



Creative Expression

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Overview

Are you driven to express your creative side? Do you ever have interesting ideas that you'd like to see brought to life? Are you passionate about the creation / study of various artistic media? Would you like to live in a suite among a group of individuals who are devoted to their musical and artistic growth? Live in the art space where students will communicate, share, and develop ideas for a life with new exciting art. Express your inner artist/musician and learn from others like you. Love art? Live in our space!

Learning Objective 1

Research 15 different visual artists and be able to teach the program members about the style and specific works you've discovered. Regularly presenting members with various media will contribute to our goal of uncovering as much new art as possible. Each meeting everyone will present both an artist and musician. Meetings are every 2 weeks.

Action Steps

- A) Utilizing free web resources will be a priority in keeping our budget low, yet quality/quantity of our research high. Some websites that come to mind are www.deviantart.com and www.selfportrait.net. Both these pages are a place for independent artists to showcase their work, as well as a great resource for finding exciting material. Program members will join the site and actively participate in the hunt for fresh new work to present at our meetings.
- B) There is another online resource that's offered via UVM online subscription (not sure if its only available for art majors/minors only but would like to make it accessible to our program (cost unknown)). This page is called Artstor. It's a great place to look up art by its geographic location, or by its general classification.

Learning Objective 2

Research 15 musical artists that others hopefully have not heard before. The idea is to find new music in the area that you're passionate about and share it with others. Being able to communicate why you like this particular artist/style is crucial to the growth of our collective musical interest. Plus it gives you new stuff to listen to all year. (Ongoing).

Action Steps

- A) Availability of itunes is crucial for our program. It allows us to share our music over the uvm network, as well as download a huge variety of pod casts. On top of that, we can access numerous genres containing hundreds of online streaming radio stations. This alone provides a huge starting point for researching new musical styles and artists.
- B) Program members will use various online resources in order to effectively research new musical acts. To keep a low budget, we will be working with free sites such as www.selfportrait.net (online artist community) and my favorite - www.pandora.com (Feeds you new music catered to your personal interest. Provides song/artist/album/record label name). These sites will provide outlets for expanding our musical horizons.

Learning Objective 3

Go out and experience the art /music culture as a group at least once a month. (Preferably two events – one specifically art / one music related). At program meetings we will discuss upcoming acts that are worthwhile attending, and finding events that suit the general interest. You need to experience this culture regularly not just live in it.

Action Steps

- A) Program members will look up three events in upcoming weeks/months that the group can mutually agree on / plan to attend during our meetings.
- B) We will make the effort to regularly attend culturally enriching performances/galleries/exhibits etc. (as many as possible ideally). Using resources such as www.burlingtonunderground.com and the art department/outside connections – we should have a solid idea of what's going on during the year.
- C) As a program we will attend lectures by guest speakers who pertain to the art or music subject matter. If we can arrange to have a special guest who is in the area, we will work that into our budget as well.
- D) If we have program meetings once every two weeks, each member will have one visual and one musical artist to present to the group. Sharing these discoveries benefits everyone – regular attendance is expected. Mixes will be made on a monthly basis to provide members with our most recent discoveries.

Community Service

Working with local area schools/kids: through Foster Arts, a local community outreach program where volunteers "help a young person define individual goals and find ways to achieve them. At Foster Arts, those goals often (but not always) have an artistic dimension." (<http://www.burlingtoncityarts.com/volunteer/> under "Arts Mentoring"). Also getting in contact with the daycare center in C-Building and local elementary schools to put on art related activities within the schools.

Plans for Interactions with other L/L Programs

Artist to Artist: Expanding Medium (potential ideas/activities)

Mural in the E-Low Common Room. Working with Photo and Creative Writing to possibly develop an L/L or Burlington-based online or cheaply printed art zine. Recording student-based bands and publishing them to the Internet in a pod cast format through a blog with contributions

from Photo or Creative Writing or others (this would also be a good advertising tool for the L/L community).

Programs & Events @ Living / Learning

Sponsoring a weekly/monthly drum circle in the amphitheater, which may be documented and organized into a larger exhibit of local traditions involving percussion-based organizations and activities. We could contact members of Slade and other organizations that put on circles to join us, or meet at another time to lead a short discussion and lecture about their specific style/rhythms (which we can then later incorporate to our events)

Sponsoring a weekly/monthly open movie night with various Language/Culture houses that explores world regional art through the medium of film.

Producing one or more gallery exhibits (when and if that's possible) that intentionally merges the mediums found in L/L (such as a themed gallery exhibit).

Going on free or low-cost day trips to the art resources available in the city (such as the annual Art Hop), we will utilize cheap music venues that frequently offer concerts featuring local and regional/world music. (The Flynn, Nectars, Metronome, Monkeyhouse, Higher Ground, Memorial Auditorium and other venues as events are identified)

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