College of Visual and Performing Arts

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School of Art and Art History............ 127
   Dr. William H. K. Wightman, Director

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Web site: http://cvpa.jmu.edu/
Mission Statement
The College of Visual and Performing Arts is founded on the belief that artistic expression reveals the essential nature and diversity of human experience. Embracing traditional practices as well as contemporary approaches and technologies, the College provides a stimulating environment in which students create, perform, interpret, research, teach and think critically about the arts. The College actively supports creative and scholarly endeavors, collaboration between faculty and students, and interdisciplinary exchange. We are committed to making the arts an integral part of the life of the university and advancing their visibility, accessibility and understanding throughout the region and the world.

Goals
The programs in the college are committed to achieving the following common objectives:

- To prepare students to be articulate, effective, and inspiring performers, educators, creators, scholars and professionals in the arts.
- To attain recognition and leadership in the arts at the regional, national and global levels.
- To enhance, develop and sustain undergraduate and graduate programs of distinction.
- To support cultural, aesthetic and intellectual diversity, and to foster interdisciplinary exchange.
- To offer students instruction and learning experiences that incorporate the latest technology, research and practices.
- To engage the surrounding community as an active partner in promoting and experiencing the arts.

Majors and Minors
CVPA offers majors and minors from the following schools:

- School of Art and Art History
- School of Music
- School of Theatre and Dance

Resources and Events
artWorks Gallery
Phone: (540) 568-6918
Website: http://www.jmu.edu/jmuarts/galleries/artworks.shtml

The artWorks Gallery features rotating exhibits of JMU undergraduate and graduate student work. The gallery is managed by students in the School of Art and Art History. artWorks is located a short walk from Duke Hall on the second floor of 131 Grace Street, JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. artWorks Gallery is sponsored by the School of Art and Art History.

Forbes Center for the Performing Arts
Ms. Regan Byrne, Executive Director
Phone: (540) 568-7000
Web site: http://www.jmu.edu/jmuarts

Comprised of the Dorothy Thomasson Estes Center for Theatre and Dance and the Shirley Hanson Roberts Center for Music Performance, the Forbes Center houses five state-of-the-art performance venues: the Mainstage Theatre (450 seats), the Concert Hall (600 seats), the Recital Hall (196 seats) the Studio Theatre (200 seats) and the Earlynn J. Miller Dance Theatre (200 seats). The center is home to the Masterpiece Season, a variety of cultural events for JMU and the entire community. The schools of Art and Art History, Music, and Theatre and Dance all take an active role in this series that also includes the Encore Series and Family Series featuring visiting artist performances that have included Imago Theatre, Liz Lerman Dance Exchange and Denyce Graves.

Institute for Visual Studies
Dr. David Ehrenpreis, Director
Phone: (540) 568-5656
Web site: http://www.jmu.edu/ivs/

The Institute for Visual Studies is a center for scholarly, scientific and creative inquiry into the nature and workings of images. An incubator of new ideas, the institute fosters discovery, and the generation of artworks, products, and applications by multidisciplinary teams of students and faculty. The Institute for Visual Studies is sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and is a collaboration among faculty representing all colleges at the university.

Madison Art Collection
Dr. Kathryn Stevens, Director
Phone: (540) 568-6934
Web site: http://www.jmu.edu/madisonart/

This collection of more than 3000 art objects features Neolithic through contemporary art pieces. The Madison Art Collection is located in the Festival College Center, Room 2102. For more information access http://www.jmu.edu/madisonart. The Madison Art Collection is sponsored by the School of Art and Art History.

New Image Gallery
Phone: (540) 568-6918
Web site: http://www.jmu.edu/jmuarts/galleries/newImage.shtml

New Image Gallery is a professional photography gallery featuring contemporary photography of regional and national significance. New Image Gallery is located on the second floor of 131 Grace Street, JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. New Image Gallery is sponsored by the School of Art and Art History.

Sawhill Gallery
Phone: (540) 568-6918
Web site: http://www.jmu.edu/jmuarts/galleries/sawhill.shtml

Sawhill Gallery is a professional art gallery featuring changing exhibitions of international, national and regional significance. In addition to providing exhibitions of contemporary art, a hallmark of the gallery’s mission is to demonstrate art’s multicultural and interdisciplinary dynamic. Sawhill Gallery is located in Duke Hall, Room 101, at the corner of Main and Grace Streets, JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. Sawhill Gallery is sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the School of Art and Art History.