



CAREERS IN VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS: CREATE, CONNECT & INSPIRE

If you love bringing ideas to life — through performance, design, or expression — there's a place for you in the visual and performing arts. Whether you act, choreograph, paint, sing, design, direct, or produce, your creativity can lead to a meaningful and dynamic career.

You don't have to have it all figured out yet. College is the perfect time to explore possibilities, experiment, and make connections. Attend performances, join workshops, collaborate with peers, and talk to alumni who work in creative industries. Every experience adds to your artistic toolkit.

If you'd like help defining your path, finding opportunities, or building a creative portfolio, set up a meeting with your Career Coach in the Career Center through Handshake.

EXPLORE CAREER PATHS

Some familiar roles include: artist, curator, producer, choreographer, musician, designer, dancer, singer, or actor. But there are also creative careers behind the scenes:

- **Arts Administration** – Manage programs, marketing, or community outreach for arts organizations.
- **Production & Technical Design** – Lighting, sound, stage management, and set design.
- **Creative Direction & Media** – Graphic design, photography, illustration, or content creation.
- **Education & Outreach** – Teach, coach, or lead programs that bring art to others.

QUICK TIP

Creative careers rarely follow a straight line — and that's part of the beauty. Keep making, learning, and sharing your art. The more visible your work becomes, the more opportunities will find you.

EXPLORE CAREER RESOURCES

- [What Can I Do with This Major?](#) – Explore careers tied to your art discipline.
- [O*NET Online](#) – Learn about roles, required skills, and salary ranges.
- [My Next Move](#) – Interactive career search based on your interests and skills.
- [Careers in Theatre](#) – Pathways across acting, stagecraft, and management.
- [Culture, Music & Performing Arts Careers](#) – Explore emerging creative fields.
- [LinkedIn](#) – Network, join arts-related groups, and follow organizations that align with your interests.

FIND CREATIVE JOB BOARDS

- [Alliance of Artists Communities](#) – Residency and fellowship opportunities for artists.
- [Art Jobs](#) – Openings in arts, culture, education, and museums.
- [Behance](#) – Showcase your portfolio and connect with creative employers.
- [Creative Hotlist](#) – Job listings in design, marketing, and advertising.
- [Krop](#) – Creative portfolios and freelance opportunities.
- [Playbill](#) – Theater and performance job postings.

BUILD EXPERIENCE

- **Perform or exhibit:** Take part in campus productions, shows, or festivals.
- **Volunteer or intern:** Help with local theaters, galleries, or community arts organizations.
- **Collaborate:** Partner with students in film, music, or media to expand your creative network.
- **Create online:** Build a portfolio site or post your work on platforms like Behance or Instagram.