



# Join us for the 63rd Annual Conference International Council for Arts Deans

**Belmont University / Fisk University / Lipscomb University**

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Nashville's enduring legacy is built on cultivating creativity in all forms. From songwriting and performance to visual arts, design, theater, and dance, artistic expression remains central to the city's identity. This unique intersection of tradition and innovation has positioned Nashville as a place where artistic culture is both preserved and continuously reimagined. Nashville fosters collaboration, inspiration and community through the power of the arts.

Historic venues, iconic performance spaces, public murals, galleries, and cultural institutions make this a destination where creativity is woven into everyday life. Despite being known as "Music City," Nashville's enriching experiences extend far beyond its celebrated music industry, and a flourishing visual and performing arts scene contribute to its distinctive character.

Several institutions of higher education — including four historically Black colleges and universities, nationally recognized private institutions such as Vanderbilt University, and a range of public and independent colleges — serve as important anchors for the city's creative and intellectual life. Nashville is also home to hundreds of live music venues, galleries, theaters, and arts organizations that support artists across a wide array of mediums and genres. This dynamic mix of tradition and contemporary creativity has helped Nashville grow into an influential cultural destination.

Join us in for an engaging and collaborative gathering of colleagues and professionals to learn through presentations, discussions, and shared experiences. Participants will exchange ideas and explore emerging practices in arts and higher education. The city's creative spirit provides an ideal setting for meaningful dialogue, professional growth, and lasting connections.