



The Arts Hit the Ground Running This School Year



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Students across Minnesota are starting the school year off in a big way as they connect with the life-changing POWER of creativity. COMPAS artists are connecting St. Louis Park High School and South View Middle School students with spoken word; Aztec dance at La Academia; weaving at the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind; videography and spoken word at Rochester STEM Academy; and theater at Groveland Elementary. We can't wait to see what the rest of the school year will bring.

Want to hear more about our wide array of programs? [Yes, I do!](#)

Creative Conversations

Artist Spotlight: Theatre Traveler, Taous Khazem

"Arts education is needed in our community to expand children's worlds. Art gives children a chance to express themselves in new ways that perhaps hadn't been available to them before. Kids who have trouble sitting still have the opportunity to get up and move. A teacher comes in who says you want to make a funny noise? Yes please! Just do it on cue!"



What is it like doing theater in Algeria? [Find out](#) in Taous' complete interview.

ArtsWork Press Conference & Ribbon Cutting



North End, greeting residents and visitors and reflecting the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

How is ArtsWork providing arts employment for low income and/or high risk youth? Your answer is [here](#).

Last Saturday at Marydale Park COMPAS and community leaders celebrated the completion of the Marydale Park Mural at the BNSF Railway underpass! Apprentices employed through the COMPAS ArtsWork program were hard at work all summer, working alongside COMPAS teaching artist [Katrina Knutson](#) to hand-paint the mural. The cleaned and painted underpass will serve as a gateway to Saint Paul's



Ward 5 City Councilmember Amy Brendmoen & COMPAS Board President Roderic Hernub Southall

Last Chance: Nominate a school for our Art Supply Giveaway!

Each year, COMPAS staff and artists donate new and gently used art supplies to giveaway to a Minnesota school. Supplies include everything from oil pastels, to maraccas, books and notebooks. It's a creative mix of items you can use for almost anything!

- Schools can only be nominated on the [COMPAS Facebook page](#).
- Schools can be nominated more than once, and each nomination is added to the pool of potential winners.
- The winner is drawn at random during the first week of October.
- COMPAS will deliver supplies within the Greater Metro area. Schools outside that area can arrange for their own delivery or pickup at our office!
- **Deadline for nominations: Friday, September 30th**

It's Almost Here...

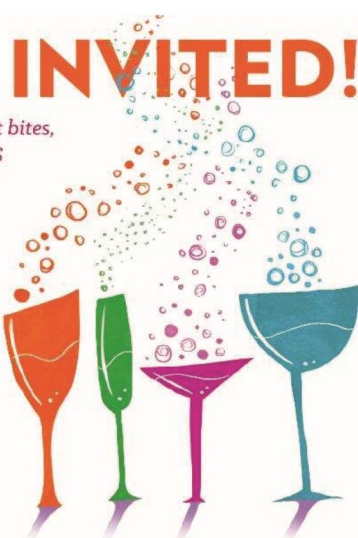
YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us for cocktails, light bites, and performances by COMPAS Teaching Artists

6:00 PM - 'til Friday, October 7, 2016

at the home of Danny Della Lana & Steve Hall 1920 Pillsbury Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55403

RSVP required by October 1 juliana@compas.org | (651) 292-4313 COMPAS.org/events



Want to [join](#) the party?



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If you're reading this - way down at the bottom of our newsletter - then you are one of us: a person who knows creative education is essential all year round.

Already this fall more than 5,000 students will experience the life-changing POWER of creativity. Your donation connects students with creativity and helps them to thrive.

Will you help us connect even more students with the power of creativity?



COMPAS, Art for Life's Sake

