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The theme of this 1999 fall issue of *Consensus* is "The Arts and the Church". Each of the essays that follow accentuates the vital place the arts hold for the life and mission of the church. Richard Husfloen, president of Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta, reflects upon the interrelationship between the gift of the arts and the art of leadership in the church. Seminary president emeritus Dr. Roger Nostbakken alerts us to the true and profound presence of the theological in literature and drama. Deborah Buck, now entering her 10th year as Director of Music at Augustana Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, shares her perspective on letting music and liturgy serve, not undermine, Lutheran worship today, and Saskatoon architect Jerry Agrey speaks of church architecture as both an art and a statement of faith. The opening essay is intended to provide a general introduction to the overall theme and current resources available and deals with the definition, articulation, and importance of the arts in and for the church past and present.

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