



COMPAS Artists & a President Inspire Youth

Have you ever wanted to say something really important but couldn't figure out how to say it? Or wanted to DO something but weren't sure how or where to start?

1,200 middle and high school youth from across Minnesota gathered at the Nobel Peace Prize Youth Festival on March 6th to figure out just that about a weighty topic... world peace and how they can "Be the Change." They got a little help from COMPAS artists Frank Sentwali, Heidi Jeub, and Katrina Knutson, and inspiration from keynote speaker and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, President Jimmy Carter.

Working with the COMPAS artists, students created imagery using spoken word, graffiti-style painting and visual journaling to express their ideas for how youth can Be the Change and make our world a better place. Their poems and paintings are being used to spark discussions on peace building and community action.



Your gift helps youth build creative tools they can use throughout their life. Who knows what big topic they'll tackle next!

[Click here](#) to learn more about this powerful festival.

Creativity to the Rescue!



What's your creative super power?

Families had a blast answering that question at COMPAS' art-making booth during Rock the Ordway Family Day. Kids (and parents) had a magical time transforming into powerful superheros and displaying their secret creative powers for all to see.



Creativity has the power to save the world! What's your creative super power?

Notice Something New?



Exciting changes are coming to COMPAS' look! The branding work EPIC donated to COMPAS last summer (the new logo, tagline and language) is about to go live! The new logo has made appearances since the beginning of the year, and we are about ready to launch our updated website. Check it out in early April!

Artist Spotlight: Susana de León of Kalpulli Ketzal Coatlucue



Photo by Tim Koering

"Youth are engaging and innovating and they often times surpass their mentors and transform the process. I have become a better designer, leather worker and painter by having young dancers involved in the group."

[Check out](#) the rest of Susana's interview and learn about the amazing work your support helps Susana and Kapulli Ketzal Coatlucue bring to rural Minnesota through COMPAS programs.

We want you to join us at Arts & Crafts, May 2nd!

Come join us as we celebrate the arts and raise funds for students at our first **Arts & Crafts** fundraiser. Lots of fun to be had including **tastings** from Minnesota breweries and distilleries, live music from **Communist Daughter** and **The Jack Brass Band**, and a variety of games and activities. The best part? You'll be supporting creativity in Minnesota!

The event takes place at the Uppercut Boxing Gym in Northeast Minneapolis' arts corridor, recently designated the nations' "Best Arts District" by USA Today!

For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit: compas.org/events

As of March 26 participating breweries & distilleries include:
612 Brew | Brau Brothers Brewing Company
Northgate Brewing | Sociable Cider Werks
Summit Brewing Company | Tin Whiskers Brewing Company
Wander North Distillery



At COMPAS, we believe participation in the arts is a vital part of education, and the voice we give people through creativity has the power to change the world.

Who's creative super power will your gift inspire?



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