

The College of the Arts at California State University Long Beach is one of the largest & most comprehensive arts colleges situated within a public university. It is comprised of six separate academic units — The School of Art, The Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, the departments of Dance, Design, Film & Electronic Arts, and Theatre Arts. It also includes the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center & the newly remodeled & expanded Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum.

College of the Arts by the Numbers:

6Academic
Departments

1Performing
Arts Center

Expanded & Redesigned Museum

10 Exhibition Spaces for Student Work

Performance and Screening Halls

37
Distinct Degree/
Certificate Programs

4,000+
COTA Students Served
in Major and Minor programs

10,000+ CSULB Students enrolled in COTA classes

\$600,000+
in scholarships & awards
provided annually

40+COTA Student Ensembles
& Organizations

400+
Student Artists
Showcased Annually

500+
Annual performances, exhibitions, lectures, & arts events

150,000

Patrons, guests, & community in attendance at COTA events annually

The numbers for ensembles, events, & attendance are pre-pandemic numbers. During 2020 and 2021, COTA programs instituted myriad live stream events, virtual performances & exhibitions, & video project uploads for public viewing. Live performances & exhibitions & subsequent audience numbers were significantly reduced.