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Community Programs in the Arts

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## ART IN YOUR INBOX

Powering imaginations, learning and life with the arts

### Teens Get Active With The Arts



COMPAS and the downtown Saint Paul YMCA teamed up to energize teens during their summer break with free arts and exercise. Almost as many poems were written as basketball points scored! OK that might be an exaggeration.



But with the spoken word and musical skills they learned from COMPAS artist Kristoff Krane, the teens revealed inspired creativity.

### Plan Your Fall COMPAS Programs



**Creativity isn't owned by the arts... it's taught by them. And creativity is an essential part of every kid's education. Stop by [our website](#) to explore program options for your local school.** Whether you want visual arts, music, spoken word, writing, theater, dance or something else, we've got you covered. Our high-caliber artists provide one of a kind instruction.

To view our roster of artists go [here](#).

To book a COMPAS program click [here](#).

### Artist Spotlight: *Multifaceted Writer, May Lee-Yang*



**"Arts education fosters creativity and nurtures people's voices. The arts are also an engaging way to discuss tough topics. Within my work at COMPAS, I've seen students use poetry as a way to talk about death, adoption, racism, diversity, and community healing. By sharing their own work, they invited others to write about their own struggles."**

[Read](#) May's approach to writing and her exciting work in the Hmong community.

### Back to School Shopping? Head to JCPenney

**Shop for a great cause!** Head to JCPenney during August and you'll help ensure the arts remain an essential element of the school experience for Minnesota students by [rounding up your purchases to the nearest dollar](#). Contributions will be donated to JCPenney Cares to help fund national and local arts education programs through partnerships such as Young Audiences Art for Learning. COMPAS is the Minnesota Young Audiences affiliate.



Click [here](#) for more information.

### Summer is Almost Over... Time for Fried Whatchamacallit & COMPAS Giving

As the end of summer approaches, the State Fair is inevitably a big topic of conversation. So don't forget to eat your fill of fried goodies, checkout the awesome COMPAS-awarded student artwork in the Education Building and while you're at it, make a donation to COMPAS! We promise your stomach will feel just fine after doing the latter.



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Every \$16 donated to COMPAS provides another Minnesotan the opportunity to have a one-of-a-kind, award-winning experience with a COMPAS musician, writer, performer or visual artist.

**Thank you** for making a gift today and enriching your community with the arts!