



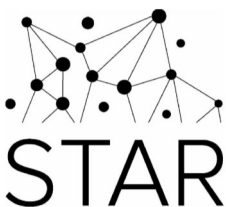
Painting Away The Usual

Way up in Northern Minnesota, where winter hits hardest, students were able to escape the grayness through vibrant watercolor painting. Karlstad's Tri-County elementary and middle schoolers spent a week in January with COMPAS artist [Jim Mondloch](#) learning all about color, texture, values, design, washes, and brushstrokes. Using these new skills students painted their imaginations, creating original artwork that took them outside their familiar routine and opened up an alternative way of expressing themselves.



Interested in participating in one of Jim's watercolor workshops? Weisman Art Museum is hosting one for adults on Saturday, April 9th. Sign up [here](#).

COMPAS Partners with Science Museum of MN & Stepping Stone Theatre on Summer Camp



COMPAS artist [Teresa Cox](#) will be doing arts programming at the *A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths* summer camp for youth ages 6-12 during two different weeks this summer, [June 27th-July 1st](#) and [August 15th-19th](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more about this exciting collaboration & to register a kiddo for this great opportunity!

Brush Up On The Blog!

The blog is alive and well in February! This month, [COMPAS celebrates Black History Month](#) by delving into programs that educate Minnesotans about African American history and as long-time COMPAS artist, T. Mychael Rambo puts it, "unify diverse backgrounds and break down barriers."

Also, COMPAS' Director of Strategic Development, Joan Linck shares her thoughts on [Stretching Our Creative Limits and Why It's Worth It](#).

Creative Conversations



Youth Boost with Nikki Hunt

"ArtsWork was my introduction to Minnesota's arts community. It gave me a sense of belonging and purpose, something I hadn't felt the previous summer while watering lawns."

[Read](#) how donor-supported ArtsWork led Nikki to her current role at Springboard for the Arts.

Less Than 2 Months Away...

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 23rd** for our second annual [Arts & Crafts event](#).

Enjoy craft beer & spirits from 13 local breweries & distilleries, live music from **Candid Kid**, plus a solo, acoustic performance from **LISSIE!**

Early bird [tickets](#) available now!



72% of business leaders say creativity is of high importance when hiring. Well, you're in luck because the arts teach creativity and COMPAS is overflowing with arts!

Will you join COMPAS today in ensuring people of all ages have access to high-quality creative experiences?



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