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Visual and Performing
Arts Department

A Semester of Art, Theatre, and Music at WSU

In the studio, onstage, and in practice rooms, VPA students created art all over campus this semester. In Fall 2025:

- Worcester State Theatre produced Shakespeare's *Macbeth* using early-modern staging techniques.
- Studio artists exhibited their work alongside that of VPA and Communications Department faculty.
- Vocalists and instrumentalists delighted audiences with end-of-semester concerts.

Congratulations to the dedicated students who lent their talent to VPA performances and exhibitions this fall! We hope you enjoy this look back at the semester, and we'll see you in 2026.

Students Find New Depth in *Macbeth* Through Early-Modern Staging Techniques

In November, Worcester State student actors explored *Macbeth* through a new, yet historic lens by drawing on staging techniques that would have been familiar to audiences in the 17th century.

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Top: Roan Testa as Lady Macbeth and John McAuliffe as Macbeth.

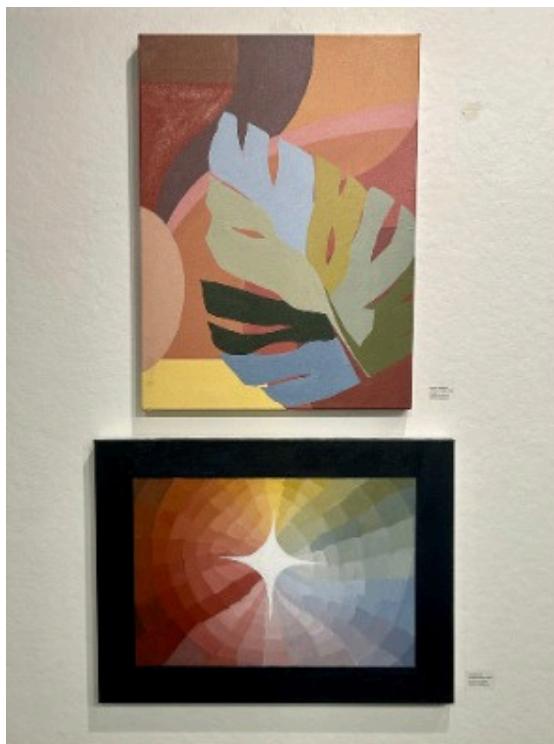
Center: Aiden Castillo as Donalbain and Jaclyn Morrison as Malcolm.

Bottom: Colin Bowe Kelly Flynn as the Porter and Cameron DeForest as Macduff.

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Students and Faculty Exhibit Artwork in Tandem

"Currents" and "Faculty 25," the concurrent, complementary art exhibitions at the Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery this fall, celebrated the art of WSU student and faculty artists.



Top left: *Dented Palette Field*, Maria Vasiliadis (Painting I), *Limited Palette Field*, Aliza Barnes (Painting I)

Top right: *Nocchian*, Susan J. Fisher (VPA Faculty)

Bottom: Opening reception for "Currents" and "Faculty 25."

WSU Musicians Strike a Chord with Audiences During Fall Performances

From The Good Time Vocal Band to African drumming and Mosaic of Music, this fall's performances showcased the vibrant musical life of the WSU community.



Top: The Good Time Vocal Band

Bottom: African Drumming Ensemble



Mosaic of Music

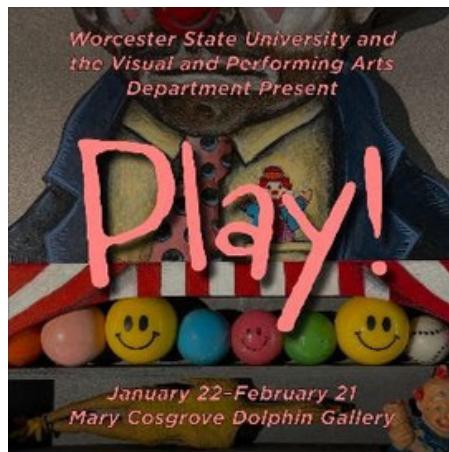
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Special shout out to the WSU Jazz Ensemble, seen here rehearsing for their end-of-semester concert.

Unfortunately, the concert was first postponed because of snow and then cancelled due to an unexpected facilities issue in the performance space.

Coming Next Semester to The Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery



January 22-February 21, 2026
Opening Reception: Thursday, January 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
All are welcome!

Gallery Hours:

Wed-Fri 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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