 70 centimetri che si dipana per tre metri e 46, un formato strano e invitante per un artista come Luigi Marzo sempre pronto alla sperimentazione intelligente. Lo ha messo da parte, ci ha pensato sopra, poi vi ha impresso la sua cultura, gli echi della Magna Grecia, il mito, l'andar per mare, il movimento, il desiderio di scoprire come Ulisse moder-

no. Un'opera (acrilico su tela su tavola) che è un teorema del pensiero, un movimento nel blu, irrealità fusa con emozioni lontane: linee, andamenti, armonie in questo «Fiume Oceano», titolo che è un programma di vita e sensibilità. Risultato notevolissimo che ha varcato la grande strada del mare ed è approdato, con l'aiuto del Comune perugino, alla città gemellata di Grand Rapids dapprima al secondo Art Prize, festival di arte contemporanea, poi in «solitaria». Accoglienza esaltante,

Marzo ha dialogato della sua visione e fatto performance coi bambini delle elementari. Alla Grand Valley University cerimonia solenne per la donazione dell'opera, collocata sul lato sinistro dell'ingresso della biblioteca.

Parole di riconoscenza: sono intervenuti il sindaco di Grand Rapids, il console generale d'Italia a Detroit, Marco Nobili, l'ex ambasciatore Peter Secchia, il rettore, il curatore d'arte dell'ateneo, Henry Matthews. Proiezione di tre videoclip, calore: così Fiume Oceano porta amicizia, l'acqua è ponte liquido tra i popoli.

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## Two Forest Hills Schools Participate in ArtPrize



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Students from two Forest Hills Schools will have their works displayed in this years ArtPrize festival.

During the 2009-2010 school year, fifth grade students at Goodwillie Environmental School constructed a 24' birch bark voyageur style canoe with Native American consultant Kevin Finney. Using primitive tools, students fashioned the canoe out of birch bark and split cedar logs, and used spruce roots to bind it together. This style of canoe would have been used by Native Americans on the Grand River 200 years ago and would typically hold 3,000 pounds and be paddled by 7 - 9 men.

The canoe is entered in ArtPrize and will be displayed at the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology (WMCAT), 98 East Fulton, in Grand Rapids, from September 22 through October 10.

All the second graders at Thornapple Elementary will use their talents to enhance an ArtPrize submission by Luigi Marzo entitled The River Ocean. The 11-foot-long painting, displayed at La Scala in the Ledyard Building, 125 Ottawa NW in Grand Rapids, will feature river rocks painted by the eighty second graders. The rocks will be placed in front of the painting to give the feeling of the riverbed.

The collaboration came about through Thornapple's four-year Sister City relationship with Perugia, Italy, Marzo's hometown. The school is hoping to coordinate a visit with Marzo when he is in town for ArtPrize.

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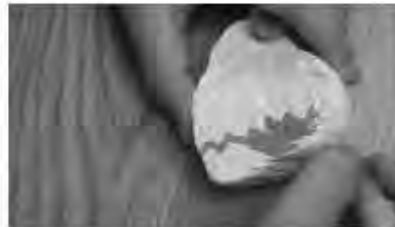
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A Thornapple second grade student paints one of the many river rocks used as part of an ArtPrize display.

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