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UNC School of the Arts. Image courtesy of UNC School System. [2]The North Carolina School of the Arts[3] in Winston-Salem [4] was established in 1963 by the North Carolina General Assembly [4] as the nation's first state-supported residential school of the arts. A constituent institution in the University of North Carolina System[5], the school trains students for professional careers in the fields of dance, drama, filmmaking, music, the visual arts, and production and design. Study at the School of the Arts qualifies students to receive high school, college arts, bachelor's, and master's degree diplomas. All programs of instruction emphasize first-hand experience and performance; the audition/interview is therefore the most important portion of the application for admission. Collectively, members of the school's community offer more than 350 performances to the public each year.

Dancers at the UNCSA. Image courtesy of UNC School System. [2]In accordance with state legislative requirements, at least 50 percent of the students enrolled at the School of the Arts must be North Carolina residents; the remaining one-half come from 40 other states as well as more than a dozen other nations. In the early 2000s the school enrolled about 1,100 students-more than 700 of them college undergraduates-on its 67-acre campus in Winston-Salem [4]. Tuition that year was free for in-state high school students and $1,900 for out-of-state students. Undergraduates paid $733 and $4,265, respectively, and graduates, $768 and $4,367. Scholarships are available to all students based on financial need, talent, or both.

The North Carolina School of the Arts has produced a significant number of prominent alumni, includingTony Award [6]nominee Terrence Mann [7]; Metropolitan Opera [8] bass-baritone John Cheek [9]; Mary Cochran of thePaul Taylor Dance [10]Company; and film/theater art director Tony Fanning [11].

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