



**2011  
Program  
Report**

# Urban Arts Academy

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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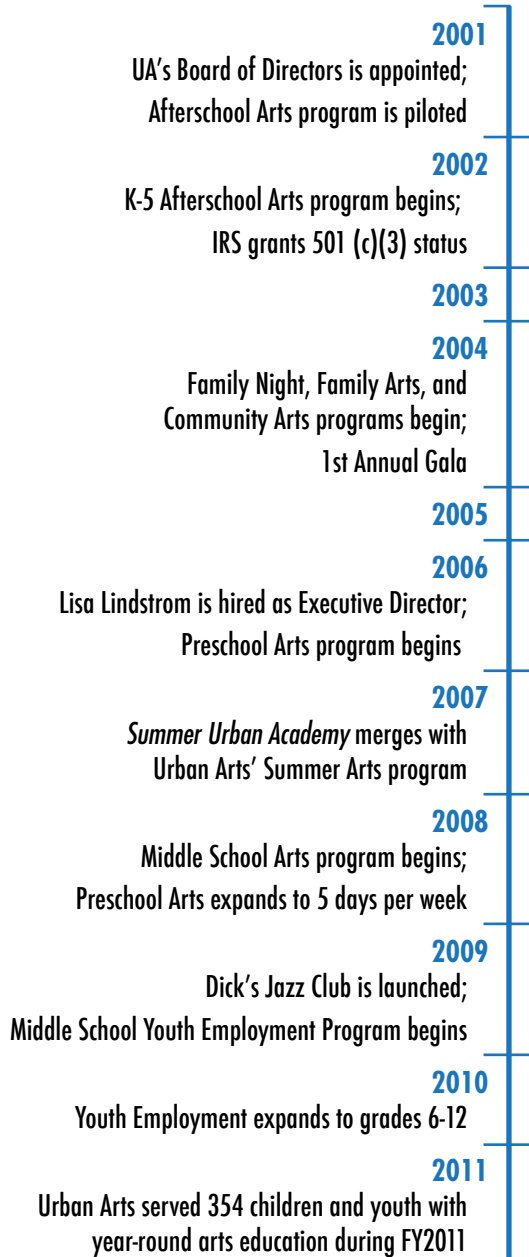
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# Urban Arts Academy Organizational Development



## Discovery Task Force proposes start-up of Urban Arts Academy



## Dear Friends:

I want to take a moment to thank the many supporters of Urban Arts Academy. It is my pleasure to share this Program Report for our 2010-2011 program year. Urban Arts ended the year strong! As we enter 2012, we remain committed to serving the diverse children in this neighborhood, diversifying our funding streams, solidifying community partnerships, and strengthening creative programming .

I am pleased to share a few of our

### 2010 – 2011 Program Highlights:

- Urban Arts programs served 354 students from our neighborhoods.
- Over half of the Urban Arts staff is bi-lingual Spanish to provided ongoing support for our students and families.
- Urban Arts nurtured and supported 53 interns from over 7 colleges and universities and 25 local volunteers for a total of 2,683 intern and volunteer hours completed
- The Board of Directors committed to the strategic planning process to ensure our growth and stability.
- The first annual “Thank You” event was hosted in November to thank our many supporters in Dicks Jazz Club.

As we move into our 11th year of programming, we are increasingly focused on our mission, sharing arts infused education with the children, families and community we serve. I am confident that this will be another great year thanks to the incredible dedication of our staff and generous support of you, our donors, founders, board of directors, grantors, and partners. My heartfelt thanks to the families who put their trust in Urban Arts and to each of you who trust us to live out our mission!

Sincerely,  
Lisa Lindstrom  
Executive Director





In 2011, Urban Arts served 354 children and youth ages 3-18,



## Urban Arts Academy Programs

Urban Arts provides five distinct programs:

### 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.

**60** students served

**29** female, **31** male

**35** from our 55407 zip code

**22%** African American, **2%** Asian American, **61%** Caucasian,

**13%** Latino, **1%** Middle Eastern

### KidPower

An invitation only, free summer arts program that features one-on-one arts mentorships for youth already enrolled in afterschool programs.

**27** students were served in this

**9**-week summer arts and youth empowerment program

Provided 28 Arts Residencies and 12 arts exploration field trips,



### Summer Arts Camps

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

**Preschool Camps** offered: **14** and scholarships awarded: **26**

**Elementary Camps** offered: **5** free and **4** sliding scale

Increased arts experiences for 193 neighborhood families



### 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.

**95** students served (up 25 from 2009-2010)

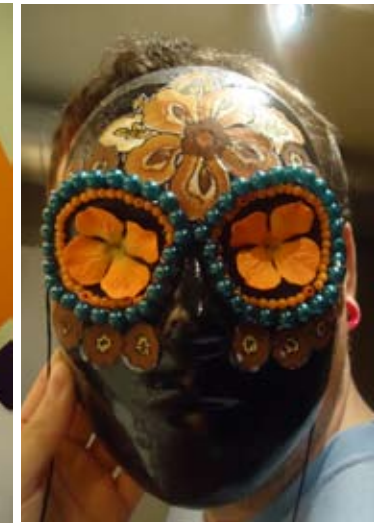
**54** female, **41** male

**72%** from our 55407 zip code

**31%** African American, **16%** Caucasian, **45%** Latino,

**6%** Native American, **2%** Jamaican

**99%** attendance at family nights



## Youth Employment

A summer program that provides work skills experience for youth ages **14-18**. Youth employees experience working with children and in the arts. **8** youth were employed for 11 weeks with their wages paid through a Minneapolis Employment and Training Program grant.

## Interns & Volunteers

**53** interns from over **7** colleges and universities  
**25** volunteers  
**2,683** intern and volunteer hours completed

## Demographics

(youth ages 6-16)

**44 %** Latino  
**32 %** African American  
**16 %** Caucasian  
**6 %** Native American  
**2 %** Other

## 2010-2011 Foundation and Corporate Funders

AmeriCorps  
Crossroads Community Organization  
Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches  
The McKnight Foundation  
Family Memorial Fund of Minneapolis Foundation  
Minneapolis Employment & Training Program  
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