

# PROJECT DOMINO

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The University of Manitoba's historical buildings reflect our rich history as an institution that has served the province of Manitoba and the global community exceptionally well for more than 130 years.



As Manitoba's premier post-secondary educational institution and its only research-intensive university, the U of M educates a broad sector of society and prepares students to go on to become society's critical thinkers, professionals, entrepreneurs, social leaders, artists and scientists. In fact, no other western Canadian university has produced as many prestigious Rhodes Scholars — 92 to be exact. These sharp, inquisitive students learn from the best — many of our professors are celebrated teachers and researchers with a passion for what they do.

We need to continue attracting outstanding students and professors to our institution, and to do that we must offer them the best possible learning and research environments.

## **Enter Project Domino.**

Much like the game where a domino falls and triggers the next, Project Domino — a multi-year and multi-million dollar plan to retrofit buildings for 21<sup>st</sup> century use — will rejuvenate the Fort Garry Campus.

**The jewel of Project Domino will be the transformation of Taché Hall.** Taché will become the heart of a new performing and visual arts complex incorporating the new Art Research Technology (ART) Lab and a new facility for the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music that will be joined to Taché by a covered atrium. The renovated Taché building will become home to teaching, studio and office spaces for Music and Art.

New synergies will emerge through this creative hub in the heart of the Fort Garry campus, and with them, energy and excitement that will further enrich our community's vibrant cultural life.

**The School of Art** is one of the oldest degree-granting art schools in Canada, celebrating its centenary in 2013. Graduates include some of Canada's most acclaimed visual artists. The School of Art's new home will position the School to enter a new era of excellence as it launches its new graduate program.

The new 60,000 sq. ft. **Art Research Technology (ART) Lab** is a multi-disciplinary centre that will give undergraduate and graduate students and faculty access to digital technologies and upgraded space for collaboration, experimentation and research.

**Gallery One One One** will enjoy a much higher profile in its new location. One of Winnipeg's most active public galleries, it will further enrich campus life and the city's cultural community with new programming opportunities offered by the enhanced facilities.

**The Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music** has built undergraduate and graduate programs with a strong reputation for producing graduates who are well-prepared to succeed as musicians, whether teaching or performing. The Faculty's new home will enhance the already excellent quality of the education it provides, poising the Faculty to attract the most talented students from across Canada and around the world.

**The Taché Auditorium**, which was constructed in 1911, will be restored to become a fully modernized 400-seat musical performance venue, located in the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music. The University's public outreach will be enhanced by the presence of an impressive concert hall.

**A university's residence facilities are a significant feature in attracting students, and plans for a new residence building are underway.** When Taché was built in 1911 it was equipped with two gymnasiums, a swimming pool and auditorium — state-of-the-art facilities for the day. Building on the legacy of offering top amenities for our students, a new residence will offer modern features, such as high-speed internet and private washrooms that meet the needs and expectations of today's students.

A model of sustainable development, Project Domino will preserve and transform some of the University's most iconic architectural treasures. As we retrofit existing facilities, several faculties and departments will, one after the other, move into spaces that better suit their needs — a strategic domino effect, including:

- a new home for the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music with a state-of-the-art, 400-seat musical performance space
- a new, high-synergy home for the School of Art and Gallery One One One
- a high-profile location for International House
- a dedicated Biological Sciences facility for the Faculty of Science
- a central hub for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and graduate students
- a new theatre for the Department of Theatre & Film
- a new, state-of-the art residence

Each 'domino' in Project Domino has been carefully considered to enhance the learning and research environment of the Fort Garry campus. The Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its confidence by committing \$47 million to support Project Domino.

Post-secondary education embraces a process of learning and discovery where we learn from the past and that knowledge becomes the foundation for the inspiration and innovation to move us forward. The Project Domino concept embraces that learning process and will ensure that students and faculty have the educational and research environments they need to succeed and excel, while honouring the University of Manitoba's history.

The \$150 million Project Domino will create more than 500 jobs and generate more than \$9 million in tax revenue.