

## Performing and Visual Arts

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### Program

Part of any university experience of quality is the cultural richness provided by its performing and visual arts. Whether enthusiastic novices or serious pre-professionals, students will find an enormous array of artistic choices. The School of the Arts subscribes to a philosophy which seeks a balance between theory and practice, and we are justifiably proud of the large number of working artists among our faculty. Chico's reputation as an artistic center in Northern California is the result of the collective commitment by faculty, alumni, administration, and student-artists to the highest standards in every facet of the artistic experience. Though first-rate facilities help, our large appreciative audiences know that quality in the arts resides within the talent of the individual and the dedication of the ensemble.



### Performance Facilities

The home of performance at Chico is the Performing Arts Center, which houses the 500-seat Harlen Adams Theatre, the 200-seat Larry Wismer Theatre, and the 200-seat Ruth Rowland-Taylor Recital Hall. The PAC also houses offices, classrooms, and a number of studios and rehearsal spaces. The theatres are served by fully equipped scene and costume shops, as well as spacious make-up and dressing facilities. All of our theatres—including Chico's 1,300-seat Laxson Auditorium—possess state-of-the-art computerized lighting systems. All musical events are professionally recorded, and our recording studio is the finest in the North State.

### Galleries

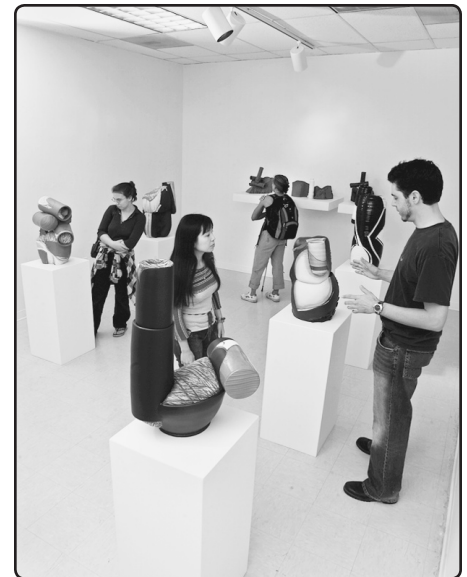
The University is home to four galleries with a wide range of exhibition calendars:

**The University Gallery** is located in Taylor Hall and features an exhibition calendar of contemporary and historical art work, a biennial alumni show, an annual student art show, and faculty exhibitions.

**The BFA Gallery** is tucked into Ayres Hall and features culminating shows for students earning the Bachelor of Fine Arts.

**The Janet Turner Print Museum** on the mezzanine of Laxson Auditorium curates seven exhibitions a year drawn from the collection of over 3,500 prints. The National Print Competition is held every other year with print artists from the United States and abroad.

**The Humanities Center Gallery** is located in Trinity Hall and presents an eclectic exhibition calendar of alumni, faculty, and community artists.



### Scholarships

Our scholarship program includes awards for first-time students and continuing students. All are highly competitive and awarded on the basis of demonstrated artistic ability. Consult the Departments of Art, Music, and Theatre Arts for more information.

### North State Symphony Orchestra

Truly a town/gown affair, the orchestra is a collection of the finest instrumentalists from both the campus and the North State. The orchestra's season features world-class guest soloists, great standard repertoire, and exciting premieres.

