The EKU Center for the Arts

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Eastern Kentucky University has always been a very interesting topic within my family. Many of my family members have been EKU Colonels, but none of them have succeeded in finishing their education here. For that reason, I feel like EKU will always have a special place in my heart. I will be the first of my family’s many attempts to graduate with Maroon pride. Since I am a photography major here in the Department of Art & Design, I believe that the best way to show my love for this school was to create a collaboration of photographs showing how wonderful this school actually is. I decided to narrow my subject down to the new Center for the Arts Building because that particular structure not only shows the growth of the school over the years, but it also attracts people (from all over the county, region, and state) to participate in creative artistic endeavors.

For the 2013 UP Showcase and Dr. Sweely’s U.S. Art History course from the Department of Art & Design, I created a montage of photographs, and I wanted to show different versions of the building that capture how beautiful it can be – even when you look away from the performances. By shooting at abnormal angles and depths, people can appreciate the structure of the building that they may have never seen before. I have added color filters that add contrasts and play with colors that also bring a unique play on something people see everyday when passing the EKU Center for the Arts around town as they pass Eastern’s campus.