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Powering imaginations, learning and life with the arts

Children's Hospital Patients Heal With Music

There's nothing like an energetic beat and a clap-along good song to lift your spirits.

With music from COMPAS artists, young patients at Children's Hospitals of Minnesota are transported away from tests and procedures so they have time to just be kids.



Through our award-winning partnership with Children's Hospitals of Minnesota, patients and their families enjoy high-caliber, interactive, cultural performances. Kids who are able join the hospital's legendary host, The Dude, at the in-house STAR studio. Laughter, singing and sometimes even dancing are known to break out at these live performances. Those who are confined to their beds can join in the fun through the hospital's TV network, even calling during the show to ask the artists questions.

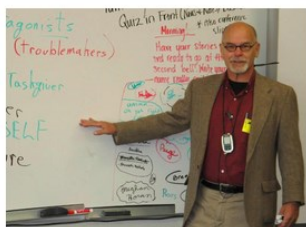
Shows are re-broadcast over time so new patients can savor these unique performances.

This is not only a transformative experience for the patients but the performing artists are thoroughly moved by the positive reaction of the kids who are going through so much.



So far this year, COMPAS artists The Maroons, Voice of Culture, Orkestar Bez Ime, and The Talking Strings have performed. Upcoming performances this fall include Lau Hawaiian Collective, Maqam, Tres Mundos and Traki.

Artist Spotlight: Stephen Peters, Writer Extraordinaire



"If there were no arts education and the production of art were left to a small priesthood, then we would all be tempted to lean back on our couches and passively take in what greater minds than ours had created. We would become physically and mentally slack. So I guess we need more, not less arts education at all levels."

[Read](#) about Stephen's 25 years as a COMPAS artist and the hopefulness he gains from his students.

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Thursday, November 13th!**

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Educator Advisory Committee Members Wanted!

Help influence learning through the arts in Minnesota! COMPAS is looking for educators from a range of teaching backgrounds to provide COMPAS with insight and guidance to better meet the needs of teachers, schools and programs throughout the state. **You do not need to teach the arts or be an arts expert.** We are looking for individuals who teach any subject, grade or program area. Meetings will be 2-3 times a year, and we are looking for Advisers who have the capacity to reach out to other teachers to share concepts and get feedback on fees, curriculum, marketing, etc.

Have we sparked your interest? Great! Send an e-mail to Betsy Mowry Voss at betsy@compas.org for more information or call 651-292-3259 by December 12, 2014.

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