

Where Teenagers Learn How To Turn Their Passion For Music Into Passion For Life!



CounterPoint Music & Life Workshop
Saturday - September 19, 2009 - 12pm to 3pm
Maywood Public Library / Room 202
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153

No cost, light snack/beverages provided.

Registration dates are August 15 - September 15, 2009.

Parents or organizations may register their young adults for the session by calling (847) 456-9700 or emailing mgb2471@yahoo.com

Who's Eligible?

Participants for the workshop are teenagers who are in grades 10, 11, 12 and are passionate about pursuing occupations in music, spend their spare time recording or writing music and/or poetry, and have a desire to showcase their talent positively. Parents, Educators, School Officials, Ministers and Youth Program Directors are also encouraged to attend!

About the Program

It is no secret that urban music culture has undoubtedly had the greatest impact on society than any other form, specifically embraced by the African American, Latino/Hispanic and European youth. We see this profound influence in the way they walk, talk, dress and how their values change. In many cases, the youth have more respect for music artists than parents, teachers and various authoritative figures in society.

Although hip hop music is an extremely positive art form, unfortunately most teenagers have been encouraged by society (particularly the media), to emulate the more negative aspects of the culture. Therefore, they tend to pattern themselves after socially unacceptable behavior, particularly seen on television (i.e. Flavor of Love show, MTV/BET music videos).

Our teenagers become interested in the notion and message of fast wealth and unproductive activities that music videos and lyrics advocate. Parents do not understand the phenomena... teenagers rebel... a disconnect is formed... and a pattern begins to emerge. So begins the cycle...

The *CounterPoint Workshop* is designed to teach teenagers who want to be rappers, poets and music artists, how to COUNTER the effects of negative influences and POINT their talents in a positive direction through guidance, leadership, education and the application of learning.

What They Will Learn

Participants will receive instruction in three areas from the full workshop curriculum:

Music and Life

Participants will engage in group discussion about what is positive and negative music, what determines success, the cultural/sub cultural impact of urban music, etc.

Creative Integrity

Participants learn the basics of writing songs, composition, structure. Focus is placed on the impact of lyricism, interpreting the message from songs and the positive and/or negative impact on society.

Importance of Imaging

Participants will engage in dialogue and participate in activities that teaches them how imaging affects them individually, culturally and globally (i.e. how they dress, how they speak, what they see in music videos).

Call (847) 456-9700 for more information.

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