College of Visual and Performing Arts

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Academic Units

School of Art, Design and Art History ................................................................. 133
  Dr. Katherine Schwartz, Director

School of Music ........................................................................................................ 266
  Dr. Jeffrey Bush, Director

School of Theatre and Dance .................................................................................... 306
  Dr. Terry Dean, Director

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

Resources and Events

artWorks Gallery
Phone: (540) 568-6818
Website: 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, Design and Art History.

The gallery is located a short walk from Duke Hall on the second floor of 131 Grace Street, JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. The artWorks Gallery is a curricular component of the School of Art, Design and Art History.

Forbes Center for the Performing Arts

Executive Director: Ms. Regan Byrne
Phone: (540) 568-7000
Website: 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, Design 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
Director: Dr. David Ehrenpreis
Phone: (540) 568-5656
Website: 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 a collaboration among faculty representing all colleges at the university. It is located in Roop Hall, room 208.

Madison Art Collection
Director: Dr. Kathryn Stevens
Phone: (540) 568-6934
Email: madisonart@jmu.edu
Website: http://www.jmu.edu/madisonart/
The Madison Art Collection provides unique opportunities for students, faculty and the non-academic community to learn about a wide range of world cultures while exploring objects drawn from its holding of over 35,000 objects. Exhibitions, class projects and special programming allow public access to the areas of collection strength, which include funerary objects from ancient Egypt, ceramics and glassware from classical Greece and Rome, West African masks and textiles, Russian icons, Japanese Edo prints, and Russian icons. The Madison Art Collection also houses a significant collection of European and American objects, such as letters and manuscripts from King George I of England, Florence Nightingale and Victor Hugo as well as the archive of American Emmy award-winning production designer Charles Lisanby, the only artistic designer to be inducted in the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. Scholars may apply for access to study Madison Art Collection objects at the Charles Lisanby Center, located in the Festival Conference and Student Center. The Madison Art Collection has two exhibition venues, both located in the Festival Conference and Student Center. The Lisanby Museum showcases exhibits drawn from the permanent collection and uses technological applications such as smart device applications and QR codes to allow visitors to craft their experience with the objects. Prism Gallery and Prism International exhibit works emphasizing aspects of diversity, including areas of culture, religion, gender and sexuality.

New Image Gallery
Phone: (540) 568-6818
Website: 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 a curricular component of the School of Art, Design and Art History.

Duke Hall Gallery
Director: Mr. Gary Freeburg
Phone: (540) 568-6818
Website: http://www.jmu.edu/jmuarts/galleries/dukehallgallery.shtml
Duke Hall 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. Duke Hall Gallery is located in Duke Hall, Room 1022, on the corner of Main and Grace Streets. Duke Hall Gallery is sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the School of Art, Design and Art History.