

# BEMIS X CENTER

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## Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts

**Always Free. Always Contemporary.**

**Omaha, Nebraska**

[bemiscenter.org](http://bemiscenter.org)

### Location:

724 S. 12th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68102

### Founded:

1981, 501(c)(3) nonprofit

### Hours:

Wednesday–Sunday, 11 AM–5 PM  
+ Thursday until 9 PM.

*Closed during exhibition installation periods and major holidays—check [bemiscenter.org](http://bemiscenter.org) for today's hours.*

### Residency Alumni:

1,800+ artists from 44 states and 30 countries

### LOW END Performances:

24+ annually

### Programs:

Exhibitions, LOW END, Residency, Alumni

### Impact:

Over 8,400 annual visitors (2025)

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> [Photos: hi-res images of galleries, exhibitions, LOW END, and our historic building](#)

> [2025 Impact Report](#)

> [Bemis Center logo](#)

## Mission + Vision

Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts facilitates the creation, presentation, and understanding of contemporary art through an international residency program, exhibitions, and educational programs to inspire an open and diverse dialogue on the critical issues that give shape and meaning to the human condition.

## A Creative Hub for Boundary-Pushing Art

Founded in 1981, Bemis Center is one of the region's premier contemporary art centers that integrates international artist residencies, cutting-edge exhibitions, and experimental sound programming under one roof.

## Why It's a Must-Visit

Situated in Omaha's historic Old Market, Bemis Center is redefining what a contemporary arts institution can be. Through bold exhibitions, global artist residencies, and genre-defying music programming, Bemis nurtures creativity across disciplines and makes it accessible to the public—always for free.

## Residencies with Global Reach

With 1,800+ alumni from 30+ countries, Bemis's Residency Program is internationally known. Artists-in-residence live and work on-site in expansive studios, receiving financial, technical, and curatorial support. It's an incubator for experimentation where the next wave of contemporary art is born.

## Exhibitions that Challenge + Inspire

Bemis's exhibitions highlight both rising and established artists whose work dares to push form and content, frequently introducing the Omaha community to the most experimental and provocative art being made today.

## LOW END: A Sound Experience Like No Other

Located in the building's lower level, LOW END is one of the only nonprofit venues in North America dedicated solely to experimental sound and music. Designed by artists, the space offers intimate, free performances by international composers, experimental musicians, and boundary-breaking performers. Accolades include a 2022 AIA Central States Region Honor Award for Interior Architecture. Learn more at [bemiscenter.org/low-end](http://bemiscenter.org/low-end).

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