Creating the Future
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The mission of the Division of Performing Arts is to make the arts as a whole more visible locally, nationally, and internationally. The goal of Creating the Future is to encourage and support substantial initiatives from the units of the Division, singly or in cooperation with one another, that help realize this mission.

These initiatives may take many shapes. They include performance projects, symposia, year-long cross-campus programs, high level conferences, guest-artist series, “creative campus” events, scholarly collaborations etc. In many cases, but not all, they are interdisciplinary in nature, connecting Division units to one another or to faculty across the University. In every case they reach well beyond a unit’s normal activities in adventurous, creative, entrepreneurial ways to “make the arts more visible”.

Criteria for selection: (1) Potential to make a substantial contribution to the arts or arts scholarship; (2) Impact on students; (3) Impact on and/or engagement with local, regional and national communities; (4) For performance projects, ability of the Division to support the proposal in an appropriate manner, and ability of applicants to complete the project successfully. Additional considerations may include the range of interdisciplinary work, and efforts to partner with other granting offices in and outside the University.

Application Process: Proposals are developed within or among the Division’s units. They may emerge from individual or small groups of faculty members, or from the collective vision of one or more units. They must then be approved and forwarded by the unit’s DEO.

Selection Process: Every fall the School of Music and the Departments of Dance and Theatre Arts may each propose up to two projects for the following academic year. A project may also be proposed by the Director of the Division. The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the Division Director, who will make the final decision. The approved proposal(s) will receive funding (at present, total annual funds are $40,000) and will take an important place in the Division’s activities the following year.