The Arts Come Alive at UChicago

Whether you study in one of our many academic arts programs or in any other field, at UChicago you can take advantage of hundreds of groups, activities, and artistic events on campus. As a social outlet, cultural endeavor, or professional specialization, the arts here know no bounds.

Le Vorris and Vox Circus
The University of Chicago's student-led circus performs in Rockefeller Chapel on campus. Students from all backgrounds—artists, psychologists, computer scientists—showcase their talents in unique performances each quarter.
With a strong tradition of cross-disciplinary practices, intricately mixed with intellectual curiosity and creative energy, the University fosters a bustling arts community. Students can pursue their artistic passion as a major in programs like:

- Art History
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Music
- Theater and Performance Studies
- Visual Arts

Whether you’re a film major or a physics student with a penchant for painting, you can pursue your artistic passions more through UChicago’s incredible array of on-campus arts offerings:

- 80 student-run arts-related organizations
- 40+ theatrical productions staged by approximately 500 students annually
- More than 90 faculty members in the arts
- Dispersal of world-class performing and exhibition at Court Theatre, Smart Museum, and the Renaissance Society

With a world-class faculty, UChicago Careers in the Arts prepares students for a career in the arts after college. This program for students of all majors provides internships, mentorships, and apprenticeships where students can work one-on-one with established artists and build their professional networks while still at the College. Past placements include:

- Paramount Pictures
- The Art Institute
- New York Philharmonic
- The New York Times
- WBEZ (Chicago Public Radio)
- Mark Morris Dance Group

Where theory and practice converge

Our world-renowned arts faculty includes Pulitzer Prize winners and Guggenheim Fellows, composers of international acclaim, and contemporary visual artists who are making an impact on the art world. They include:

- William Pope.L, acclaimed interdisciplinary artist and associate professor in the Department of Visual Arts
- Wu Hung, celebrated art historian and director of the Center for the Art of East Asia
- David Levin, director of the Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry and editor of Opera Quarterly

With a robust arts curriculum, play engage advance, and alongside great alumni, you can succeed in the arts. UChicago embodies the opportunity to play a role in the arts after college.

Pictured: Theater and Performance Studies produces over 40 shows a year. Featured here is Proof, by Pulitzer Prize–winning playwright David Auburn, AB’91.

Pictured: A student DJ at UChicago’s student-run radio station, WHPK, broadcasting from Studio Chicago.

Pictured: Augusta Read Thomas, former composer-in-residence with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and current University Professor of Composition in the Department of Music and the College.

Pictured: Color Jam, a public art installation by Jessica Stockholder, chair of UChicago’s Department of Visual Arts, transformed a downtown Chicago intersection into an explosion of color.

Pictured: Balloon fashions designed by physics major Willie Chyr, AB’09, whose work was featured in a national ad campaign.

Pictured: The Logan Cabaret series offers a platform for individual artists and groups to take the stage in the state-of-the-art Logan Center for the Arts.
**Nexus of Creative Inquiry and Practice**

The Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts is a new multidisciplinary arts center at the University of Chicago. Designed by renowned architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, the building integrates classroom, studio, practice, performance, and exhibition spaces to create a dynamic collaborative environment for arts and scholarship. It is a catalyst for creativity available to every undergraduate, regardless of their major.

**Spaces for All**

With 11 stories, 184,000 square feet, and over 90 spaces for undergraduates to make and experience art, it's easy to find a space that's right for you. Visit arts.uchicago.edu to learn more about what's going on in the Logan Center right now!

“Driven by the creative experimentation and intellectual fearlessness of our students, faculty, and professional organizations, the arts are central to the life of the University of Chicago.”

Larry Norman, Deputy Provost for the Arts