

Aquil Charlton

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Profile

Passionate visionary and social entrepreneur:

- Innovative program and administration consultant specializing in arts education
- Dynamic, engaging facilitator of strategic planning and project management processes
- Community leader with an aptitude for identifying the leadership skills of multiple stakeholders

Work Experience

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Artist-In-Residence, September 2015 to present

- Designed, built, and activated Mobile Music Box traveling sustainable music classroom
- Conducted research on late songwriter and producer, Eugene McDaniels
- Designed sound art and cultural education installations as part of Resonant Objects exhibition

YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS

Program Design and Coordination, September 2015 to Present

- Design and coordinate The Chicago Track Music Series professional development program
- Serve as liaison to institutional partners and music industry professionals

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Department of Arts Education) – Chicago, IL

Arts Integration, October 2007 to Present

- Direct the ALT-City ensembles as part of the All City Arts program
- Facilitate arts integration workshops for CPS teachers focused on urban and contemporary arts

INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK (IMAN) – Chicago, IL

Grant Writing, January to July 2015

- Managed development portfolio consisting of both private and federal sources
- Created and implemented grant management and data collection protocols

LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC) – Chicago, IL

Program Design and Coordination, 2012

- Designed and Coordinated Green Healthy Neighborhoods urban planning summer program

LEADERSHIP PRACTICE CONSULTING GROUP – Milwaukee, WI

Asset-Based Community Development, 2005 to 2007

- Led community organizing trainings for national network of AmeriCorps Site Directors

Administration Experience

INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK (IMAN) – Chicago, IL

Executive Fellow, September 2009 to October 2010

- Designed evaluation tools and protocols and coached program directors through implementation

THE CRIB COLLECTIVE – Chicago, IL

Co-founder/Executive Director, September 2002 to June 2009

- Launched and sustained successful youth philanthropy, arts, and entrepreneurship programs

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References Available Upon Request

Other Activities

WHEAT PASTE VIADUCTS

Musician, October 2014 to Present

URBAN GATEWAYS – Chicago, IL

Teaching Artist, January 2014 to Present

ANIMATE OBJECTS – Chicago, IL

Vocalist and Writer, March 2007 to July 2014

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ARTS INCUBATOR – Chicago, IL

Guest Artist, October to December 2013

ONEBEAT/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE – New York, NY/Washington, D.C.

Domestic Fellow, September to October 2012

KHEMISTRY CHICAGO – Chicago, IL

Advisory Board Member, 2012 to 2013

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – Washington, D.C.

Hip Hop Cultural Ambassador to Pakistan, October to November 2011

FIRE THIS TIME FUND – Chicago, IL

Giving Circle Board Member, 2008 to 2010

LITTLE VILLAGE LAWNGDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Chicago, IL

Transition Advisory Council and School of Social Justice Design Team Member, 2003 to 2006

Education

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY – Chicago, IL

Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Non-profit Management, 2011

GPA: 3.5/4.0

MALCOLM X COLLEGE – Chicago, IL

Associate of Arts (A.A.), General Studies, 2005

GPA: 3.9/4.0; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Awards and Recognitions

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – June 2016

Awarded the Citizen Artist Fellowship

3Arts – September, 2015

Nominated for \$25,000 teaching artist award

Echoing Green Fellowship – April, 2013

Semi-finalist for 2013 Black Male Achievement Fellowship

OneBeat Follow-on Project Award – January, 2013

\$2000 from U.S. Department of State in support of SCORE community arts project

Community Innovators Circle Challenge Award – December, 2012

\$5000 awarded by Public Allies and American Express for emerging leaders in social innovation

North Lawndale Spirit of Youth Development Award – March, 2007

\$1000 awarded by Steans Family Foundation and Harris Bank for youth development practitioners