Culture shapes the world. The sharing of culture is the sharing of knowledge, experiences and creative ideas. It gives insight into other peoples’ lives. The performing arts play a large role in bringing the community together and telling these ideas. Fittingly, the arts community is vibrant in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Currently, the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra does not have a home. Professional orchestral performances occur around town, with larger concerts being performed at NDSU’s Festival Concert Hall. In addition to the concert hall, the Fargo-Moorhead area is also in need of a more professional environment for traveling Broadway shows, which are currently performed at the Fargo Dome.

A performing arts center in the hub of downtown Fargo could provide a larger, more appropriate venue with the intent of sharing culture with the community. It would provide a home for local musical and theatrical artists as well as promote environmentally friendly design through the integration of passive design strategies and on-site energy production. A performing arts center would be another step towards enhancing the dynamic culture of the Fargo-Moorhead community.