

THE 62ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE



ICfAD

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL for ARTS DEANS

A MULTI-NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF EXECUTIVE
ARTS + DESIGN ADMINISTRATORS
IN HIGHER EDUCATION

THE WESTIN BOOK CADILLAC DETROIT

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 6 – 8, 2026
WITH OPTIONAL PROGRAMS
OCTOBER 5 AND 9

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

8:00am – 5:00pm

Crystal Ballroom

The Fellows Workshop for Aspiring Deans*:

A day-long workshop for directors, department chairs and assistant or associate deans.

8:00am – 5:00pm

Ambassador Room

A Workshop for New Deans*: a day-long workshop for newly appointed permanent, interim and acting deans in their first two years in the role.

1:00 – 5:00pm

A Deeper Dive into Detroit* Please meet at the Michigan Avenue entrance to the hotel for motorcoach departure at 12:50pm.

*Pre-registration was required. Participation for others may or may not be possible. Come & check.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

10:15am

Please meet at the Michigan Avenue entrance to the hotel at 10:15am for a 10:30am motorcoach departure to **Wayne State University**.

- 11:00am – 12:15pm - Panel presentation: *Foundation Representatives Focused on Arts Funding*
- 12:15 – 1:00pm - Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45pm - Tours

1:55pm

Load motorcoach at **Wayne State University** at 1:55pm for a 2:00pm departure to the **College for Creative Studies (CCS)**.

- 2:15 – 2:30pm - Break / Settle In
- 2:30 – 3:15pm - Welcome to CCS / *The Power of Partnership Bridging Education and Industry: Experiential Learning for Career Success in Art and Design*
- 3:15 – 4:15pm - Tours

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

4:30pm

Motorcoach will depart **CCS** at 4:30pm to return to the conference hotel.

5:30 – 7:30pm

Venetian Ballroom

Welcome Reception (with a special area for Conference First Timers)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

6:45 – 7:30am

Walk / Run (optional). Meet at Michigan Avenue entrance by 6:40am.

8:00 – 9:00am

Venetian Ballroom

Breakfast and (optional) **Mini Presentations Over Breakfast**

- As Art Evolves, So Must Acoustics
- Designing for the Future Performer: What Spaces Need to Support Next
- Invest in Clarity. Succeed with Confidence. Why the Leading Institutions in Music, Drama and Visual Arts Choose ASIMUT Software

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

- The Strategic Value of the Arts: Designing for Collaboration, Community, and Institutional Mission
- Thinking Outside the Black Box: Creative Ways to Activate Your Spaces
- Transforming a 20th Century Arts Building for the 21st Century
- What Moments Do You Want More of on Your Campus?

9:15 – 9:40am

Woodward Ballroom (AB)

Welcoming Remarks and Presentation of the Award for Arts Achievement & Excellence+

9:40 – 10:30am

Woodward Ballroom (AB)

Opening Keynote

10:30 – 10:45am

Ballroom Foyer

Reflection Break

+ ICfAD's Award for Arts Achievement & Excellence includes a gift of \$1,000 which was already shared with the award recipient

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

10:45 – 11:25am | 11:35am – 12:15pm

1:40 – 2:20pm

ICfAD's Leadership Development Committee presents: Facilitated Discussions (three concurrent 40-minute sessions with lunch between rounds 2 and 3)

- *AI Can't Dance: Generative AI, Creative Thinking, and the Future of Arts Education* (Woodward Ballroom AB)
- *Data-Driven Decision Making: Leveraging Research to Strengthen Arts Organizations and Educational Program* (Woodward Ballroom CD)
- *Workforce Futures and the Value of an Arts Degree* (Crystal Ballroom)

12:25 – 1:30pm

Lunch and Annual Meeting

Venetian Ballroom

2:30 – 4:20pm

Roundtable Discussions (three 30-minute sessions)
in and around the Venetian Ballroom, upstairs

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

5:00pm

Please meet at the Michigan Avenue entrance to the hotel for a 5:10pm departure to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

- 5:30 – 7:00pm - Celebrate the Arts Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

6 – 6:30am

Walk / Run (optional). Meet at Michigan Avenue entrance by 5:55am.

7 – 7:45am

Breakfast

Venetian Ballroom

7:50am

Please meet at the Michigan Avenue entrance to the hotel for an 8:00am motorcoach departure to **Cranbrook Academy of Art.**

- 8:50am - Arrival and Break
- 9:00 – 9:15am - Overview of Cranbrook Academy of Art

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- 9:15 – 10:00am - Panel Presentation: *Integrating Historic Campus Properties into Academic Arts Curriculum*
- 10:00 – 10:15am - Reflection Break
- 10:15 – 11:45am - Campus tours according to pre-registration selections

11:50am

Load motorcoach at **Cranbrook Academy of Art** for a 12:00pm departure to the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**.

- 12:45 – 2:00pm - Lunch and a panel presentation in Lovett Hall: *The Belonging Blueprint: Transforming SNAAP Data into Action for Arts Deans*
- 2:00 – 3:30pm - Self-guided exploration

3:35pm

Load motorcoach at **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation** for a 3:40pm departure to the **Ford River Rouge Factory**.

- 3:50 – 5:30pm Ford River Rouge Factory Tour

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Load motorcoach at **Ford River Rouge Factory** for a 5:45pm departure to the conference hotel.

6:30 – 7:30pm

Closing Reception

Italian Garden

8:30am – 12:30pm

Detroit Music Immersion* Please meet at the Michigan Avenue entrance to the hotel by 8:20am.

1:00 – 5:00pm

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