



VOICES OF THE NEW MILLENIUM

VNM was founded in 2005 to help address the need for quality arts and media technology opportunities in low-income neighborhoods. VNM is creating an open-source online infrastructure and system of communication to coordinate and support all programs that serve the organization's community building mission. VNM staff and artists design, enable and facilitate a range of community arts projects and educational programs in the classroom or after-school.

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Programs

Language Arts
Performing Arts
Visual Arts
Media Arts

Affiliate Artists

Brian Phillips, hip hop/poetry
Logan Vaughn, dance/film
Michael Anderson, multimedia design
Leah Levinger, photography
Jacob Luse, music production

Community & School partnerships



voices organizing for individual and community education through sharing

connexions ::

Voices of the New Millennium presents innovative programs that promote civic engagement via artistic expression and multimedia communication in the classroom and beyond. Community and School Partnerships work to connect participants with artist-mentors in their communities, forging respectful, meaningful relationships and opportunities for learning on all sides. Participants gain beneficial skills in media arts and emerging technologies for use in self-expression, communication and community education.

Creating Community Connections via Self-Expression and Digital Multimedia Communication

Community Arts and Technology Initiative (CATI)

As VNM's first major initiative, CATI aims to strengthen educational partnerships throughout the entire city of Chicago by designing and implementing collaborative arts and technology projects with our community and school partners. CATI partners work hand in hand with VNM artists and media professionals to advance sustainable, high-quality programming in schools, colleges and community-based organizations. Projects include youth arts projects, performances, public installations, anthologies of writings/recordings, and web multimedia design.

Urban Collisions Mentoring Program

Based on a mentoring system involving our network of partners (individuals, businesses, community-based organizations, higher education institutions), the Urban Collisions Mentoring program links literary and media arts mentors with children and teens in underserved neighborhoods.

Voicelt Community Portal

This groundbreaking online community portal is designed to support collaborative projects and connect individuals through a personal and group-based learning landscape. (launch in 2006)



Our Partners

Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education
City Colleges of Chicago
Columbia College
University of Chicago
North Kenwood Oakland Charter
Nancy B Jefferson Charter
Young Chicago Authors
Street Level Youth Media
Scrap, Mettle, SOUL

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School Partnerships link faculty and students with VNM teaching artists to create arts-integrated curricula and after-school programs that promote civic engagement in the classroom.

Community Partnerships link VNM with community organizations to develop collaborative programming and share expertise in arts education and digital media technologies.

Cultural Partnerships include performances and special events planned in collaboration with local cultural and corporate partners. For more information, please contact info@voiceit.biz.

Media Arts in Education and Civic Engagement

VNM is partnering with Harold Washington College to create the Center for Arts and Media Partnerships (CAMP) to further the City Colleges' mission of civic engagement by supporting student-led **projects for change** in the community. CAMP will work to provide meaningful interdisciplinary pathways and community-based programs to increase the level of commitment to community involvement via **service learning** among students, faculty and staff.