Events and Activities

A variety of exhibitions, musical and dramatic performances, and many public lectures take place on campus each year.

The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei, is situated on the northwest corner of the Arts Quadrangle and commands a sweeping view of Cayuga Lake and the city of Ithaca. The museum’s rapidly expanding collections include works from all over the world; especially well developed are holdings in the graphic arts, Asian art, and twentieth-century American painting. The museum sponsors traveling exhibitions, lectures, films, education workshops, tours, and other special events. Except for a brief period during the winter recess, the museum is open all year to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Membership privileges include special preview receptions of exhibitions, bimonthly newsletters, and discounts on catalogs and posters at the sales desk.

Other exhibitions of paintings, sculptures, graphic arts, and crafts, including student work, are held almost continuously during the academic year in the Willard Straight Hall Art Room, the Olive Tjaden Hall Gallery, Sibley Dome, the Martha Van Rensselaer Hall Gallery, and Risley College.

Summer Events: [www.sce.cornell.edu/events](www.sce.cornell.edu/events)
The School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions sponsors free cultural events on campus each summer, including lectures and indoor and outdoor concerts.

Theatre, Film and Dance Performances and Public Presentations. The Department of Theatre, Film and Dance is housed in the Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, which features the 471-seat Kiplinger Theatre, the Class of 1956 Flexible Theatre, and a Black Box theatre for experimental performance; three dance studios; and the Film Forum, a classroom and screening space. In addition to its academic activities (three undergraduate majors, a graduate major field in theatre offering the Ph.D., and a graduate minor field in film and video), the department sponsors and mounts six to ten theatre productions open to the public each year, from fully-staged performances to readings of new works, and from classic drama to contemporary comedy. The department sponsors daily screenings of a wide variety of films through Cornell Cinema and Willard Straight and Uris Halls, annual screenings of student-made films, and symposia on cinema and media studies throughout the year. The department supports dance concerts each academic year, and the Cornell Dance Series brings two professional companies to the Schwartz Center each year.
The University Faculty Committee on Music serves as the advisory body for the Cornell Concert Series, which presents eminent solo artists and ensembles at Bailey Hall. Tickets are sold on-line at www.cornellconcertseries.com or over the phone through the Ticket Center at the Clinton House. Aside from the Concert Series, the Department of Music sponsors over 130 free concerts and lectures each year, given by faculty members, students, university ensembles and distinguished visiting artists and scholars. Faculty members, spouses and staff members are welcome to participate in a number of music ensembles. Information is available at the Music Department Office in Lincoln Hall.

The University Faculty Committee on University Lectures sponsors numerous individual university lectures by national and international authorities throughout the year. It also sponsors the Messenger Lecture Series, in which outstanding scholars deal with important subjects in depth. Information can be obtained from the Office of the Dean of Faculty at http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/lectures/lectures_main.html.

See also http://www.cornell.edu/events/ for other listed events and activities.