

Outta the Mouths of Babes Final Report Urbana Public Arts Program, 2015-2016

Post-Project Evaluation

Outta the Mouths of Babes is a 12-week summer radio project that invites local Urbana-area youth between the ages of 5-11 years old to become “Youth Correspondents” in a radio show where kids are chaperoned to arts and cultural events in the Champaign-Urbana area and review what they encounter. They learn journalism and interviewing skills and the summer is assembled into a radio show that airs weekly in the summer and is produced into an album and podcast.

1. Outta the Mouths of Babes’ youth correspondents were chaperoned to events throughout the Urbana-Champaign community where they met event organizers, witness cultural and arts programs in the area, and comment on what they see/encounter. The OMB interns and Program Directors collected their responses on recording devices during programs and will recorded soundbytes of the events themselves. All recordings were compiled into a pre-recorded radio show that aired weekly in June, July, and August. At the end of the 12 weeks, youth correspondents celebrated for their terrific reporting in an OMB Graduation Celebration at the Independent Media Center in Urbana, where their work was showcased and they were given certificates for participating in the program, as well as, copies of their final album.
2. With the help of the Urbana Public Arts Grant, Outta the Mouths of Babes celebrated a fourth year of success. Funds were used to support the maintenance of our interactive website, our Soundcloud podcast space, paid our administrative and production staff, as well as, paid for event admissions for youth participants, t-shirts for all youth participants, food and supplies for our events, our family orientation, and reception, and journals for our youth. Without such critical funds, our program wouldn’t have been possible and we truly cherish our relationship with the Urbana Public Arts program.
3. In total, we spent dozens of hours on this project and continue to! It’s difficult to quantify, as website maintenance (approx.12 hours), program coordination (approx. 200 hours), audio editing (approx. 150 hours), and planning and implementing our orientation and reception (approx. 10 hours), were only the tip of the iceberg! We also met with parents, recruited youth to the program, designed fliers/marketing, trained interns and volunteers, and each week for 12 weeks, took careful planning to create learning opportunities in collaboration with artists, musicians, and cultural workers all over Champaign-Urbana so when our youth attended their events/performances, they received opportunities to interview and complete activities together.
4. This summer’s 4th season of Outta the Mouths of Babes program featured (15) youth, (1) production editor, and (3) program directors. We attended weekly events in the community, meeting and collaborating with the following organizations and individuals:
 - a. *Citlaly Stanton*, local yoga instructor and Spanish teacher for a “Bilingual Yoga Class”
 - b. *Latrelle Bright*, local performance artist for a workshop on “Viewpoint Theater”
 - c. *Fab Lab* for an “Embroidery Workshop”
 - d. *Spurlock Museum* for an “Art and History Tour Through Time”
 - e. *Art Theater Co-Op* for a film criticism workshop and screening of “The Red Balloon”
 - f. *Nectar*, a local punk band who gave a performance and led a zine-making workshop
 - g. *Lailye Weidman*, local dancer for a dance workshop called “The Inventor’s Dance Party”
5. Working with collaborating partners and building relationships was very successful. We wound up inviting many of the event coordinators and artists/performers/cultural workers that we met

during the summer to our end of the year reception and many came to see our youth win awards. Furthermore, we have managed in four years to never repeat an event, but use each new Outta the Mouths of Babes season to build relationships with new organizations, performers, and artists. This outreach has enabled us to offer the youth a variety of cultural experiences showcasing the diversity of people, places, and possibilities Urbana-Champaign offers.

Fiscal Report

Expense	Purchased From	Amount
T-shirt Order #1	Weiskamp	\$81.75
Honorarium	Latrell Bright	\$100.00
URL Purchase	Namecheap.com	\$10.87
Food/Supplies for Reception (cupcakes, juice, and supplies)	Schnucks	\$38.54
Balloons	April's Florist	\$37.28
Journals for the Youth Correspondents	I.D.E.A. Store	\$11.48
Cups and Plates	Party City	\$12.54
Reusable Table Cloth for Outta the Mouths of Babes	Bed, Bath, and Beyond	\$38.14
T-Shirt Order #2	Weiskamp	\$162.16
Space Rental	Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center	\$30.00
OMB Family Orientation Refreshments	Schnucks	\$13.62
Podcast Hosting	Soundcloud Pro	\$15.00
Snacks for Theater Workshop	CVS	\$9.03
Face Painter Honorarium	Kari's Occasions	\$50.00
OMB Graduation Celebration Refreshments	Schnucks	\$30.47
OMB Graduation Celebration Balloons	Schnucks	\$13.08
OMB Workshop Snacks for Youth	Walgreens	\$4.35
Crowns for OMB Winning Teams	Urban Outfitters	\$13.08
OMB Graduation Celebration Supplies	I.D.E.A. Store	\$12.15
Honorarium	Citlaly Stanton	\$50.00
Production Editing Services	Rohn Koester	\$400.00

TOTAL: \$1,133.54

Photos from 2015-2016 Outta the Mouths of Babes Program















