The Arts Come Alive at UChicago

Whether you major in the arts, philosophy, or molecular engineering, at UChicago you can take advantage of hundreds of artistic groups, activities, and events on campus regardless of your field of study. 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 mixed with intellectual curiosity and creative energy, the University of Chicago fosters a bustling arts community. Students can pursue their artistic passions through majors and minors like:

- Architectural Studies
- Art History
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Theater and Performance Studies
- Visual Arts

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Richard Augoustides, Framed, spraypaint and wall collage, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The University President of Commonwealth in the Department of Architecture.

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- Katherine Dunham, PhB'36, dance pioneer
- Philip Glass, AB'56, groundbreaking composer
- Kimberly Potter, AB'90, director of Boys Don't Cry and the remake of Carrie

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- Art Institute of Chicago
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Steppenwolf Theatre
- The Second City
- Lyric Opera
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- DuSable Museum of African American History
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Nexus of Creative Inquiry and Practice

The Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts is the 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 his or her 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, Professor in Romance Languages and Literatures, Theater and Performance Studies, and the College