The $61M, 69,000sf Center for the Arts opened in January 2014 and houses all the arts under one roof in the heart of the campus. Three major elements include the Art Gallery, the Recital Hall and the Black Box Theater. Altogether, the facility additionally encompasses art studios, practice rooms, laboratories, classrooms, offices and support spaces providing all the arts under one roof, creating a synergy for students and faculty that simply didn’t exist prior. The 240-seat recital hall provides the campus’ first location for small venue performances by students, faculty, visiting artists and others, as well as serving instructional purposes. Its acoustical design provides variable acoustics to serve a broad range of music genres enhancing the performance experience for both performers and audience. MCH provided full-scope programming and acoustical design and AV infrastructure planning.

Art Practice without a proper place of display does not achieve its highest purpose. The Art Gallery is central to the instructional purposes of the program by providing a place for the display of students' work, as well as the work of professional artists with visiting exhibitions. It offers flexibility of design and utilization that did not exist on campus and is now a gathering place for students, faculty and the community to view the finest student and professional artworks and to examine and discuss issues surrounding the visual arts.

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