

ART IN YOUR INBOX

Powering imaginations, learning and life with the arts

First Grade Poetry!

I Am A Snowflake

*I am a snowflake falling from the sky. I fly in the wind like an ice fairy.
My scientific name is an ice crystal. When rain freezes, I am what I am.
When I pile up, it is cold. I am as white as a white board.
I fall in the winter. The sun makes me melt.
I want you to shovel me now! Get me off the street! I'll make a blizzard if you don't.
You put your coat, boots and snow pants on, or you're not going to play with me!*

- Modesty Manion
Teaching Artist: Susan Marie Swanson

Last December COMPAS celebrated its 34th Anthology, "Universal Community" with a student reading at Landmark Center. The book published poems, songs, fiction and spoken word pieces from over 100 student writers selected through COMPAS programs from 2011-2013. Over half of them proudly read their pieces for the large audience. Through the ceremony the students gained great confidence, not just in their writing but in public speaking.

Freddy Keillor, an Oak-Hill Montessori student, received a Lillian Wright Creative Writing Award for his piece, "A Photo." [Watch](#) Freddy read his piece.



To purchase a copy of *Universal Community* please contact Emma at 651.292.3287 or development@compas.org. Each book is \$15. You are welcome to pick them up at our office or we can ship it to you for \$4.

Artist Spotlight: Mixed-Media Guru Chloe Hilden



"The arts are sometimes the only voice a student has and if they are not given the opportunity to discover that voice they may not believe in their own potential."

Read more about Chloe's view on the arts and why focusing on the end product is not what is most important.

Click [here](#) for the full interview.

COMPAS Turns 40...Time to Celebrate!

SAVE THE DATES!

COMPAS "Masterpiece in the Making" Artist Showcase on the University of MN Showboat *Friday, May 2nd* from 6:00 to 9:30pm. Bring your friends and join COMPAS and emcee T.Mychael Rambo for cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and a spectacular showcase of COMPAS performing artists. For more details or to buy tickets click [here](#).

Reunion of Former & Current COMPAS Artists & Administrators *Thursday, April 17th* from 4:30 to 7:00pm at Landmark Center. If you worked with COMPAS anytime during the last 40 years come join us for food, festivities & fun. To RSVP, email development@compas.org.



COMPAS to Pass the United Arts Fund Baton



COMPAS Executive Director, Dawne Brown White, and Matt Hunter, Executive Director of Community Shares of Minnesota, jointly announced on February 28 that the two non-profits are transitioning the duties of administering United Arts Fund monies in the Twin Cities from COMPAS to Community Shares of Minnesota.

Since 1954 Minnesotans have had the opportunity to conveniently support the arts through direct contributions or payroll deductions paid to the United Arts Fund. This cooperative agreement lets both COMPAS and Community Shares of Minnesota focus their resources on their core strengths; minimizes administrative expenses for United Arts Fund; and ensures UAF contributions continue to be raised and disbursed to a range of organizations that are integral to the fabric of our community.

[Read full announcement](#)

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