

INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS

A Home for Creativity.
A Platform for Excellence.

Funding Goal: \$12 million

The Institute for Music and Creative Arts combines Concordia's nationally recognized strength in music with theatre, visual arts, and other creative disciplines under one clear umbrella. It will strengthen what students, faculty, staff, and alumni already love about Concordia's arts culture, and expand what is possible for today's students through deeper collaboration, stronger support, and greater reach.

The Institute is built for how artists learn and create today. Interdisciplinary. Experiential. Public-facing. It will elevate faculty mentorship and student creation, while embracing the tools and platforms that broaden how we perform, share, and teach the arts across campus and beyond.

Institute Priorities

- ▶ **Remove cost barriers** so every student can participate fully, from lessons and accompanists to touring and performance experiences
- ▶ **Invest in faculty and staff** excellence to sustain teaching, mentorship, and artistic innovation
- ▶ **Expand interdisciplinary opportunities** that connect music and the creative arts in meaningful, student-centered ways
- ▶ **Strengthen production and visibility** through enhanced live experiences, streaming, and broadcast capabilities
- ▶ **Renew rehearsal, performance, and creative environments** so these spaces remain exceptional teaching spaces



"What excites me about the Institute for Music and Creative Arts is the dynamic impact it will have on students and their experience. The Institute will amplify artistic activity already happening, stimulate new creative collaborations, and bring together students, faculty, and members of the community to create and appreciate art-making in many forms."



Dr. Nat Dickey, Music
Department Chair



Why an Institute, and Why Now

Artistic practice is rarely confined to one discipline. An Institute of Music and Creative Arts reflects the real ecosystem of creativity by developing clear pathways for collaboration, supporting co-curricular exploration, and strengthening experiential learning that connects theory, practice, and community. It also expands community-facing work through performances, residencies, and partnerships, including support for K-12 music and creative arts all year long that extend Concordia's impact across the region.

Institute Priorities

- ▶ **Expand participation** by making the arts more accessible and by telling a clear story of opportunity for students across majors
- ▶ **Strengthen Concordia's reputation of excellence** through performances, residencies, festivals, workshops, and partnerships
- ▶ **Elevate music and the creative arts** as a flagship strength through experiences that deepen student learning and artistic excellence

