

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



## College of Fine Arts

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### **Academic Units**

Frostic School of Art  
Department of Dance  
School of Music  
Department of Theatre

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### **Statistics**

#### **Enrollment, Fall 2009**

Undergraduate	987
Graduate	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,082</b>
Minority students	128
Minority student %	12%
International students	26

#### **Degrees Awarded, 2007-08**

Bachelor's	207
Master's	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>

**Total Alumni** 7,459

#### **Staff, Fall 2008**

Faculty	80	Student to Faculty Ratio	14 to 1
Staff	32	Graduate/Doctoral Assistants	39



#### **Financial Aid, Fall 2008**

Number of Students Receiving Financial Aid	781
Total Financial Aid Awarded	\$3,985,840

## College of Fine Arts Fast Facts

- Western Michigan University's College of Fine Arts (CFA) is a *College of Distinction*. The CFA is one of only eight colleges of fine arts in the nation that has all of its programs professionally accredited. There is only one College of Fine Arts in the State of Michigan, and it is here at WMU.
- Among the WMU colleges, the CFA boasts the highest academic profile. Students entering the CFA have highest average ACT score and the highest high school GPA. Additionally, the CFA has the highest student retention rate in the University.
- The CFA is a selective admission unit. In addition to qualifying for admission to Western Michigan University, students who wish to major in the arts must satisfy departmental/school criteria, such as auditioning, portfolio review and interviews.
- Facilities for the learning and practice of the performing arts are the envy of the Mid-America region. Students perform in three theatres, a multi-media room, recital hall and major auditorium, scheduling more than 400 performances annually.
- The Frostic School of Art has moved to its next level of excellence with new facilities. In 2007, WMU dedicated the Richmond Center for the Visual Arts, a \$12 million, 44,000 square foot architectural jewel. The Richmond Center features significant gallery space, lecture halls and the School of Art's graphic design program. In 2008, the first phase of a two-stage \$22.5 million renovation project in Kehrman Hall was completed, providing new studios, classrooms, laboratories and offices for the Frostic School of Art.
- The reputation of the current Music Theatre performance students has attracted numerous professional summer theatres to hold annual auditions on campus, resulting in the casting of more than 20 students each year in professional summer theatre. Further, music theatre performance students over the last three years have achieved 80 percent success in signing with professional representation as a result of their travels to New York City to perform their Showcase for agents and casting directors.
- Last year, the Department of Dance hosted more than two dozen nationally acclaimed artists in residence to choreograph, rehearse and prepare students for professional advancement. These included Derrick Evans, a choreographer who performed with Gus Giardino and Michael Jackson, former Hubbard Street Dance Chicago dancer Cheryl Mann, and Vernard Gilmore of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre.
- The Department of Dance produced, or was a part of, more than 65 public events during the 2008-09 academic year. This included 20 performances/workshops by the Western Dance Project, the department's touring ensemble that performs at schools, community organizations and festivals in the Chicago area and throughout Michigan.