The Department of Theatre and Dance at Ball State University is currently facing a number of challenges, including limited performance space in downtown Muncie. The school has had to make compromises due to these facilities constraints, affecting the quality of both productions and the educational experience for its students. In an effort to improve the performance space and meet the accreditation requirements set by the National Association of Schools of Dance and the National Association of Schools of Theater Standards, the department is seeking to expand its current facilities.

In order to do so, the Department of Theatre and Dance at Ball State University is proposing to relocate their performance halls to 103 E Main Street within the historic Patterson block. This location will provide a larger and more versatile performance space, allowing the department to create a unique identity that can be promoted nationwide. Additionally, a better facility will entice more ambitious shows, giving the students and community a more diverse selection of shows. The new Department of Theater and Dance Performing Arts Center will draw inspiration from dance, beautiful forms and movement. Complex and simple connections to a bigger picture.

Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is derived from the Ancient Greek word, “kalos” meaning “beautiful beauty” and “skopeo” which means “to see, to examine.” The word kaleidoscope can be described as “an observation of beautiful forms.” The word is also believed to symbolize “the ability to see yourself in the bigger scope of life and connect to the meaning of it.” The kaleidoscope is seen, form or shape “and skopeo” to look to, to examine. Thus kaleidoscope, beautiful forms and movement, Complex and simple connections to a bigger picture.

The new Department of Theatre and Dance Performing Arts Center will allow the department to create a unique identity that can be promoted nationwide. The improved production spaces will allow the department to run more ambitious shows giving the students and community a more diverse selection of shows. Additionally, a better facility will entice the community to attend more shows, increasing the department’s revenue and fostering a community interest in the performing arts.