



Urban Arts Academy 2011-2012 Annual Report

Our mission is to bring neighborhood people together from diverse cultures by providing creative experiences in the arts with children and families to develop the gifts of self-expression and community.

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Urban Arts Academy Organizational Development



Discovery Task Force proposes start-up of Urban Arts Academy



About Urban Arts

Urban Arts Academy primarily serves the diverse children and families who live at the crossroads of Bancroft, Bryant, Centralm and Powderhorn neighborhoods in South Minneapolis.

We characterize urban arts as a fusion of education, arts, youth development, community building, and family support functions. The urban arts model supports the mission of Urban Arts Academy by using visual and performing arts to build social, academic, and family-building skills as well as to create and nurture a sense of community among all neighbors. In turn, these improved skills lead to a greater and deeper appreciation of the arts, of cultural differences, and of self.

We seek to involve families and the community in our arts programming, because we recognize that strong families and a supportive community are essential elements for developing self-sufficiency and positive life skills of children. The overarching goals are to:

- Provide urban arts and education opportunities
- Increase the social supports and developmental assets for neighborhood children, families, and communities
- Deepen our community's appreciation for cultural diversity through the arts

To embrace and teach appreciation for our community's growing cultural diversity, UA employs arts based programming which is designed to provide (a) fun and creative learning opportunities through the arts, (b) new ways of thinking about and understanding academics in everyday life, (c) opportunities for students to build social skills and relationships (d) deeper understanding of cultural diversity especially among and for the newest community members.

Core values that drive and guide Urban Arts programming include:

- Celebrate children's diversity.
- Believe in using music and arts as a bridge and a means to challenge, create, and learn from one another.
- Believe in respecting attributes that make-up each culture.

In FY12, Urban Arts served 354 children and youth ages 3-16



Urban Arts Academy Programs

Urban Arts provides five distinct programs:

Afterschool Arts & Education

A free arts and learning program provided during the academic year. Students ages 6-16 come together with artists to create and perform. Students also receive academic and developmental learning supports.

93 students served

32% African American, **22%** Caucasian, **43%** Latino, **2%** Native American, **1%** Other

99% attendance at family nights

Preschool Arts

An arts based learning program for children ages 3-5. Flexible enrollment plans allow parents to enroll children for half a day up to full-time as needed. Tuition assistance is provided as able.

64 students served

25% African American, **64%** Caucasian, **8%** Latino, **2%** Native American, **1%** Asian American



Summer Arts Camps

A weekly themed art program for children and youth ages 3-16 to explore the arts.

160 students served

10% African American, **75%** Caucasian, **10%** Latino, **1%** Native American, **4%** Asian American



KidPower

A 9-week summer program that assists students with transitioning between academic year programs, summer programs, and back to school.

46 students served

36% African American, **55%** Latino, **5%** Native American, **4%** Asian American



Urban Arts Academy Financial Review 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Consolidated statement of activities for June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012

Total Assets: \$ 112,128

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Total Liabilities \$ 22,167

Fund Balance Summary

Fund Balance \$ 117,024

Net Income \$ (27,063)

Total Fund Balance \$ 89,961

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance \$ 112,128

Revenue & Support:

Government & Foundation Grants \$ 121,590

Grants released from restriction \$ 85,200

Individual Contributions \$ 24,714

Tuition \$ 134,347

Fundraising \$ 83,124

Miscellaneous Revenue \$ 71

Interest Income \$ 129

Total Revenue \$ 449,175

Expenses:

Program \$ 323,667 (77.06%)

Management \$ 39,907 (9.5%)

Fundraising \$ 56,464 (13.44%)

Total Expenses \$ 420,038

