

# ARTS AND CULTURE

With its ever-expanding list of galleries, public artworks and venues, Portland's arts scene has landed the city on *AmericanStyle* magazine's list of the country's "Top 25 Arts Destinations" every year for nearly a decade.

## SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

Starting in the Cultural District, explore the **1 PORTLAND ART MUSEUM** ([pam.org](http://pam.org)), considered one of the nation's finest. Native American and Asian artworks share space with Monet, Renoir and Picasso masterpieces, as well as art of various northwest artists. The neighboring **2 OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** ([ohs.org](http://ohs.org)) features Northwest Indian artifacts and historic photographs and objects that tell the Oregon story through art. Four theatre spaces make up the **3 PORTLAND CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** ([pcpa.com](http://pcpa.com)), home to several arts groups.

Catch the Portland Streetcar (free!) on Southwest 10th Avenue to explore the Pearl District. This neighborhood is home to more than twenty galleries, including **4 BULLSEYE GLASS**, ([bullseyeglass.com](http://bullseyeglass.com)), which offers art glass exhibits and classes. The **5 GERDING THEATER** ([pcs.org](http://pcs.org)) in the recently renovated Armory building showcases sustainable restoration and is home to Portland Center Stage.

The next stop is the **6 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFT** ([museumofcontemporarycraft.org](http://museumofcontemporarycraft.org)). Founded in 1937 and built with donated materials by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the museum houses a collection of more than 1,000 of craft objects including works in ceramic, glass, metal, fiber and wood.

Transport yourself to ancient China at the **7 LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN** ([portlandchinesegarden.org](http://portlandchinesegarden.org)) in Portland's Old Town.

## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

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| <b>A</b> Artists Repertory Theatre<br><a href="http://artistsrep.org">artistsrep.org</a>                          | <b>H</b> Imago<br><a href="http://imagotheatre.com">imagotheatre.com</a>   |
| <b>B</b> Portland Japanese Garden<br><a href="http://japanesegarden.com">japanesegarden.com</a>                   | <b>I</b> Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)<br><a href="http://omsi.edu">omsi.edu</a>  |
| <b>C</b> International Rose Test Garden<br><a href="http://portlandonline.com/parks">portlandonline.com/parks</a> | <b>J</b> Portland Saturday Market (open Sundays, too!)<br><a href="http://portlandsaturdaymarket.com">portlandsaturdaymarket.com</a> |
| <b>D</b> Pittock Mansion<br><a href="http://pittockmansion.com">pittockmansion.com</a>                            |  |
| <b>E</b> Northwest Children's Theater<br><a href="http://nwcts.org">nwcts.org</a>                                 |  |
| <b>F</b> Quintana Galleries<br><a href="http://quintanagalleries.com">quintanagalleries.com</a>                   |  |
| <b>G</b> Miracle Theatre Group<br><a href="http://milagro.org">milagro.org</a>                                    |  |



Sip tea or enjoy a docent-led tour highlighting the harmonizing blend of water, architecture, stone and poetry set against a richly planted landscape.

Wander by the river, past Pink Martini leader Thomas Lauderdale's window-front **8 PAINT-BY-NUMBERS GALLERY DISPLAY** (728 S.W. First Ave.), and finish the day at **9 KELLER FOUNTAIN** ([portlandonline.com/parks](http://portlandonline.com/parks)), where water cascades through terraces and platforms, suggesting the Northwest's abundant waterfalls. Across the street, performing arts organizations strut their stuff at Keller Auditorium.

## ON ANY GIVEN DAY

- First Thursday  
[firstthursday.org](http://firstthursday.org)
- Last Thursday  
[lastthursdayonalberta.com](http://lastthursdayonalberta.com)

## OTHER PLAYERS

- BodyVox  
[bodyvox.com](http://bodyvox.com)
- Do Jump!  
[dojump.org](http://dojump.org)
- Oregon Symphony  
[orsymphony.org](http://orsymphony.org)
- Oregon Ballet Theatre  
[obt.org](http://obt.org)
- Portland Opera  
[portlandopera.org](http://portlandopera.org)
- White Bird Dance  
[whitebird.org](http://whitebird.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Portland Jazz Festival (February)  
[pdxjazz.com](http://pdxjazz.com)
- Portland International Film Festival (February)  
[nwfilm.org/festivals](http://nwfilm.org/festivals)
- Chamber Music Northwest (June-July)  
[cmnw.org](http://cmnw.org)
- Waterfront Blues Festival (July)  
[waterfrontbluesfest.com](http://waterfrontbluesfest.com)
- Musicfest NW (September)  
[musicfestnw.com](http://musicfestnw.com)
- Time-Based Art (TBA) Festival (September)  
[pica.org/tba](http://pica.org/tba)

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