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Quick Facts

- The Department of Fine Arts and Winthrop University Galleries are the newsweekly staff's pick for 2011 Best Cultural Institution.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The [Department of Fine Arts](#) and [Winthrop University Galleries](#) are **Creative Loafing Charlotte's** 2011 staff pick for **Best Cultural Institution**.

Staff members of the Charlotte, N.C., newsweekly chose **fine arts**, chaired by Tom Stanley, and **Winthrop Galleries**, directed by Karen Derksen, for their "strong programs, leadership and, moreover, a constant involvement in the community that appears natural to the way they work."

"This small department in a state institution at the outskirts exercises an outsized influence on the visual arts culture of this region — something other institutions could learn from and try to emulate," **Creative Loafing Charlotte** reported in an [online post](#).

For more information about the Galleries, contact Karen Derksen, galleries director, at 803/323-2493 or derksenk@winthrop.edu. Follow Winthrop University Galleries on [Facebook](#) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/@winthropgallery). Visit the [Department of Fine Arts homepage](#) to find out more about the department.

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