Marketing for Teaching Artists

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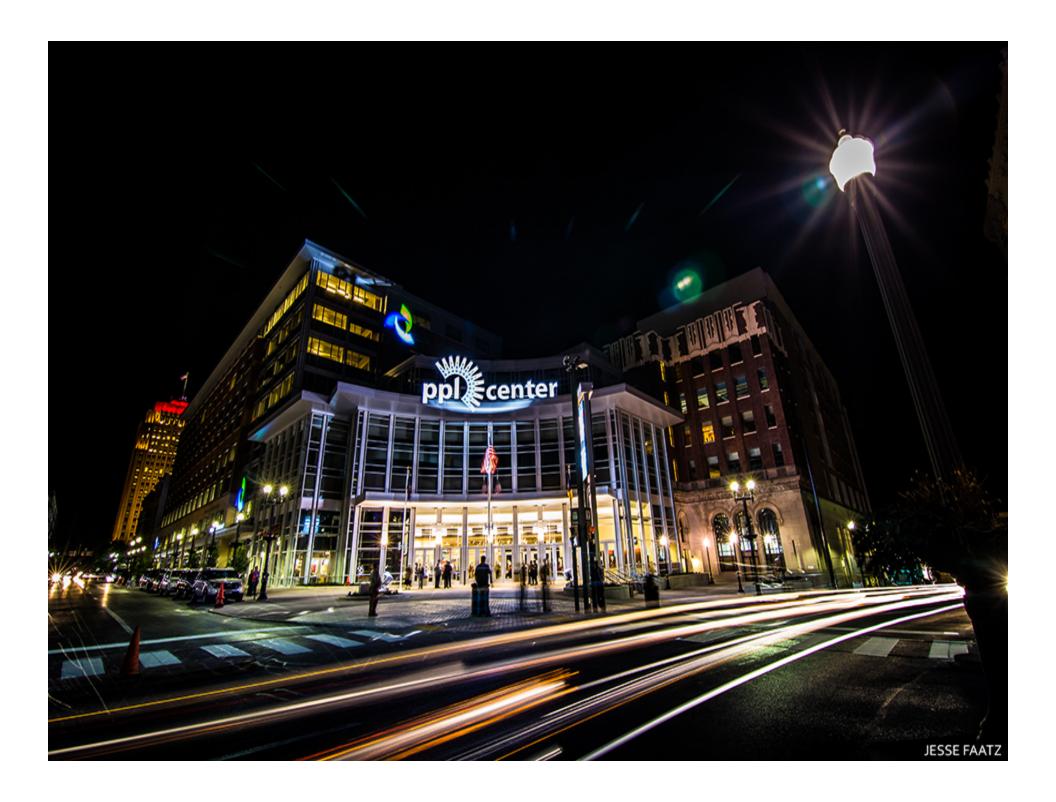
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CONTENT IS A CONTENT IS

Art is Content

The one advantage artists have over the biggest Fortune 500 companies - ART!

- Passionate
- Genuine
- Authentic
- Creative
- Generous



One Medium is not the Answer

Website

A website should tell a story, YOUR story

How to contact you, your schedule, your next project

Samples of your work

Not too deep

Social media has been built for artists and their art

- Followers love to see your work, what you've been working on, where you will be appearing
- Let them in to the process and the results

Select your platform (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Pinterest, etc.)

- Facebook is for connecting Artists (up to 5,000 followers are individuals)
- Twitter is for real time and your own personal thoughts
- Companies and organizations with large followings do not have the same advantages
- Instagram is perfect for the visual arts; let the art speak
- Tumblr and other blogs bring people on the journey





My use of social media is not Presidential it's MODERN DAY PRESIDENTIAL. Make America Great Again!

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56,227 Retweets 198,070 Likes

















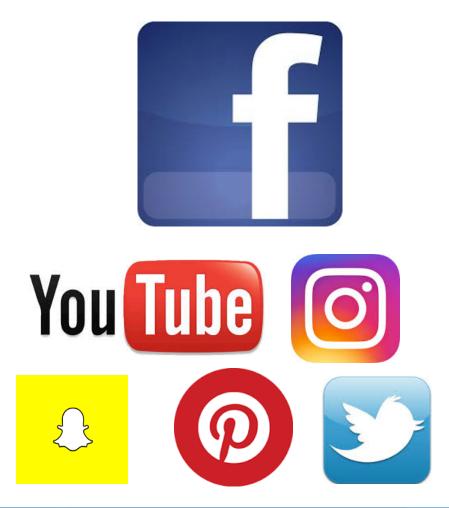


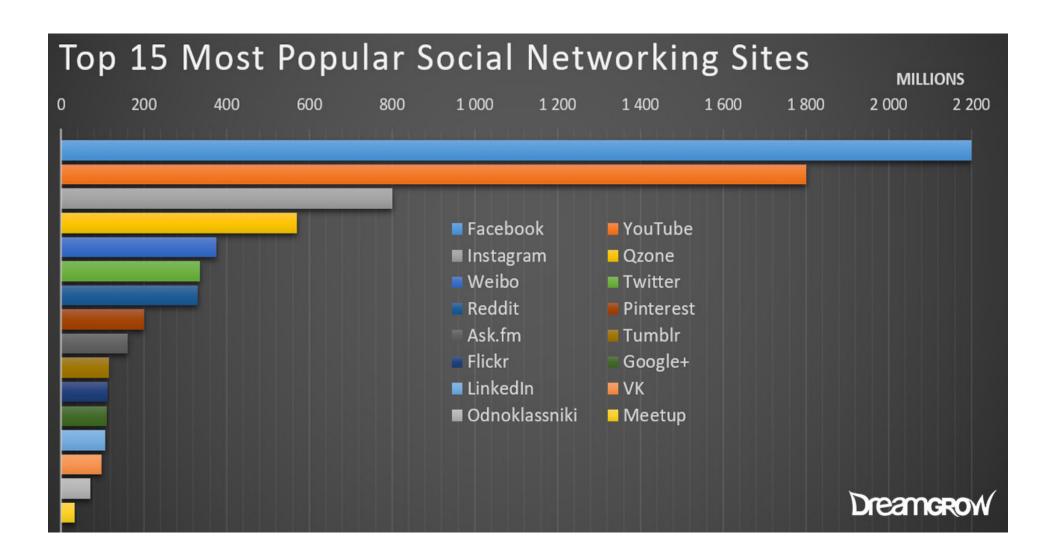


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Informal Survey

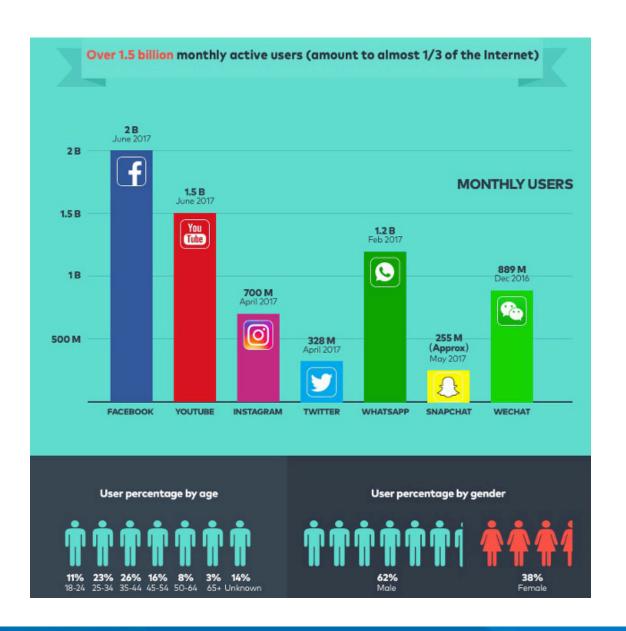
	Personal	Power User
Facebook		
Twitter		
Instagram		
Pinterest		
Snapchat		
LinkedIn		
YouTube		
Other		





Time spent on main social medias







"I've actually come off Twitter completely. I can't read it.

I go on it and there's nothing but people saying mean things.

Twitter's a platform for that.

One comment ruins your day. But that's why I've come off it."

"Every post, other than a response or comment should have a picture or video. That's one of the most important things to remember." Guy Kawasaki

Editorial Calendar

Platform	Frequency per Day
Facebook	2x per day
Instagram	3-7x per day
Snapchat	3-7x per day
Pinterest	3-7x per day
Twitter	1x per hour
LinkedIn	1x per day

Marketo

- Artists naturally have followers or their "tribe"
- Your followers want to know you
- Its up to you if you're comfortable letting them in or have them "meet" your work

Marketing the Art

The Myth of Self-Promotion

- It is OK to self-promote
- Austin Kleon: Show Your Work
- Marketing your work should not take away from your craft
- Share a little piece of your work every day
- Promote your work not you

A tribe as defined by Seth Godin:

People like us, who do things like us, and think like us and like the things we do

Very interesting way to think about our followers

Don't worry about who you're not reaching, worry about who you are

Who are our tribes?

The Myth of Self-Promotion

- Learn from your fans, your supporters and your detractors
- Each piece of art is another way to learn about yourself and your next steps
- Share the creative process and allow responses to feed back into your work
- Always separating the helpful from the destructive

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Artist-in-Residencies

- Partnerships with Commissions, Councils, Institutions,
 Schools, Colleges/Universities and Corporations
- Connections to Communities
- Artistic solutions to urban challenges
- Quality of Life
- Outcomes and Metrics

The Personal Touch

- The Power of the PTO
- Networking
- Alliances with the Arts Organizations

- Art festivals
- Artist communities
- No reason to go it alone
- Collaborate especially across disciplines and mediums

Collaborative Partnerships

Choose Three of These Ideas to Implement

- 1 1+1+1 Select one social media platform and post once per day for one month
- 2 Double the number of festivals or events you participate in within the next six months
- 3 3x3 Expand your network by three artist peers in the next three months
- 4 Ask a friend or fellow artist to review your website to improve "user experience;" if you don't have a website seriously consider creating one with an easy to use platform such as WordPress

Do Something!

- 5 Add photography or video to your social media mix. If you already are, good for you.
- 6 Capture the act of creativity for yourself and explore how that could be shares
- 7 Create a list of 25 people who you would consider to be your tribe. Just list them.
- 8 Share a performance, a new work in a way that you never have before.
- 9 Benchmark your social media platform against other artists, organizations you respect.
- 10 Connect with three members of the business community, Chamber of Commerce in the next month to discuss arts advocacy in your region.

Questions?

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