



ART IN YOUR INBOX

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COMPAS + Libraries = Animated Experiences

You can learn amazing things at your local library! Just ask participants of the COMPAS animation workshops held at ten different Hennepin County libraries this fall. As part of our expanding work with Minnesota libraries, participants in these free and open-to-the-public workshops learned how to tell a story with sound and moving pictures from talented COMPAS animation artist John Akre. In no time at all, kids were creating their own stop motion animation stories. Fun and creativity at the library on a Saturday morning... take that, video games.



Check out all ten short [videos](#) and find out the secrets of "Star Planet," watch the epic conclusion of "Kids vs. Killer Candy" and see what "The Book of Magic" can teach you!

If you want COMPAS programs in your local library let them know about us! For info about our library programs contact Emma at emma@compas.org

Introducing the COMPAS blog!

You heard right! COMPAS now has it's very own blog. Check out our first post: [Stoking the Flame of Creativity](#) by COMPAS' Executive Director, Dawne Brown White.

Keep checking back, as we explore aspects of creativity in all areas of life... at school, at work, at play... and give you a behind the scenes look at creativity at work throughout Minnesota.

Boost Creativity this Give to the Max Day!



Support COMPAS on Give to the Max Day, Thursday, November 12th! Schedule your gift any time between November 1st—12th at compas.org/donate



Artist Spotlight: Didgeridoo Gurus, Steve Sklar & Johnna Morrow

"We've all seen the statistics: students who are engaged in arts and music curriculum tend to have higher test scores in math, science, writing, etc. But we shouldn't forget the intrinsic value of art itself: it IS the ability and skill of taking inner experience, be it an idea or concept, a feeling, a hope, an image, an invention.... inspiration... and expressing it in the 3-D, physical world. This is an extremely important need, now more than ever, and other subjects don't teach that."



Know what a didgeridoo is? Throat singing? [Read about](#) Steve & Johnna's unique skills and the difference between micro and macro listening.

COMPAS Public Art Project

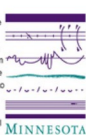
New COMPAS public art is on it's way to Saint Paul! COMPAS Artists Sharra Frank, May Lee-Yang, Katrina Knutson & Witt Siasoco with help from public art consultant, Ta-coumba Aiken are busy planning & designing murals for the Maryland Avenue railroad bridge & Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary for the North End in St. Paul. This fall, the community had several opportunities to provide their input on the project which the artists are utilizing in their designs. Next steps will be getting approval from the City of St. Paul and the BNSF railroad.



Watch this space for project updates and how YOU can get involved in this spectacular public art!



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Don't Forget To Mark Your Calendars

***Thursday, December 10th, 2015:** Celebrating a World of Creativity: A Gala Dinner in Support of COMPAS from 6-9pm at Dove Hill in Saint Paul

* **Saturday, December 12th, 2015:** Celebration & Reading of COMPAS' 36th Anthology of Student Writing, *The River Starts Flowing* from 1-3pm at Landmark Center



Thank you!

Thanks to you, COMPAS opens the door for people to take risks, try something new, and to learn and grow as they work side-by-side with Minnesota's most talented artists!



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