

Programs

"I definitely think more critically when I consume media, in both technical and creative aspects. My eyes have also been opened to more perspectives and lifestyles and cultures." — Spy Hop Student

Mentorship lies at the heart of everything we do. Whether it's a two-hour workshop, or a yearlong experience in film, music or game design; students at Spy Hop feel valued, encouraged and respected.

Introductory

MEDIA LABS offer in-depth instruction at an introductory level in areas like filmmaking, beatmaking, and game design that give students the basic skills to take the next step. **OPEN MIC** gives teens free access to our music recording studio every Friday afternoon.

Intermediate

5-month **APPRENTICESHIPS** in film, design, music, and audio production give youth hands-on experience, work-based learning, and a monthly stipend for honing their craft in the medium they love. **REEL STORIES** is a free, intensive film class with a unique opportunity for students to make their own 5-min documentary, which premieres on the big screen. **RESONATE** is an alternative hip hop production program that celebrates the use of rap as a vehicle for storytelling and social change.

Advanced

PITCHNIC is a 13-month program where students write, shoot and edit a short documentary or narrative film that screens at a red carpet, public screening. **MUSICOLOGY** gives young musicians a one-of-a-kind opportunity to form a band, write original songs, produce an album and perform around Salt Lake City. **LOUD & CLEAR YOUTH RADIO** is Utah's only youth-produced radio show where students DJ a Saturday night show on community radio station 90.9 FM KRCL. **POWER UP!** students design, illustrate and code a game focused around a social issue and release it to the public. **WATCH THIS** is a youth produced, civic-minded TV show in which students between the age of 16 -20 create a series of short video-podcasts on community relevant topics.

Summer

Spy Hop's summer programming provides fun weeklong experiences in film, audio, music, and design. Reaching younger students, ages 9 to 12, these classes prepare the next generation for Spy Hop's core programming.

Spy Hop in the Community

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME: We work with traditionally underserved youth after school hours to provide immersive digital arts experiences. This includes a program at Horizonte, SLC's alternative high school, which allows students to earn credit while they learn digital media skills.

YOUTH IN CARE: Spy Hop's Youth In Care programs are for young people in the foster care system, residential treatment programs, secure care facilities and those in state's custody. This includes Spy Hop's award winning Sending Messages podcast program, Coding for Youth in Care, Super Sweet Friday Mornings and Media Labs for High-Risk Youth.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Spy Hop offers all day workshops to middle school classes for up to 40 students. These intensive experiences allow youth to collaborate on projects in film making, digital design, video game production, audio engineering and music making on site at our studio.

Spy Hop's In-School Programs

Our In-School Programs brings teaching artists to a single classroom, grade level, or an entire school. We offer programs that introduce students to the language and concepts of media arts through an interactive experience. Students learn about career opportunities while having fun with state-of-the-art technology.

Impact

"Spy Hop was a place where I had a voice, and was taught that I could do anything. Spy Hop was my solid ground when things at home were tough." — Spy Hop Alum

We believe that the next generation has a lot to say and when armed with awareness and knowledge, youth can speak more articulately and with greater impact. And the numbers prove us right. From the beginning, we've put digital equipment into the hands of youth from all walks of life and last year alone, 1705 students in our core and community programs created almost 700 films, songs, radio plays, poems, apps and games. Additionally, we reached over 9100 students statewide, at 137 schools, through our In-School Programs.

Our Students 2016

Average age: 16
Languages spoken: 28
63% male, 35% female
45% come from low-income households, 62% minority
Students came from 124 schools

What They Think

98% would recommend Spy Hop to a friend
78% return to take another class
96% say that Spy Hop classes encourage artistic expression
86% report that Spy Hop gave them a better appreciation of diverse perspective
82% say that Spy Hop increased their confidence
84% say they feel more prepared for the future

Our Alumni

82% of alumni reported that their Spy Hop experience helped them to pursue higher education.
86% of alumni enrolled in college after Spy Hop. 61% of those students enrolled in a media related degree program.
90% of alumni are currently employed. 44% are employed in the digital media field.

Selected Recognition for Our Work

- 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, presented by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities
Adobe Creative Catalyst Award
- 2014 Utah Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award for Education Leadership
- 2012 Best Documentary for *Even Handed* from Westport Youth Film Festival
Recognition from the United Nations Plural + Festival for *Even Handed*
Regional Emmy for Navigating Freedom, 4 short films produced in partnership with local PBS affiliate, KUED
First Prize (and a trip to the Grammy's) from the Grammy Foundation for the song *Psychological Cool Guy*
Community Awareness through Media Award from the American Probation & Parole Association for *Sending Messages*
- 2011 First Prize at the Adobe Aspire Awards for the song *Big Feet*
- 2010 Citizens Service Award from the Salt Lake County Unified Police Department
- 2006 Peabody Award in television broadcasting for *Beyond Borders: Personal Stories From a Small Planet*

Funders & Partners

"Spy Hop does outstanding work with the youth of our community to develop their own identity in a culture where personal confidence is essential, especially for at risk young people. Youth involvement in Spy Hop programs is life-changing." —Marijean Woolf, Granite School District

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Our Partners

We work with a diverse array of community partners to reach young people across Utah, including:

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Farmington Bay Youth Center
Granite School District
Kairos Academy
Madeleine Choir School
Natural History Museum of Utah
Primary Children's Behavioral Center
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Salt Lake Area Gang Project
Salt Lake Arts Academy
Salt Lake City School District (Horizonte Training & Instruction)
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Salt Lake County Youth Services
Salt Lake Film Society
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Utah Arts Festival
Utah Film Center
Utah Museum of Fine Arts
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People

"I value the people. The mentors are amazing and I would not be the same person without having them in my life." — Spy Hop Alum

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About

"Spy Hop gives a voice to youth like none other, but for me, provided a stepping stone to reach my dreams as a filmmaker." —Spy Hop Student

Spy Hop is a nonprofit youth media arts and education center located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our mission is to mentor young people in the digital media arts to help them find their voice, tell their stories, and be empowered to affect positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world.

Spy Hop opened our doors in 1999, serving 12 students in a documentary film class. Today we are the only youth media organization in Utah providing over 1,800 youth ages 10 – 20 with hands-on experiences in film, music, audio, and digital design. We continually seek to close the "digital divide" by reaching out to underserved youth and marginalized communities needing access and instruction in the latest digital technologies.

Our dynamic studio environment actively engages youth in an array of innovative digital media programs. All of Spy Hop's programs encourage youth to explore issues and concerns that are relevant and meaningful to their lives, to become critical consumers of media, and to become actively involved in their communities. Youth complete Spy Hop programs with a measurable increase in creativity, self-confidence, media literacy, technical skills, and appreciation for arts and culture that in turn prepares them for a digital future.

Through the production of their own media, our students are given an opportunity to find their voice, think creatively, and work collaboratively with peers from diverse backgrounds. Their work reaches local, national, and international audiences through platforms such as iTunes, YouTube, Vimeo, film festivals, public radio, broadcast TV, on-demand cable stations, local screenings, and events.

Since 1999 our center has become a vital resource for the youth of Salt Lake and to the community at large. We are now widely recognized as one of the leading youth media organizations in the country, and are setting the standard for media arts learning across the nation. In 2015 we were named as one of seven organizations internationally to be an Adobe Creative Catalyst. This award recognizes Spy Hop as a leading youth arts organization that supports and inspires the next generation of creative youth. Additionally, we were honored at the White House as one of the nation's best after school arts and humanities programs, receiving the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.



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