Expanding Capabilities One Voice At A Time

Over one hundred middle schoolers found their voices through creative writing with COMPAS spoken word artist, Alexei Moon Casselle. The students at FAIR School Crystal delved into topics including creating one's own narrative, social justice and activism. Middle school is never an easy time to stand up and speak your truth. Together, Alexei and the students created a comfortable environment for sharing their very personal work. By the end of the week many students felt a positive difference had been made in their lives. By expressing their identity through writing and voicing it out loud, their view of what they were capable of vastly expanded.

Check Out COMPAS' New Anthem Video...

It's always wonderful hearing how COMPAS makes creators, but what about seeing it? Take a glimpse at how our artists and mission help cultivate meaningful artistic experiences that inspire generations young and old. Watch and share the magic with your friends and family!

Creative Conversations

Artist Spotlight: Musician of Preservation, Laura MacKenzie

“When performing, I always remember what an effort it is for people to even decide to come out, to travel, park if needs be, enter an unfamiliar room - what faith they have, to just get to the venue. I always intend to honor that faith, and give them something which over time I have found to be of great value. I do not try to compromise the music or song with too many efforts to be popular or familiar.”

What are misconceptions about Irish and Scottish music & culture? Laura tells us and explains how she made the jump from Anthropology to full time musician.
Mark Your Calendars: 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts returns on Saturday, June 24th from 3pm-7pm.

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This art and music festival is an inclusive event for all ages so get the minivan and bring the family. Click here for more details.

Do you have an up & coming artist in your life?

Nominate them on Facebook to be featured as a COMPAS Creator at Arts & Crafts! The winning artist will get the opportunity to perform on the main stage at Arts & Crafts, plus receive tickets to the event, and a cash prize. Tag an artist in the comments to nominate. Nominations will close on May 1, 2017.

Contest details: Nominated artists will be contacted by COMPAS to confirm their willingness to participate. Nominated artists must be amateurs, defined as someone who is not currently employed as a professional artist in their art form. Nominations can be any age, and be located anywhere in Minnesota.

Don't Forget About The Blog...

COMPAS’ blog has a new posting every week. Don’t forget to check it out!

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