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Arts Commons is Calgary's central performing arts centre. Its history begins in 1969 when three visionary women – Dr. Martha Cohen, Sandra LeBlanc and Vera Swanson – identified the need for a proper performance space to help grow Calgary's burgeoning arts scene. In 1985 the Calgary Centre for Performing Arts, known today as Arts Commons, opened its doors with the cutting of a giant ribbon which wrapped around the building.

Arts Commons is the third largest performing arts centre in Canada. A home not only to vibrant, eclectic and innovative music, theatre, dance and visual arts, but community gatherings that engage people from all walks of life.

Education at Arts Commons has been a foundational priority from the beginning, hosting thousands of students through our One Day Arts Schools, National Geographic Live student shows and unique artist-in-the-classroom programs. In September of 2014, we piloted our first Campus Calgary program under the name The Hub for Inspired Learning.

The newly named ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning is a shining example of our vision at Arts Commons – to be a creative and compassionate society, inspired through the arts. As students come to us for their Campus Calgary week, the world opens up to them through the lens of the performing and visual arts. They become inquisitive about the downtown core and the arts within the great Calgary community. They get to learn in a way that kids learn best: through creative play, through storytelling, through drumming, crafting, painting, inventing, animating, singing, jumping, spinning and, most importantly, collaborating. They're given the chance to gather with their peers and teachers in a way that stimulates the senses, challenges assumptions, starts conversations and opens minds.