

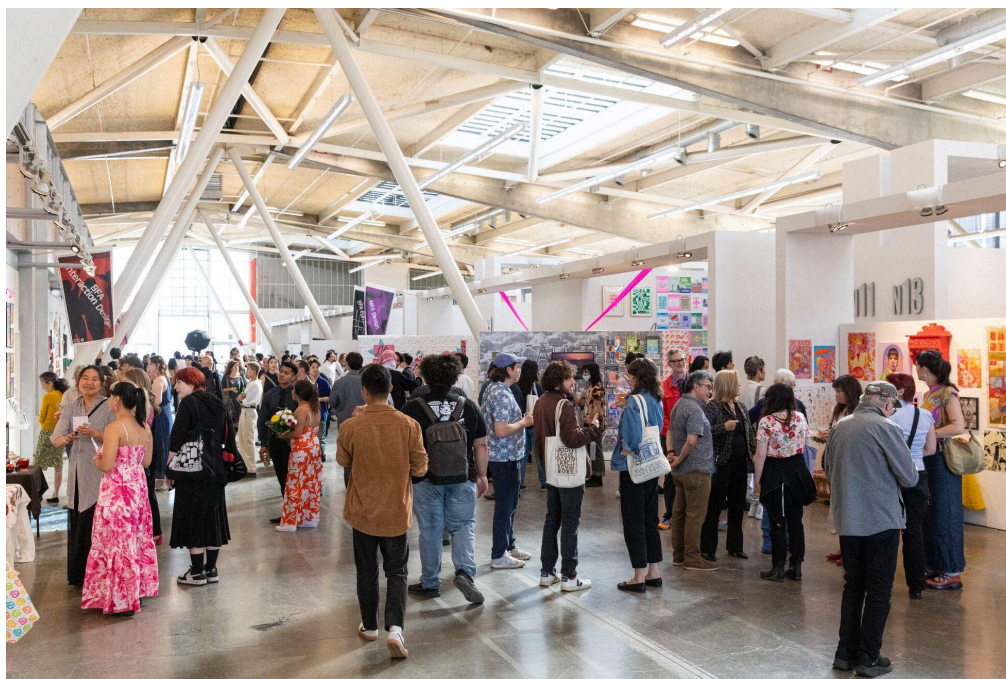
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This month at CCA: May 2025 public events

Explore a lineup of free public events at California College of the Arts



The community gathers to celebrate the culmination of work from CCA's graduating students.

San Francisco, CA—May 1, 2025—California College of the Arts (CCA) invites the public to experience its newly expanded campus with an exciting lineup of free exhibitions, artist talks, lectures, and special events this May. [Showoffs](#), CCA's annual end-of-year show, returns on Friday, May 16, celebrating the work of graduating students across all divisions. Don't miss the [MFA Fine Arts graduate exhibitions](#), on view through May 17, at the CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts and Novack Gallery.

Exhibitions**[Show Offs: Graduating Students Showcase](#)**

Friday, May 16, 5–8 pm

CCA Campus | 145 Hooper Street, San Francisco

This year's end-of-year show will activate the entire campus and feature work from the graduating students of CCA's Architecture, Design, Fine Arts, and Humanities & Sciences divisions. Starting at 5 pm with a DJ, refreshments, and appetizers, attendees can view work

from each student's journey at the college. The evening will end with a live outdoor fashion show at 7:15 pm, featuring work from the graduating fashion students.

[MFA Fine Arts graduate exhibitions](#)

Through Saturday, May 17

CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts and Deborah and Kenneth Novack Gallery
145 Hooper Street, San Francisco

Gallery hours: Wednesday–Saturday, noon–6 pm

Graduating MFA Fine Arts students will showcase a diverse range of works in painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, installation, and textiles. This year's exhibition spans across the CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, Deborah and Kenneth Novack Gallery, and the adjoining outdoor courtyard.

[Reunited](#)

Through Saturday, May 17

CCA Campus Gallery | 1480 17th Street, San Francisco

Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 am–7 pm; Thursday & Friday, 11 am–4 pm

Reunited celebrates twelve Bay Area artists from the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) Women to Watch program whose creative careers have been driven by resilience, artistic excellence, and collective support.

Lectures, talks, and readings

[Machines Between Us](#)

Monday, May 5, 8–10 pm

Osher Lobby | 145 Hooper Street, San Francisco

Students explore the porous boundary between technology and the self in *Machines Between Us*, an interactive media exhibition featuring AI companions, kinetic interfaces, emotional sensors, and responsive organisms.

[Aimee Phan: *The Lost Queen*](#)

Tuesday, May 6, 3–4 pm

N402 | 145 Hooper Street, San Francisco

Writing and Literature faculty member Aimee Phan discusses her new book, *The Lost Queen*, an enchanting fantasy duology inspired by Vietnamese lore, weaving magic, sisterhood, and self-discovery.

Special events

[2025 Commencement Honorary Doctorate recipients](#)

Saturday, May 17, 11 am–3 pm

Sydney Goldstein Theater | 275 Hayes Street, San Francisco

CCA is proud to award an honorary doctorate degree to inspirational artists, designers, and thinkers each year at its Commencement Ceremony. For its 118th Commencement Ceremony,, CCA will confer honorary doctorates to three distinguished recipients: Rob Epstein (Professor Emeritus), Chris Johnson (Professor Emeritus), and Lava Thomas (BFA Ceramics 1999).

[Film Thesis Showcase](#)

Tuesday, May 6, 5–9 pm

Roxie Theater | 3117 16th Street, San Francisco

Experience the creative voices of CCA's graduating film students at a special screening at the Roxie. The program features a diverse collection of films that showcase the creativity, passion, and storytelling of CCA's emerging filmmakers.

[Animation Senior Showcase](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 5–9 pm

Roxie Theater | 3117 16th Street, San Francisco

The Roxie hosts an evening spotlighting the work of graduating seniors in Animation. This screening features a dynamic collection of films that showcase the creativity, passion, and storytelling of CCA's emerging animators.

[Writing and Literature Showcase](#)

Thursday, May 8, 1–3 pm

Blattner Hall | 75 Arkansas Street, San Francisco

The Writing and Literature program is celebrating the launch of *Humble Pie Literary Journal* Vol. 22 and *Humble Pie Radio* Season 4, followed by readings from graduating students Furdeuce Mused and Samantha Meyer, and recognition of students who have completed their first-year and third-year reviews.

[Game Arts Showcase](#)

Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 1–9 pm

Game Arts Homeroom (Room 250) | 145 Hooper Street, San Francisco

Visit the Game Arts Homeroom on Thursday, May 8, and Friday, May 9, to play, connect, and celebrate the students' final projects.

[DMBA Venture Studio Showcase](#)

Friday, May 9, 10:30 am–2 pm

Blattner Hall | 75 Arkansas Street, San Francisco

Celebrate the capstone projects of graduating MBA in Design Strategy (DMBA) students, where the next generation of design-driven entrepreneurs present innovative ventures that address today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

About California College of the Arts

Founded in 1907, California College of the Arts (CCA) educates students to shape culture and society through art, architecture, design, and writing. The college offers a rich curriculum of 22 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs taught by a faculty of expert practitioners. Located in the vibrant San Francisco Bay Area, CCA uniquely prepares students for lifelong creative work by fostering social and environmental responsibility, innovation, and community engagement. Graduates are highly sought-after by companies such as Pixar, Apple, IDEO, and Google, and many go on to launch their own successful businesses.

CCA's newly expanded campus adds 82,300 square feet of space to teach, make, and present art in a continuous indoor-outdoor environment. Designed by world-renowned architecture firm Studio Gang, the new addition, completed this fall 2024, brings together 30 academic programs and disciplines, student housing and dining, and interdisciplinary learning. For more information, visit cca.edu.