About the Visiting Artists Program

In 2001 Dr. Raymond Tymas-Jones, Dean for the College of Fine Arts from 1998-2005, had the foresight to start the Visiting Artists Program for the College to bring in noted artists and scholars in the visual and performing arts to the Athens campus to work with students and faculty.

“At that time Ohio University was in a capital campaign leading up to its Bicentennial and as I developed the main criteria for the College of Fine Art's campaign, the Visiting Artist Program easily became a major focus,” said Dr. Tymas-Jones. “The faculty of the College made it clear that the Visiting Artists Program served as a way to connect Athens, Ohio to the rest of the arts world and to the community by bringing significant artists to campus to interact with students and faculty.”

Prior to 2001, the College brought visiting artists to campus and was able to support this effort through its budget. Subsequent budget restrictions diminished the support available for this feature of College offerings. In 2001 Fine Arts faculty and staff backed a decision to create an endowment devoted to the Visiting Artist Program to ensure its continuation.
Impact of the Visiting Artists Program

The College of Fine Arts Visiting Artists Program has a significant impact on our students, faculty, staff, the Ohio University and Athens community, and beyond.

Students
- Through the Visiting Artists Program we invest in our students’ futures and enliven the currency of our programs.
- Students interact directly with high caliber artists and scholars on campus and gain meaningful real world experience.
- Visiting artists and scholars teach specialized practices, classes, choreography, instrument instruction, conduct art studio visits and present lectures and workshops for students.
- Visiting artists and scholars come to share their time, expertise and experiences within our College, in our Residential Learning Community’s Lincoln Hall and with the community at large.

Faculty and Staff
- Every year artists and scholars visit each of the six schools in the College of Fine Arts where they demonstrate their skill and share their knowledge in their chosen art or career field with faculty and students.
- They contribute to public performances in the Schools and support the work of faculty and staff.

OHIO and Athens Community
- The Visiting Artists Program helps connect Athens, Ohio to the rest of the arts world and to the community by bringing significant artists to campus.
- Prioritizing the value of visiting artists contributes to the rich cultural life of the community.
Our Promise
The College of Fine Arts trains and develops professional artists, educators and scholars in the fine and performing arts and makes the arts accessible to the world. OHIO is on a quest to become one of the leading public universities in the nation. To help the University achieve this goal, the College of Fine Arts will rely on its strengths – engaged students who lead in the creation of art and faculty whose excellence is witnessed in the classroom and in their arts and scholarly work.

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