



expandingminds

collaborative arts initiative

(Em²) Expanding Minds Collaborative Arts Initiative is the brain child of creative Philip E. Greene Jr. Em² was developed on two basic foundational principles. The first is that everyone that has breath has the potential to create. Secondly, helping another human being is the highest aspiration of the human heart, which opens the door for collaboration, proving that "two heads are better than one". These simplistic fundamental viewpoints have created the impetus for Em². Em² is an organization that is dedicated to artistic development of the mind. We have discovered that within every person lies an untapped potential to be creative. We are committed to identifying, cultivating, and developing this untapped potential within our communities regardless of age, race, creed or religion. We recognize the impact of the artistic perspective and the positive influence that it can have on the individuals life and subsequently the communities well being. This is a priceless gift not to be taken for granted.

Our primary focus is on our youth and young adults, understanding, that the sooner that we can identify and cultivate the potential the sooner we can move those individuals along the path of fulfilling their dreams. Em² does not think that arts alone can solve the problems of our world. We do however see the value in developing the mind through creative thinking and developing paradigms that create an atmosphere for growth in all areas of life; Thus, Expanding Minds.

Our hope is to offer structured programming that teach the foundational principles of how we see ourselves and those around us. We will introduce those normally not exposed to an atmosphere of encouragement and potential to various components of introspective analysis, creative thinking and problem solving as well as the technical fundamentals of the various artistic disciplines. Individuals will also be tracked and a determination of which discipline they are geared towards will be made. Ultimately this preparation process will put them in position to work along side of professional artists of the four major disciplines; Visual, Performance, Music, and Literary. This will be done through internships in which they will contribute to and develop professional work in collaboration with working professionals.

Finally Expanding Minds Collaborative Arts Initiative will be a hub for upstart as well as established artistic organizations working together to create opportunities for the disadvantaged individual who would not otherwise have such a chance or who may be over looked in a system that does not always have the time, patience or discernment to discover that untapped potential. We will offer collaborative opportunities to any artistic organization who is willing to serve the community through the gift that they have been given.

Currently Expanding Minds Collaborative Arts Initiative is providing artistic support to several professional artistic organizations through the graphic art component. Em² is looking for partners and seeking funding to help in the facilitation of the structured program and in the procurement of a facility to coordinate our efforts and move forward with serving our community with a spirit of excellence. For additional information or donations please contact Philip E. Greene Jr. at 412.916.0673