

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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A division of the Westminster College of the Arts, the School of Fine and Performing Arts is located on the Lawrenceville campus. The school offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees, as well as widespread opportunities for students – regardless of major – to participate in the arts. Exhibitions, plays, concerts, and productions are presented in the 442-seat Yvonne Theater, the 90-seat Spitz Studio Theater, and the recently-expanded 374-seat Bart Luedeke Theater.

Several experiences, including ensembles and classes, are open to all university students. Dramatic plays and musical theatre productions are open to all students by audition. The Rider University Art Gallery showcases leading regional and national artists, as well as selected student work. Artist lectures and gallery performances bring additional opportunities for artistic enrichment. The Arts Administration Center provides a forum for students to work with campus and community organizations on a variety of issues and activities. Rider Dances involves student dancers, choreographers and musicians. Each year, many education majors elect a second second major from the School of Fine & Performing Arts, choosing from tracks in Dance Studies, Popular Music Studies or Theatre Studies.

Mission

Westminster College of the Arts

Westminster College of the Arts inspires and empowers innovative artists and leaders to transform communities through the arts.

The School of Fine and Performing Arts

The School of Fine and Performing Arts focuses on dance, music, musical theatre, theatre and arts administration. Through programs that provide a historical, aesthetic, practical and professional perspective, students develop the skills to excel in a professional career while growing intellectually from a broadly based liberal arts curriculum. The school fosters meaningful engagement in the arts to students who wish to become professional artists as well as students who view the arts as an integral part of overall intellectual growth. The school nurtures and challenges the artist within all students and prepares them to contribute to an ever-changing global society.