

# Meet Me at the UCA

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SPRING 2009 PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBITIONS



### University Art Museum Opening Celebration

University Center for the Arts  
1400 Remington St., Fort Collins, Colorado

Colorado State University celebrates the opening of the University Art Museum, one of the centerpieces of the new University Center for the Arts, with a ribbon-cutting and reception on Thursday, April 2 from 7 – 9 p.m. The campus and local communities are invited to the free opening reception and exhibits, as well as a variety of opening week events and an art alumni reunion. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, OPENING EXHIBITS**

The museum, located in the old Fort Collins High School, completes the renovated historic structure and brings diverse exhibitions and programs from CSU's Department of Art to the multi-disciplinary center which also houses the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. In a single facility, easily accessible to both campus and community, visitors can

explore both the visual and performing arts.

"The museum will establish an integrated learning environment emphasizing enhanced creative synergies among the artistic disciplines within the School of the Arts. This will raise regional, national and internationally awareness of the level of excellence in the present undergraduate and graduate programs in art, dance, music and theatre," said Gary Voss, chairman of the Department of Art and co-director of the School of the Arts.

Located through the UCA's historic entrance, the museum features four discrete galleries that offer flexibility for the installation of small or larger exhibitions in a 4,000 square-foot space. It also features a small gift shop with work by graduate and undergraduate students. The museum is augmented by teaching facilities and an additional 4,000 square feet of state-of-the-art collection storage facilities and exhibition preparation spaces.

The exhibition, storage and preparation areas are equipped with museum-standard climate control systems, lighting and security and are designed to safely exhibit and store works of art at ideal temperature and humidity levels. The proximity of teaching facilities for art history allows access for coordinated study of the collections.

"The opening of the University Art Museum is a milestone for the visual arts and CSU," said Museum Director Linny Frickman. "Having a home for our growing permanent collection and museum-standard exhibition spaces for this collection and for incoming loans and traveling exhibitions, has been the dream of many faculty members, alumni and friends of the Department of Art for decades. We are delighted to realize the dream and even more delighted to do so at the University Center for the Art where our visitors can partake of programming in multiple arts disciplines."

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Image: Hiroshige, (Japanese, 1797-1858), Detail Evening Squall at Ohashi, 1856-1857, woodblock print on paper, University Art Museum Collection, Gift of Editha Leonard.

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