Receipt of feedback on our programs is one of our favorite things here at COMPARe! In February COMPARe artist Christian Adel did an African Dance and Drum residency with 3rd through 12th grade students at the MN State Academy for the Blind in Faribault, Minnesota. He wowed them with the heartfelt statements from the staff and thought we’d share them with you:

COMPARe does workshops, residencies and performances in communities of all kinds. Learn more about the wide variety of programming we do.

Don’t Miss Your Chance!

ONLY TWO DAYS until our second annual Acts & Crafts event and tickets are running out fast!

Join us this Saturday, April 23rd to sample from 40+ craft beers & liquors made by local brewers and distillers. Plus, if you didn’t get tickets to see LBBIE at her sold out Festivals Theatre show on Saturday you can see her live! Live music from Candid Kid too!

Get tickets now!

The Blog Celebrates National Poetry Month!

2016 marks the 35th anniversary of National Poetry Month, an effort that COMPARe has embraced since its inception over forty years ago. Check out our April blog posts celebrating the power of poetry!

COMPARe Communications Intern Michael Salkazer personally believes poetry to be one of the most honest expressions of human creativity. He finds the positive impact writing had in his life.

COMPARe also asked poet and theater artist May Lee-Yeng to share how she uses the arts to create social justice work. Thanks for inspiring us, May!

Creative Conversations

Artist Spotlight: Interdisciplinary Initiator, Kelley Meister

“I see the arts as the center piece of academia—all other disciplines can be mediated, experienced, explored, and digested through the arts. I think that arts bring together a community, giving people the possibility to open up a space to consider our artistic, social, economical context by working to reveal the complexity of our belief systems and the emotional responses that inform the decisions we choose to make. And for that reason, I believe it is indispensable.”

See how Kelley integrates the arts into every aspect of teaching, whether it’s in the pedagogy of the Science Museum of MN or history-focused as a historical interpreter at the State Capitol.

Keep The Creative Juices Flowing This Summer

COMPARe is partnering with the Science Museum of MN and Stepping Stone Theatre for the A-MAZE-ing Lazarus summer camp for youths 6-12 during two different weeks this summer, June 27th - July 1st and July 11th - 22nd.

Click here to learn more about this exciting collaboration & to register for kids this great opportunity!

Youth involved in intergenerational programs are 45% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, and 32% less likely to skip school.

Support creativity at all ages!