



Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre – *Link to Learning*

Vision

The Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre is designed to respond to the fine arts programming needs of the core high school while opening up a vast range of opportunities to the students at Olds College and the surrounding communities. The vision is to create a facility which:

- integrates various high school programming components (band, drama, and cosmetology) and provides the learner with an enhanced educational environment for performance
- offers opportunities for learners to explore their interests in fine arts and create a transition to higher levels of their fine arts education
- emphasizes efficiency and multi-functional space to ensure the viability of the centre
- provides a venue for community fine arts activities and performances

The Facility

Locating the building adjacent to highway 2A provides visual access to the community and encourages participation far beyond the campus audience. The facility offers a 350+ seat theatre with opportunity for expansion, a gathering place for students and community, lobby, classroom space and storage.

The *flexibility* of the Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre is a central feature. It offers several configurations that will be possible through the use of moveable ramped seating and a variety of staging options. For example, during performances instructional space becomes backstage areas for dressing rooms, and the student gathering area will become an art gallery and lobby to the theatre. Staging can be moved to provide for dinner theatre or conventional theatre configurations for presentations, plays, dance, musical performances or independent film.

The Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre Offers Unique Solutions

The Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre will:

- Make available instructional spaces for band, drama, art, choir, cosmetology and stained glass, and the expansion of learning opportunities to include stage management and technical theatre
- Provide lecture, presentation, film and video conferencing opportunities
- Create an opportunity to develop arts-related options for Olds College students
- Increase programming options for international students
- Integrate various high school programming components and provide learners with an enhanced educational environment for performance
- Allow for a variety of theatre configurations including: dinner theatre, proscenium, thrust, and alley
- Make available community access for music festivals, dance recitals, choirs, traveling performers and rehearsal space

The Centre provides a new, vibrant link to the arts community for the Town of Olds, Olds College, and Mountain View County. Newly created programs for students in the Centre can be integrated with the community. For instance, Fashion Studies students at Olds College could design and produce costumes for

high school drama productions, high school Construction Technology students could produce sets, and local artists could help with scenic painting and props.

The Centre is designed to maximize the contributions of the various users and make use of synergies to provide a full scale, vibrant performing arts centre. By creating adaptable space that can serve multiple functions, the facility achieves significant utilization yet allows for a purpose built fine arts amenity.

Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre - Education Themes

The Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre will support the four Education Themes established for the CLC:

- **Living in a Digital World** – The Centre will be a venue for large and small scale video conferencing, independent film, and videoing of presentations and performances. The facility will utilize the latest in SMART technology.
- **Environmental Sustainability** – The building will be constructed to promote environmental sustainability.
- **Learning for All Persons in the Community** – The venue will provide flexible space to be utilized by learners from Olds College and Chinook’s Edge School Division and by the citizens of Olds and the surrounding communities. Access will be provided to programs and services for users of all ages and abilities.
- **Globalization** – The centre will provide a venue to host international performances and/or presentations from the wide range of international groups that visit Olds College. Through large scale video conferencing the community will have access to technology that will create a global environment by providing opportunities to engage with specialists or presenters at a distance.

Timeline

Construction of the Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre commenced in fall 2006 and will open in late fall of 2008.

Financial Impact¹

Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre

Capital	\$8,137,537
Furniture & Equipment	<u>718,666</u>
Total	\$8 856,204

¹Budget established August 2007

Note: Olds College has committed to raise \$5,000,000 toward the CLC Campaign Total



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