

Overview

- National Center for Arts and Technology (NCAT) supports the national replication of the model for learning and community development created by the Manchester Bidwell Corporation.
- NCAT is a replication strategy that facilitates the development of a significant number of arts and technology centers in communities across the United States.
- NCAT provides the opportunity to broaden Bill Strickland's vision of creating healthy communities through culture and enterprise.
- NCAT was incorporated in 2007 and is a subsidiary of Manchester Bidwell Corporation.



NATIONAL CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

Mission

- To impart the Manchester Bidwell Corporation educational model by catalyzing the creation of centers for Arts and Technology.

Operational Replication Sites

- Programs at these three centers serve approx. 2,000 individuals per year.
 - Bayview Center for Arts and Technology (BAYCAT)—San Francisco, CA
 - Cincinnati Arts and Technology Center (CATC)—Cincinnati, OH
 - West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology—Grand Rapids, MI
- Each center is modeled after the successful programs of Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, and is adapted to fit the needs of each community.

BAYCAT

- Opened in Autumn 2004.
- 5,000 square-foot facility.
- Programs in graphic disciplines including—Digital Filmmaking, Web/Graphic Design, and Animation and Motion Graphics.
- In 2006–07, BAYCAT served 350 students in San Francisco.



CATC

- Opened in Autumn 2003.
- 12,000 square-foot facility located in downtown Cincinnati.
- Offers programs in Web Design, Ceramics, and Drawing.
- Annually offers programming to 325 Cincinnati School District students who are at risk of not graduating on time.
- Adult programs in Auto Tech, Computer Training, Construction Connection Initiative (entrance to trade apprenticeships), as well as job readiness and assessment services.



WMCAT

- Opened in Autumn 2005.
- 12,000 square-foot facility.
- After School, In School, and special project programs include—Photography, Digital Arts, Web Design, and Fine Arts.
- In 2007, WMCAT served 767 students in grades 9 through 11 from the Grand Rapids School District.
- Adult programs in Medical Coding and Pharmacy Technology.
- WMCAT has been the recipient of the Grand Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects Award for 2006.
- The renovation of the facility is considered a LEED (Leadership Environmental and Energy Design) certified building.

