

Dr. Paul Cox, Ph.D.
Dean, Creative Arts



Paul Cox, PhD, currently serves as Dean of Creative Arts at Cuyahoga Community College, where he oversees nine academic programs, an extensive preparatory academy for young folks and a performing arts series that includes the acclaimed Tri-C JazzFest. He previously taught music at Oberlin College, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Case Western Reserve University, where he was a SAGES fellow and Director of the Case Percussion Group. From 2012-13 he was the Director of Sitka Fest, a summer-long arts and culture festival supported by an NEA "Our Town" Grant that

featured a TEDx conference, theater, music and dance performances, exhibitions, lectures and classes for all ages in Sitka, Alaska. In 2011, he earned a Ph.D. from CWRU after completing his dissertation, *Collaged Codes: John Cage's Credo in US.* From 1996-2005, he served as the Assistant Curator of Music at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where he was also the co-director of Aki Festival of New Music (three-time winner of the CMA/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming). A graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory, Cox was a fellow at Yale's Norfolk New Music Festival and completed additional studies at the Aspen Music School, the Royal College of Music (London) and Rice University. He lives in Cleveland with his wife Kirsten and their two sons Benjamin and Sebastian and two cats Stefano and Atticus.

Speech Topic:

The World of Creative Arts, a Tri-C Center of Excellence:

This talk explores the three main areas of Tri-C's Creative Arts programming --Academic, Cultural Programming and the Preparatory Academy. Creative Arts' academic programs cover nine disciplines--Recording Arts, Visual Communication and Design, Art, Music, Theater, Dance, Film, and Media Arts (journalism) and Interior Design. Cultural programming outlines the 42-year history of JazzFest Cleveland with a focus on the artists that appeared over the years and their contribution to jazz education at Tri-C. Finally, the presentation will feature a discussion about the Creative Arts Academy and Tri-C's growing programs for K-12 students and adults in music, dance, photography and film.