



The Future of Writing Looks Exceptional

Never has a room been so full of pride and achievement as Landmark Center's cortile last Saturday at the 36th Anthology Celebration & Reading. *The River Starts Flowing* includes poems, stories and spoken word pieces by 80+ Minnesota students. Dozens of them came to read their published pieces aloud and share their amazing accomplishment with families, friends, teachers and COMPAS writers.

[Learn more](#) about the COMPAS Anthology and purchase your own copy for \$15 by emailing [Emma](#) or calling 651.292.3265.



Your support of creativity today will propel young people and older adults to thrive in this world. In this season of giving, will you join the entire COMPAS staff and board in ensuring everyone has access to high-quality creative experiences?

Lights, camera...take action today!

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How does a meteorologist use creativity?

Two new blog posts in December! University of Minnesota Meteorologist & Climatologist, [Mark Seeley discusses creativity's role](#) in our understanding of climate change and [read](#) what COMPAS' Arts Program Director, Daniel Gabriel thinks of the new K-12 education act, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Creative Conversations

Artist Spotlight: *Swedish Songster*, Ross Sutter

"The future belongs to the creative and COMPAS fosters that in its artists and the work that it does in the schools and communities."

[Read](#) Ross' journey from plumber to New York performer



Youth Boost with Donveyea Watson

"My experiences in ArtsWork truly allowed me to expand my creativity as well as gave me room to learn and grow as an aspiring artist and business leader."

[See](#) what Donveyea is up to now, you might be surprised.

Creativity Flourishes at Gala

At last week's gala everyone was in agreement. Creativity is essential. Attendees proved it with their generous gifts. COMPAS raised over \$30,000 that will bring creativity to Minnesotans of every age!



Thanks to COMPAS artists Kalpulli Ketzal Coatlicue, Desdamona, and Ross Sutter with Meadowview Elementary students for their energizing performances.

A special thank you to Marcy and Randy Betcher, the recipients of the [Molly Taylor award](#) for their long-term commitment to arts access in Minnesota.



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