



# Franklin College, Johnson Center for Fine Arts

Franklin, Indiana

Schmidt Associates

School, Community Center/  
Joint Use Facilities  
New Construction

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Type of School and  
Grades Served:  
College, Post-secondary  
Size of Site: 1.7 acres  
Area of Building:  
40,602 square feet  
Volume of Building:  
678,444 cubic feet  
Square Foot Cost: \$174  
Construction Cost: \$7 million  
Total Project Cost: \$9 million  
Contract Date: April 1999  
Completion Date: October 2001  
Percent of Completion: 100%

The Johnson Center for Fine Arts at Franklin College breaks away from the traditional and invites students and visitors to enter through the multistoried glass pavilions. The pavilions create the lobby/gallery designed to display student work, function as the theater lobby during performances, provide a gathering space for students and faculty, and offer a visually exciting and dramatic space for receptions and social events on campus.

Dynamic accommodations for the leadership program provide break-out patio space adjacent to each of the three 15-person conference rooms on the first floor, and a covered terrace adjacent to the large conference room on the second floor. A studio, with exterior balcony access, for painting and drawing is available, as well as



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spaces for private, ensemble, band, orchestra, and vocal music instruction and practice. The facility also includes a 125-seat, flexible staging black box theater and support spaces.

Multimedia instruction areas have been created for art, theater, and film history instruction. State-of-the-art, computer-enhanced general

classrooms with wireless connectivity can be found throughout the building.

Johnson Center for Fine Arts demonstrates a commitment to leadership, the arts, and the latest in technology. Linking the campus and community, this center is a glistening jewel—welcoming all to gather, learn, and grow. ■



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ART STUDIO

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