

Year two wrap-up from the School of the Arts

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Projections on the tower at our Second Festival of the Arts. Image credit: [@binghamtonu](#)

Happy Summer from the School of the Arts!

As we wrap up our second year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished before we head into the summer.

Festival of the Arts

Our second Festival of the Arts was a hit! Building on the success of Excelebrate, we brought together jazz, opera, improv, musical theatre, latin dance, visual art, graphic design, poetry, film screenings, screen-printing, hands-on art workshops, and motion graphics on the Library Tower! The second day continued with performances, screenings, and exhibitions in the Arts Building and Lecture Hall. We were especially thrilled to see cross-disciplinary pop-ups between our different departments, and a new influx of community-members.

A Quick Year in Review

In addition to the [hundreds of events](#) organized by all of the departments within the School of the Arts, here is a summary of School of the Arts initiatives this year.

Support for the Arts:

- The generous **Ronald G. and Betty B. Goodwin Performing Arts Endowment** will provide funds to help students pursue careers in the arts.
- Road Map Strategic Priority 4 (SP4) will fund **community engagement through the arts**.
- **The Provost's Award for Research: A Sustainable World** will support a collaboration between Engineering, Chemistry, and the School of the Arts.

"Real-World Arts" Workshops:

In partnership with the Fleishman Center, we hosted workshops to prepare students for careers in the arts:

- **Acting, Curating, and Entertainment Technology** with Anne Bailey, Joseph Leach, and Daniel Sonnen.
- **Music Industry** with alumni Jonathan Lee and Mike Montano.
- **Art Residencies and Careers in the Built Environment** with Colin Lyons and Julia Walker.

Cross-Disciplinary Mixers and Events:

- **An Improv workshop** led by Theatre Students.
- **A natural pigment and dye workshop** run by Art History, Art&Design, and the BU Greenhouse.
- **Soarjam: An interdisciplinary jam session** at Chamber Hall.
- **Grad Visions: Graduate students from all of our departments** shared in-progress work.

Increased visibility of the Arts to prospective students and

donors:

- Tours of the Arts Building at all major Admissions events introduced prospective students and families to our offerings.
- We stole the show at Homecoming/Excelebration, showcasing our students' work to University donors.

Curricular Innovations:

- New minors in **Lighting** and **Sound** are here, with a minor in **New Media** coming soon!

Thank you for being part of our creative community. Wishing everyone a restful and inspiring summer!

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Open Calls - Don't Miss Out!

There's still time to submit your ideas and projects:

- **Arts in the Community (faculty, staff, and students)** -
Deadline: June 1
[Submit Here](#)
- **Summer Art and Design Projects (students not graduating this spring)** - Deadline: June 1
[Submit Here](#)

Remembering Tomo Nishikawa

As we enter summer, we take a moment to remember our beloved colleague Tomonari "Tomo" Nishikawa, Chair and Professor of Cinema, who passed away on April 20, 2025. Tomo was a gifted filmmaker, an inspiring teacher, and a deeply valued member of our community. He will be missed and remembered.

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Summer 2025

Please see below for highlights from each department, and check out the [School of the Arts calendar](#) for much, much more. [Subscribe from your phone](#) for easy access.

BU ART MUSEUM

***Ongoing Spring 2025 exhibition:
Monuments: Commemoration and
Controversy***

2/27 - 6/14 | T-S Noon-4 p.m. & TR
Noon-7p.m.

Main galleries | Free Admission



ANDERSON CENTER

***Summer Concert Series
Ozark Mountain Daredevils + special
guest Pure Prairie League***

6/21 | 8 p.m.

Osterhout Concert Theater | [Ticketed](#)

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Summer Concert Series

TBD

7/26 | TBD

Osterhout Concert Theater | [Ticketed](#)



ANDERSON CENTER

Summer Concert Series

TBD

8/10 | TBD

Osterhout Concert Theater | [Ticketed](#)

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