Fine and Performing Arts Facilities Renewal

The University of Guelph’s Fine and Performing Arts program is among the very best in Canada. Our faculty and students repeatedly receive international recognition for their exceptional contributions to music, theatre and fine art. A program of this caliber warrants a first-class, modern and fully accessible facility to showcase its artistry and to continue to attract the very best students and faculty. This is why we are seeking to raise $2,000,000 to support the program.

Impact Statement:
The University of Guelph’s BA programs in Music, Studio Art and Art History, and the MFA in Studio Art and MA in Art History and Visual Culture, are renowned for their excellence and for the success of their graduates.

SOFAM curricula in all areas, delivered by acclaimed faculty, are designed to combine critical thought and creative practice with crucial opportunities for experiential learning. The result is that SOFAM graduates are working as artists, musicians, art historians, art and music teachers, gallery administrators, curatorial assistants, and are making their mark in numerous other creative practices and cultural industries.

It is essential that the facilities that house and showcase these programs, that host theatre productions, art exhibits, lectures and musical performances, properly reflect the quality of the work of our students and faculty.

Goals:
The Fine and Performing Arts facilities require immediate repair for aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons. The Mackinnon building, where the College of Arts resides, has not been updated since 1967. Our vision for a new Fine and Performing Arts Centre is a first class, contemporary facility.

The repairs and renovations required are extensive and can be distributed as follows:

- Repairs, renovations, accessibility and new furnishings for the Luscombe Theatre, all Music rooms, the Goldschmidt Room, and music practice booths
- Extensive repairs and renovations for Zavitz Hall, the home for the School of Fine Arts and Music
- Extensive repairs, renovations and improved accessibility for Blackwood Hall, home to the artist studios for the students of fine art
- Extensive repairs, renovations or rebuild of Fire Hall, which houses classes for the School of Fine Art and Music

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