Civically Speaking

An Urban Artivist Academy Project
Write from the heart
Another face of Rome’s history and heritage

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One morning, while walking through the streets of Rome, I came across a small building that caught my attention. It was an old church, built in the 16th century, with beautiful frescoes and a winding staircase leading up to the bell tower. I couldn’t help but stop and take a closer look.

As I entered the church, I was greeted by the sound of church bells ringing in the distance. I walked through the aisles, admiring the architecture and artistry of the building. I couldn’t help but feel a sense of awe and reverence.

I sat in one of the pews for a while, lost in thought. I thought about the history of the church and the people who had come before me. I thought about the stories that had been told in those walls.

As I left the church, I couldn’t help but feel grateful for the opportunity to experience such a beautiful place. I knew that I would never forget the feeling of being in that church, and I would always remember the history and heritage of Rome.
My Connection:
We serve young artists between the ages of 14-18 who live or attend school in the San Gabriel Valley Region. Through digital video content we create opportunities for further understanding, and build bridges between cultural and racial divides amongst youth.

Who we are
We are a non-profit located in Duarte, CA dedicated to training talented young actors and writers to utilize their artistic talent as tools for social activism.

Who we serve
We serve young artists between the ages of 14-18 who live or attend school in the San Gabriel Valley Region.

What we create
Through digital video content we create opportunities for further understanding, and build bridges between cultural and racial divides amongst youth.
We cultivate cultural sensitivity in young actors and writers committed to utilizing film and television media as a platform for social justice.
Leads by Race/Ethnicity -
Digital Scripted Shows
2018-2019

Share of Roles by Race
Digital Scripted Shows
2018-2019

Only 2.3 out of 10 credited writers in digital scripted TV are people of color
What is Civically Speaking?

- Livable Wage JOBS for BIPOC Arts Workers
- Revenue producing streaming content for young BIPOC creatives
- Arts Activism Training
We create space where BIPOC youth DISCUSS their views on social justice issues and DEVELOP content to encourage civic engagement amongst their peers.
Social Impact

Visionary Arts Leaders Pipeline Development

Paying Young Artists for their work

Creating an early portfolio of work
Financial Need

Total ASK: $15,000

- Production Expenses: 26.7%
- Marketing: 23.3%
- Operational Expenses: 20%
- Equipment: 16.7%
- Website Platform: 13.3%
Thank You

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