



MAPS MEDIA LAB

The statewide educational outreach program of MAPS Media Institute.

ABOUT MAPS MEDIA INSTITUTE...

Established in 2004 in rural southwestern Montana, MAPS is a 501c3 educational nonprofit with a mission to empower, inspire, and prepare Montana's youth for future success through professional media arts instruction, engaging community service, and compassionate mentoring.

"MAPS" stands for Media Arts in the Public Schools, our original name before becoming a 501c3 nonprofit. We offer year-round classes at our brick-and-mortar studios in Ravalli and Lewis & Clark Counties, as well as satellite workshops in tribal and rural communities across Montana.

All programming is completely free-of-charge to youth and families.

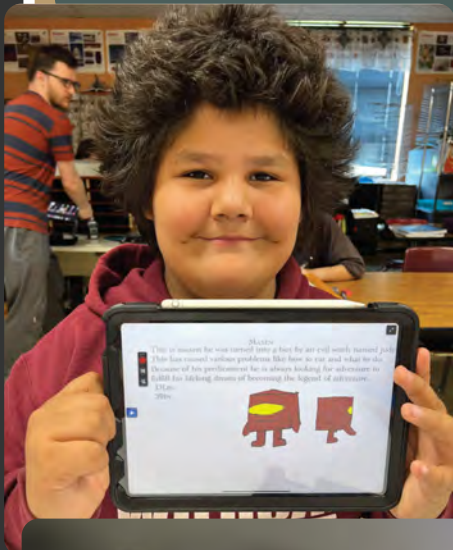
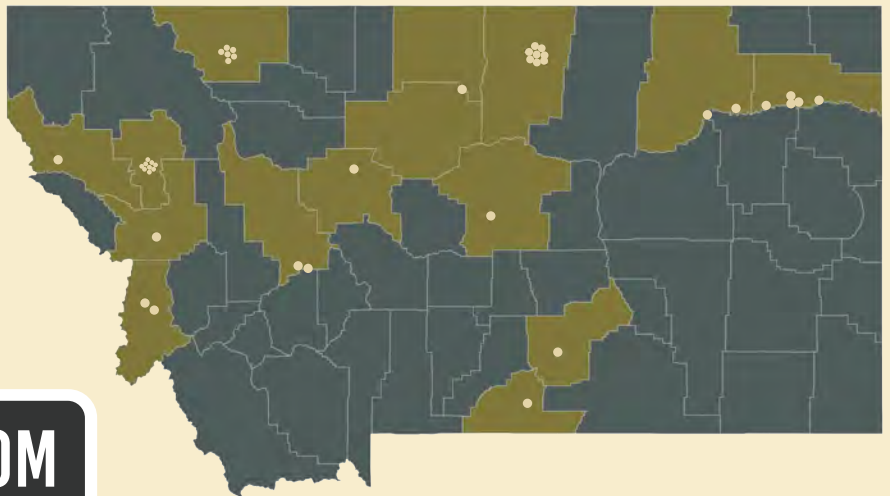


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In the MAPS Media Lab program, MAPS professional artist-educators travel to rural and tribal communities and facilitate specifically designed media arts workshops with youth ages 13 to 24.

Through these hands-on workshops, youth develop the skills necessary to plan and produce a variety of media arts projects as they collaborate with professional teaching artists using state-of-the-art equipment. These projects often have real world implications, such as addressing a social issue or promoting a positive social or cultural message. They are designed for fully-realized professional outcomes and frequently result in award-winning student productions.

WHERE THE MAPS MEDIA LAB HAS BEEN...



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RECENT STUDENT PRODUCTION AWARDS...



Waking the Generations
WINNER: LONG-FORM NONFICTION

Regional Student Production Award • NATAS, NW (2022)

WINNER: SILVER AWARD WINNER

Native Indigenous Student Academy
 for Cinematic Arts (2022)



Peaceful as the Buffalo
WINNER: LONG-FORM NONFICTION

Regional Student Production Award • NATAS, NW (2022)

SELECTION

Native Indigenous Student Academy
 for Cinematic Arts (2022)



Amp Ska Pi Pikuni • Nizi Puh Wah Sin
(Southern Blackfeet • Real Speak)

WINNER: SHORT-FORM NONFICTION

Regional Student Production Award
 NATAS, NW (2023)

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS...

2023 BOARD OF GOVERNORS' AWARD, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES, NW CHAPTER (NATAS NW)...

The highest award a local chapter of the Academy can bestow, given for outstanding and unique accomplishments or for achievements of some duration and durability. For this, MAPS received an Emmy™ Statuette.



NATAS NW TRAILBLAZERS IN DIVERSITY...

MAPS named Montana's NATAS NW (2023) Trailblazer in Diversity.



NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD...

An honor awarded to the top 12 creative youth organizations in the country by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT...

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