Arts Union – Opening Fall 2011

An interdisciplinary facility that provides the opportunity to integrate the arts into the work of departments across the curriculum.

Academic Departments / User Groups
• Theatre and Dance
• Cinema and Media Studies
• Teaching Museum
• Idea Lab – academic support with a librarian staff member.

Major facilities
• 250-seat flexible performance theatre
• Two dance studios, including a 100-seat small performing space
• 250-seat cinema theatre
• Two video production studios
• Audio recording studio
• Teaching museum
  • Two galleries
  • Classroom/print study
  • Art collection storage
• Large meeting room for lectures, performances, meetings, etc.
• Drawing studio
• White spaces for collaborative work

Other teaching spaces
• 4 general classrooms
• 2 classrooms for teaching film
• 48-seat interactive classroom – technologically intensive
• seminar rooms

Additional spaces
• Student commons
• Coffee shop
• Faculty “hotel” spaces
• Catering support

The building:

Northfield Middle School began life as Northfield High School. The oldest part of the building was built in 1910, with the auditorium added in 1934 and another addition in 1954.

New construction = Teaching Museum and the Commons
1954 gym = Theatre
1934 auditorium = Cinema
1910 building = CAMS facilities, classrooms, and the Idea Lab