

Alumni Spotlight: *Eric Weston*



ERIC is just one of West Park Cultural Center (WPCC)'s amazing alumni who has built a career in the arts--he's pursuing his passion for music production, which was cultivated in part by his student days with WPCC.

And now that Eric has graduated and grown, he gives back to the organization from which he learned so much. Eric volunteers each year at the Dance Stage of West Park Arts Fest, doing the sound engineering. As Eric says, "I try and be a volunteer whenever I can, because the events are always fun and family friendly."

Interestingly, Eric's favorite memory of WPCC isn't of developing his music production skills (though that's high up there). Instead, Eric's favorite memory is the time he spent in After School Ceramics, because without WPCC he never would have been exposed to this art form.

He found ceramics "soothing, relaxing...it was just so out of the box from what I would normally do. WPCC allowed me to put a focal point on art."



Eric wishes more students had access to WPCC and programs like it. "We're creating memories and also just a strong foundation for young people to acknowledge creative expression versus anything else that might not be as positive." The element of WPCC that he feels most influenced his life was networking and learning from artists and technicians. Now, he is eager to give that gift back to the next generation.

"The reason I'm involved with West Park Cultural Center is that I fully support it, because of the joy of everything I've ever done with the organization."