Welcome to the Office for the Arts at Harvard.

Your talents, interests and curiosity in theater, dance, music, visual arts and other creative projects will find a home and an incubator at the OFA.

Our mission is to activate and support your arts experience and expression during your time at Harvard. Find out how we can help you engage with visiting artists, fund projects, take classes and much more. Make art. All arts. All levels. All for you.

artists

The Learning from Performers program works with students, faculty and the community to bring professional artists to campus for engaging, dynamic encounters with undergraduates in curricular and co-curricular settings. We host artists in every field, every genre. Students can participate, co-produce and propose workshops, master classes, discussions, artmaking and more.

music

Do you play an instrument or sing? Harvard’s Music Department and OFA offer a broad range of ensembles led by professional conductors who provide opportunities for students in many repertoires and genres. Participate in groups such as the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, Harvard Pops Orchestra, Harvard Jazz Bands, Jazz Combo Initiative, Kuumba Singers of Harvard, Harvard University Choruses and more.

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dance

At the Harvard Dance Center, students can enroll in TDM curricular and OFA co-curricular courses, participate in master classes and workshops, work alongside visiting artists, and perform repertory, commissioned work and installations. The Dance Center has opportunities for all abilities and all levels of experience. We provide mentorship, support, residencies and a civic discussion series in partnership with departments across campus.

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ceramics

The Ceramics Program offers instruction at all levels. The core strengths of our internationally recognized studio/study center in Allston are its excellent courses, innovative interdisciplinary symposia and studio access for independent study. Accomplished instructors, independent professionals, and resident and visiting artists inspire and engage students in developing skills for making functional and sculptural ceramics.

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grants

Our OFA grants and fellowships annually fund nearly 100 on-campus projects in all arts fields as well as music lesson subsidies. Our Artist Development Fellowships support undergraduates engaged in summer proposals for transformational growth. The Faculty Council on the Arts awards annual Arts Prizes recognizing outstanding student accomplishments in a range of arts.

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theater

Whether your interest in the dramatic arts is inside or outside the classroom, onstage or behind the scenes, our theater professionals are dedicated to helping you through mentorships, master classes, workshops, venue guidance, residencies, subsidies, grants and more.

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festival

ARTS FIRST, Harvard’s annual four-day arts celebration, features 200+ events in a multitude of genres and showcases the talent of more than 2,000 students. Get involved! Find out about performing, volunteering and paid undergraduate producer positions.

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and more

The OFA offers many arts opportunities for undergraduates such as studio art, free Boston Symphony Orchestra tickets, venue management training, Wintersession workshops and more. Got an idea? Stop by!

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