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Dr. Ronald Berkman, President of CSU, says the ARTS CAMPUS will become one of the important cultural jewels not only for the University but for the Cleveland community as well. "Our students and faculty are excited, and so am I."

CSU ARTS CAMPUS Opens to Rave Reviews from Students, Faculty & Supporters

Cleveland State University's sprawling new Arts Campus at East 13th and Euclid Avenue opened earlier this year to the cheers of hundreds of well-wishers and an address by CSU President Ronald Berkman, who said, because of size and scope, the ARTS CAMPUS is in a unique position to serve its swelling number of theatre, dance, visual arts education and music students.

The Arts Campus is a major addition to PlayhouseSquare, Cleveland's famed arts district. Its theatre and dance students get to rub elbows with professional actors and directors working at the Cleveland Play House facilities and studios in the same complex and who perform their craft at the multiple Allen professional theatres right next door. Another neighbor is Ideastream, the consortium of public television, NPR, and fine arts stations.

The central Arts Campus itself covers two expansive floors of the refurbished Middough Building and includes multiple rehearsal theatre spaces, dance studios, set design facilities, costume shop, classrooms and offices. Part of the Arts Campus also houses art and design studios, as well as darkroom and computer labs for CSU's 220 visual arts majors in many disciplines.

This fall, the CSU Arts Gallery, featuring the works of students, faculty, and outside professionals, will open on Euclid Avenue, next to Zack Bruell's popular Cowell & Hubbard restaurant.

The gallery's grand opening will be held Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Experience the ARTS CAMPUS

Cleveland State University's ARTS CAMPUS is at the heart of PlayhouseSquare. Its primary facilities are located in 120,000 square feet of the Middough Building on East 13th, near Euclid Avenue. **The ARTS CAMPUS is devoted to theatre, dance, visual arts education, music** and includes classrooms, rehearsal space, art and design studios, offices, meeting rooms and production shops for sets and costumes. It is the only undergraduate arts center in the country working alongside a professional theatre company, the Cleveland Play House.



Theatre students have the unique learning opportunity provided by the proximity of the Cleveland Play House and professional touring actors who perform at the Allen Theatre next door.



"It's a Breathtaking Place for Theatre and Dance"



Michael Bloom, artistic director of the Cleveland Play House, Art Falco, president and CEO of PlayhouseSquare, CSU President Ron Berkman, and Michael Mauldin, CSU chair of theatre and dance, all played major roles in making the new Arts Campus a reality.

Michael Mauldin, chairman of CSU's theatre and Dance Department, says he can't think of an undergraduate theatre and dance school anywhere else that is nestled together with a professional theatre company, in this case the renowned Cleveland Play House, which recently moved its headquarters to the Middough Building, and conducts performances next door at the Allen theatres.

"I walk around and I just marvel at what we have here at the Arts Campus," says Mauldin. It takes my breath away. As a professor and department chairman, I love to see how much the students and faculty love this place."

Mauldin says the Arts Campus provides much to offer students from the region and that he is getting calls from high school seniors and parents from around the country who have heard about Cleveland State's growing theatre and dance curricula, now accommodating nearly 85 theatre majors and minors and 25 Dance minors.

Visual Arts Students Have Northern Light and a Whole Lot More



Arts students love their new home in the CSU Arts Campus, a great improvement over previous facilities in an old downtown warehouse.

"The new Arts Campus provides tremendous opportunity for our more than 220 visual arts majors," says Jennifer Visocky O'Grady, chairperson of the CSU Art Department.

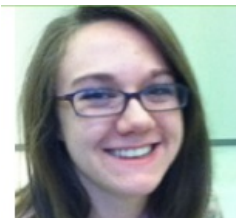
Visocky O'Grady says in the Arts Campus' cleanly designed and free flowing environment, "you can see the potential for creative growth."

"When the students look outside from our facilities on the 5th floor of the Middough Building, they not only have terrific northern light spaces, but they also see a cityscape of diversified downtown architecture," says Visocky O'Grady. "The views are inspiring."

The Art Department provides majors in Art Education, Art History and Studio Art, including Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, and Graphic Design.

Diversified Students Like Rubbing Elbows with One Another and the Pros

Here's what CSU Arts Campus Students are saying...



Kristin Kleeman-Whitney, Sophomore, theatre Major, Geneva, Ohio "The opportunities [at the Arts Campus] are amazing! Being so interlinked with a professional theatre is so profound and productive!"



Elisa Byrd, Senior, Dance Major, Cleveland, Ohio "The move ... has been a great opportunity for the Theatre & Dance Department of CSU and the students. It is wonderful to be in the midst of an artistic community with access to professional artists and technicians."



Steven Lamphere, Junior, Theatre and Dance Major, Fort Knoxville, Kentucky "This move has opened up a new world of possibilities and has shined crystalline light upon a previous darkness. It is an amazing facility and an absolutely enriching environment!"



Thomas Dang, Senior, Design Major, Cleveland, Ohio "It's great to see the visual arts and performing arts students interacting with each other. I think it's interesting how we express our creativity so differently."

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