

Cultural Opportunities

Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts

Located on the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue, the Singletary Center for the Arts serves as the primary performance facility for the University, as well as for many community and regional events. The Center includes a 1500-seat Concert Hall and a 400-seat Recital Hall, both designed for acoustical excellence.

The Singletary Center opened in the fall of 1979 and has hosted an average of 400 events annually, with 123,000 patrons attending each year. In addition to presenting almost 175 annual performances by the School of Music faculty and students, the Center presents two concert series: the Corner on Classics Series and the Turning the Corner Series.

The Singletary Center is also the primary performance venue of the community arts organizations, such as the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra, the Chamber Music Society of Central Kentucky, and the Lexington Men's and Women's Choruses. In addition, the Center houses the Gallery at the President's Room, which showcases regional, local, and student art exhibits. Admission to the Gallery is free.

The Center offers discounts and/or free admission to numerous programs for students, faculty and staff with a valid UK ID. For more information, call (859) 257-1706; or visit online at: www.uky.edu/SCFA. For ticket information, call the Singletary Center Ticket Office at (859) 257-4929. To buy tickets online, visit: www.singletarytickets.com. The ticket office is open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Thursday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Friday, and 12 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday if there is a ticketed performance.

Singletary Signature Series

For 28 years, the Singletary Center for the Arts has provided students with the best of the classical music world. The Singletary Signature Series, sponsored by the Singletary Center and the College of Fine Arts, offers audiences the highest standards of artistic excellence usually found in major metropolitan art centers. Each year, the series features five classical concerts by world-renowned musicians. Past performers include the Canadian Brass, the King's Singers, the Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra with Navah Perlman, Denyce Graves, Savion Glover, and Mark O'Connor.

Don't miss the opportunity to see some of the world's best performers right here on UK's campus. Ticket prices are based on seating location.

For more information about the Singletary Signature Series, performers, tickets and dates, call (859) 257-4929; or check out the Web site at: www.uky.edu/SCFA.

Theatre

The Department of Theatre offers a variety of productions each year, from classical to contemporary, from provocative to traditional. This range provides stimulating fare for the University and the community.

All University of Kentucky students are eligible to audition for plays. Students may also participate in other theatre-related activities such as wardrobe, scenic, and lighting crews. Students completing assignments on stage or backstage may receive credit through the departmental practicum program.

Auditions and crew assignments are generally made at the beginning of each semester. For more information, students may consult the bulletin board outside the theatre office in the Fine Arts Building; contact the theatre office



at (859) 257-3297; or visit the Web site at: www.uky.edu/FineArts/Theatre.

The Department of Theatre and members of its faculty participate in or are members in the Kentucky Theatre Association, the Southeastern Theatre Conference, the American Theatre in Higher Education, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), the American Society for Theatre Research, United States Institute for Theatre Technology, and United Scenic Artists.

University Concerts

The School of Music sponsors a variety of recitals and concerts throughout the year by faculty and students. Faculty musical ensembles include the Faculty Brass Quintet and the McCracken Wind Quintet. Student organizations include the Symphony Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, the University Choristers and Chorale, the UK Jazz Ensembles, the Percussion Ensemble, the Trombone Choir, the Tuba Ensemble, Opera Theatre, Mega-Sax, Paws and Listen, and the AcoUstiKats.

Faculty recitals, faculty ensemble concerts, and concerts by student organizations are usually free to students, faculty, staff, and to the community.

Chamber Music Society of Central Kentucky

The Chamber Music Society of Central Kentucky offers a series of concerts featuring outstanding chamber music ensembles of national and international reputation. Most performances are held on campus at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets are available individually or by subscription. A limited number of free tickets are available to students with a valid UK ID at the Singletary Center Ticket Office. For ticket information, call (859) 257-4929.

Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra

The Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra is conducted by George Zack and performs regularly in the Concert Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts. The orchestra plays a varied repertoire and features outstanding guest soloists at each concert. Tickets are available individually or by subscription. A limited number of free tickets are available to students with a valid

UK ID at the Singletary Center Ticket Office beginning on the Wednesday prior to each concert. For ticket information, call (859) 233-4226.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center

Since its establishment in 1987, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center (MLKCC) has been a vital cultural/educational resource center on the University of Kentucky campus. Through its year-round calendar of programs and activities, the Center promotes the vital importance of cultural awareness and cross-cultural understanding. MLKCC-sponsored programs such as lectures, concerts, theatrical and dance performances, film and video, exhibits and workshops have broadened the university experience for thousands of students, faculty, staff, and members of the broader community. For more information, visit: www.uky.edu/MLKCC.

Mission

The mission of the MLKCC is to help advance the university's goal of achieving a genuinely diverse, inclusive campus environment which supports the development of students who are prepared to contribute to a highly complex, multicultural, global society. Our aim is to foster a richer understanding and appreciation for the cultural heritage of African American and Latino peoples of America while showing how diversity intersects, overlaps, and complements the cultures of all people.

Values

Education should strive to transcend what is learned in the conventional classroom setting. Learning and development are also achieved through our various social, cultural and interpersonal interactions. In all of its initiatives, programs, activities and sponsored events, the MLKCC values:

- **Truth and Integrity:** We seek the truth and promote honesty and integrity in all matters, from the information that we disseminate to the way that we transact our day-to-day business.
- **Creativity and Resourcefulness:** Our constant search for fresh ideas and innovative ways of doing things enables us to make full and productive use of available resources.
- **Respect and Acceptance:** The MLKCC is enriched by people who have different perspectives, experiences and worldviews. We respect these differences and strive to embrace them as we celebrate the vast diversity of the human experience.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center is located in 133 Student Center, across from the UK Bookstore. The Center is open Monday through Friday. For more information, call (859) 257-4130 or visit the MLKCC Web site at: www.uky.edu/MLKCC/.

University Art Galleries

The University has four main art galleries. The Department of Art sponsors **The Tuska Gallery**, the main exhibition space of the Tuska Center for Contemporary Art, located in the Fine Arts Building. The Tuska Center brings to campus a series of exhibitions of cutting-edge, provocative art in traditional and experimental media of regional and national importance. The gallery was dedicated to the late John Tuska, University of Kentucky faculty emeritus, in 1996. **The Raymond Barnhart Gallery** in the Reynolds Building houses B.A. and B.F.A. senior exhibitions as well as juried shows. The Barnhart is home to the Department's annual Open Studio held the first Friday in December. **The Rasdall Gallery** in the Student Center is run by a student board and features work by local, regional, and national artists in a variety of media. **The Pence Hall Gallery**, under the direction of the College of Design, combines exhibits of architectural interest featuring painting, drawing and sculpture.

The Art Museum at the University of Kentucky

The Art Museum at the University of Kentucky, accredited by the American Association of Museums, is the second largest in the state with an encyclopedic collection of more than 4,500 objects. Areas of strength include Italian Baroque and American Abstract Expressionist painting, photographs, prints, American and French art glass, decorative arts, and regional art. Non-Western objects include Iranian, pre-Columbian, and African works.

The Museum serves both a regional and national audience with a variety of permanent collection exhibitions as well as traveling exhibitions and educational programs. Prearranged group and class tours led by museum volunteers or staff are encouraged. The Museum offers students training opportunities for work-study and internships as well as a Museum Studies course in partnership with the Art Department. Students are eligible for free Museum membership, entitling them to e-mail information about exhibitions and events and a discount in the museum gift shop. For information on becoming a student member, visit our Web site at: www.uky.edu/ArtMuseum.

The Art Museum, located in the Singletary Center for the Arts at the corner of Rose Street and Euclid Avenue, is open noon to 5 P.M. Tuesday through Sunday, and noon to 8 P.M. on Friday. The Museum is closed on Mondays and University holidays. Admission to the permanent collection exhibitions is always free, and admission to special exhibitions is free for all students and UK faculty, staff, and alumni.

William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology

The William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology is the major curation facility for archaeological collections in the state. The Museum was founded in 1931 by William S. Webb, and houses many unique collections recovered from archaeological excavations all across the Commonwealth. Every year we welcome researchers from all parts of the world who come to study, photograph and interpret the material remains representing 12,000 years of Native American life in Kentucky, and the last 200 years or so of the Commonwealth. The museum library contains approximately 9,000 volumes on Kentucky prehistorical and historical archaeology. Researchers are welcome to apply to the Museum for collections access.