The Arts Initiative supports a global community of arts educators through collaborative alliances with state, national and international organizations advancing the daily impact of the arts on the city of Columbus. The Arts Initiative at Ohio State serves as an umbrella for multiple aspects of the arts on and off campus and facilitates opportunities for faculty and students to exhibit and perform beyond the university community.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Arts Initiative establishes connections with local, national and international arts organizations, companies, institutions and professionals in order to advance the arts community in the greater Columbus area. These alliances provide opportunities for students, faculty, staff and artists to cultivate their own relationships and experiences beyond the university community.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 4 Columbus Alive Best Art Gallery Awards
- 20+ student assistants and interns every year
- 400+ exhibited artists per year
- 4,000+ patrons served by Town and Gown Committee Partnerships
- 5,000+ patrons reached by Royal Shakespeare Company initiatives
- 27,000+ patrons at Urban Arts Space and Hopkins Hall Gallery

“Our goal is to continue to highlight the exceptional talent and creative activity of faculty and students, and to bring broad recognition to the arts at Ohio State.”

(Valarie Williams, Executive Director, The Arts Initiative)
URBAN ARTS SPACE
Lazarus Building, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 130, Columbus, OH 43215

Urban Arts Space challenges ways of thinking about the visual and performing arts and their role in everyday life through conversation, art-making and experimentation. Urban Arts Space encourages transformative experiences that expand worldviews, offers hands-on practical opportunities in the arts and education, and enables career skills to reflect an entrepreneurial culture. Located in the heart of downtown Columbus, Urban Arts Space joins The Ohio State University with the state of Ohio and the world, functioning as an arts laboratory for faculty and artists and serving as a professional launching pad for Ohio State students.

HOPKINS HALL GALLERY
The Ohio State University’s Main Campus, The Oval Hopkins Hall, 128 North Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210

Hopkins Hall Gallery provides accessible professional exhibitions for The Ohio State University community, and exhibition opportunities for students in the visual arts. Hopkins Hall Gallery’s location in the heart of the Ohio State campus, and in the main lobby of Hopkins Hall, opens the doors for peer inspiration, collaboration and growth.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY/ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY PARTNERSHIP

The Ohio State University/Royal Shakespeare Company Partnership supports Ohio State's aspiration to be a destination for the innovative teaching, research and performance of Shakespeare. The Ohio State University and Great Britain's Royal Shakespeare Company have significantly broadened their unique relationship, increasing efforts to bring Shakespeare to schoolchildren across the state and boosting efforts to promote the RSC's Shakespeare productions around the world.

TOWN AND GOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

The Town and Gown Advisory Committee for the Arts builds relationships that create opportunities for cooperation, partnership and educational exchanges around the world. It develops connections between The Ohio State University, the City of Columbus, businesses, arts organizations and local residents and establishes The Ohio State University as a facilitator of significant discussion on the arts and culture within the Columbus community. The Town and Gown Committee brings city and arts leaders together to collaborate in the spirit of advancing the arts and the creative growth of the citizens of Columbus.