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North Andover and Lawrence, Mass. – Visionary Drumming of North Andover and CLASS, Inc. of Lawrence partner to receive a matching grant from UCLArts and Healing (www.uclartsandhealing.org) for a free trial program for a Drum Table, a new product line by REMO, Inc. (www.remo.com).

During the free trial period, Monique G. Morimoto and Stephen E. Whitney of Visionary Drumming are developing and delivering a curriculum for the Drum Table then tracking and documenting benefits and outcomes from the participants at CLASS's Wilmington facility with the support of Lisa Beck, Director of Day Habilitation at CLASS. Feedback will help REMO ascertain the benefits of the drum table and how it can be used before it officially goes on the market. This Drum Table utilizes a Comfort Sound technology that offers a lower pitch to facilitate rhythmic synchronicity without overstimulation

Visionary Drumming is a project of SoulWorks Rhythm® (www.soulworksrythm.com) who provides rhythm-based wellness and empowerment programs for adults with disabilities, seniors and people with Alzheimer's, dementia and Parkinson's disease in assisted living facilities, nursing homes and adult day health centers. SoulWorks Rhythm also provides team building, community drum circles for celebratory events in the Greater Boston, Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire.

CLASS, headquartered in Lawrence, Mass., since 1976, supports people with disabilities, their families and their caregivers by building an environment supported by community partnerships and life enrichment programs. CLASS promotes people's abilities through innovative programs such as group empowerment drumming and the Drum Table so they can participate and take advantage of what life has to offer.

Scientific research and anecdotal evidence suggests that group drumming can facilitate engagement and creativity, verbal and nonverbal self-expression and communication, socialization, community building, stress reduction, improved moods, movement, energy boosting, calming, centering, attentiveness and focus.

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Monique Morimoto, MS, CPCC is a certified life coach who facilitates transformational conversations with and without drums. Monique has an MS in Quality Management and is a trained taiko drummer and performer. She cofounded SoulWorks Rhythm® with Stephen E. Whitney, a professional percussionist with over 40 years' experience to help people find their voices through rhythm and drumming. In 2013 they created the collaborative project, Visionary Drumming with Cornell Coley of www.Afrolatin.net, a long time rhythm- based educator and performer out of Boston, MA.

For more information on our programs see:

SoulWorks Rhythm: www.soulworksrhythm.com

Visionary Drumming: www.visionarydrumming.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/soulworksrhythm

For videos of the Drum Table see:

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=4456989279120>

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=4457070281145>

DRUM TABLE, PRE-TUNED, 40"X5", NSL

<http://www.remo.com/portal/products/684/893/898/DT-4240-16-NSL.htm> 40" drum table:



Mission: To facilitate the use of the arts for mind-body wellness and healing in the community, as a vehicle for empowerment and transformation.

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