School of Fine and Performing Arts

General Information

The School of Fine and Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences at UMSL houses the departments of Art and Design, Music, and Theatre and Cinema Arts. The departments and disciplines are all closely linked by their core values to build and facilitate access to information, communication, and connection; elevate the human spirit; provide understanding and historical context; enhance critical thinking; and entertain with imagination, originality, and unique interpretation. Collectively, we celebrate discovery and the pursuit of excellence, with the aim of preparing students with the academic foundation and professional skills needed to accomplish their career and life goals.

The faculty and alumni of the School of Fine and Performing Arts have distinguished themselves as scholars, visual artists, teachers, and performers. Students in the School pursue their activities in a variety of campus locations including the Arts Administration Building, the Fine Arts Building, Lucas Hall, the Music Building, UMSL at Grand Center, and the Touhill Performing Arts Center, which affords two world-class venues for performances by university students and faculty, campus ensembles, and visiting artists. In addition, Gallery 210 and Gallery FAB offer visual arts programming of regional, national and international importance. Gallery VISIO in the Millennium Student Center showcases work by students and faculty.

Endowed professorships in the School of Fine and Performing Arts link the University to the Saint Louis Symphony, the Saint Louis Art Museum, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Laumeier Sculpture Park, and other local cultural institutions. The Des Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative connects the University and a variety of partner cultural institutions to local school districts.