Performing Arts

Explore Majors and Careers

What Can I Do With This Major:

Industry Overview:
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, Colorado Creative Industries, National Endowment for the Arts

Sample CU Majors:
Explore Art & Art History, Explore Performing Arts

Prepare for an Internship/Job Search

CU Clubs/Organizations:
Coalition for Creative Music, Fashion Design Student Association (FDSA), Hip Hop Congress, Ritmos Latinos Salsa Dancing Club, Walkabout Creative Arts Journal, Music Industry Club

Sample Local Opportunities:
Avalon Ballroom, Boulder Arts Commission, Boulder Digital Arts, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder Philharmonic, Frequent Flyers Productions Aerial Dance Theatre, Open Studios, Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, The Dairy Center for the Arts

Professional Organizations:
American Art Therapy Association, American Association of Art Museums, American Institute of Graphic Arts, Association of Art Museum Curators, College Art Association, Colorado Film Commissions, Colorado Music Association, Industrial Designers Society of America, The National Association for Music Education

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Start an Internship/Job Search

Search for Internships & Jobs:
Career Buffs, Coroflot, Film and TV Production Resources, Incredible Art Job Search, Music Careers, New York Foundation for the Arts, WorldWide Arts Resources, Denver Center for the Performing Arts

International Focus:
Canada Council for the Arts, EU Art Jobs, Sotheby Institute Masters Programs, Stiletto Entertainment Cruiseships

Visit Go Global for additional resources. Login to Careers Buffs to find internship and job postings from employers specifically seeking CU-Boulder students.

Adapt for a Changing World

Insider Advice & Trends:
Breaking into the field of performing art is not easy. Consider an internship and connect with people involved in the arts. Attend concerts, and plays; takes classes in your discipline to develop and hone your performance and technical skills; search for grant opportunities to support your performance endeavors. Auditioning is a huge part of performing artists’ careers. Practice for auditions with friends, peers and teachers. Develop a performance portfolio to send to potential employers.

Sample Employers
Recruiting at CU:
American Symphony Orchestra League
Apex Contemporary Dance Theater
Backpacker Magazine
Boulder County Arts Alliance
Butterfly Pavilion
Central City Opera House Association
Grooveshark
KGNU

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