

Allegheny Voices

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Program Description

Drawing inspiration from Andy Warhol's *Interview* magazine, students from Manchester Academic Charter School worked with The Saturday Light Brigade (SLB) and Andy Warhol Museum to create their own version of the historic journal. Pairs of students interviewed Northside residents to gain insight into the area's rich history and assemble a collection of inspirational narratives for *Allegheny Voices*.

SLB staff members helped the students create pertinent and provocative interview questions and tutored them in techniques of digital audio recording. Students also learned about digital editing at SLB's fully-equipped studios in the Children's Museum. The result – cogent, authentic, 5-10 minute interviews – was then transcribed by the students under SLB's instruction.

Armed with their audio and written transcriptions, the students next embarked on the publishing process at the Andy Warhol Museum. They received hands-on experience with magazine layout by exploring relief and photographic silkscreen printing and working with museum staff to learn and utilize digital desktop publishing.

The resulting magazine and CD recording was distributed at museums, schools, businesses and other facilities throughout the Northside. The newfound knowledge helped to instill a sense of community, pride and historical perspective in both the students and recipients of *Allegheny Voices*.

Collaborative Partners

The Saturday Light Brigade
The Andy Warhol Museum
Manchester Academic Charter School
Area businesses and business organizations

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