

ARTS

Ranked in the top 10 arts destinations for large cities by *AmericanStyle* Magazine, Albuquerque has an abundance of art and culture to offer anyone seeking traditional or contemporary art. The arts in Albuquerque are locally supported and world-renowned. With top-rated arts markets Santa Fe and Taos nearby, Albuquerque is part of a dynamic blend of art and culture. In addition to silver and turquoise jewelry, traditional pottery, Spanish colonial embroidery, tinwork and other unique works, you'll find exciting, provocative contemporary works in a variety of art styles and expressions.

Albuquerque is home to more than 100 galleries and studios offering a variety of art styles and expressions from traditional Southwestern and Native American to contemporary. Local galleries host a monthly gallery tour called ArtsCrawl, a community event for novices and seasoned collectors as well as a wide variety of other art events. Galleries are scattered throughout the city with concentrated arts areas in Old Town, Nob Hill and Downtown.

Performing Arts

Albuquerque's thriving performing arts community features the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the National Institute of Flamenco, the Albuquerque Little Theatre, the Musical Theatre Southwest, Keshet Dance Company and Tricklock Performance Company plus numerous other independent theatre companies. Performances are regularly scheduled in the University of New Mexico's grand Popejoy Hall, the historic KiMo Theatre in downtown Albuquerque, Albuquerque Little Theater's performance hall as well as a variety of smaller theater spaces. The Journal Pavilion, an outdoor arena accommodating 12,000, hosts popular performing artists from around the world. The Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts at the National Hispanic Cultural Center is Albuquerque's newest theater, with a world-class stage for theatre, music, dance, media arts and education. Many casinos surrounding Albuquerque also boast large performance spaces and regular shows by touring artists.

Public Art Program

Also known as "1% for the Arts," this program is responsible for the creation and establishment of more than 400 pieces of art celebrating Albuquerque's cultural and artistic roots. One of the country's oldest Public Art Programs, murals, statues, paintings and even decorative bus stops appear all over town, at the airport, Old Town, the university, and along Route 66. One percent of the general obligation bonds issued, state grants and private donations help fund the program. (505) 768-3829 www.cabq.gov/publicart



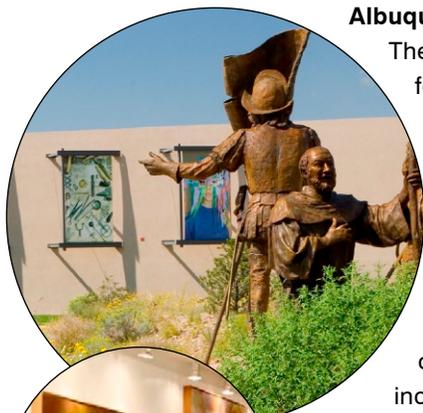
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KiMo Theatre

The KiMo Theatre reopened to the public in September 2000 after undergoing a renovation to restore its original splendor that once earned it the title of "America's foremost Indian Theater." Built in 1927 in Pueblo Deco, a short-lived architectural style that fused the spirit of the Indian cultures of the Southwest with the exuberance of America during the roaring 20s, the KiMo Theatre offers a remarkable setting for performances. Business office (505) 768-3522, Ticket office (505) 768-3544 www.cabq.gov/kimo



Albuquerque Museum of Art & History

The Albuquerque Museum of Art & History, located in the heart of historic Old Town, features art of the Southwest as well as 400 years of history of Albuquerque and the Rio Grande Valley through permanent displays and traveling exhibitions.

(505) 243-7255 www.cabq.gov/museum

516 Arts

516 ARTS is an independent, nonprofit arts venue located downtown. The two-story gallery is a unique, hybrid venue somewhere between a gallery and museum. Exhibitions feature high caliber, content-driven work through a series of collaborations by local, national and international artists working in all media including film. (505) 242-1445 www.516arts.org

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University Art Museum

Home to New Mexico's largest collection of fine arts and the nation's largest university museum collection of photography, this facility oversees five galleries on the University of New Mexico campus. Over 26,000 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculptures and more - from Renaissance to modern times - make up the permanent collection.

(505) 277-4001 <http://unmartmuseum.unm.edu>

Jonson Gallery

Featuring the archives and works of modernist painter Raymond Jonson, this gallery on the University of New Mexico campus celebrates New Mexico's wide range of past and present activity in the arts. Works of Jonson's contemporaries and students are also featured. (505) 277-4967 www.unm.edu/~jonsong

Annual Arts Events

(This is only a sampling of art-related annual events, please visit www.itsatrip.org/events for a complete calendar)

- Revolutions International Theatre Festival, January
- New Mexico Italian Film Festival, February
- Women & Creativity Celebration, March
- American Indian Week "Pueblo Days" & Spring Indian Art Market, April
- Festival Flamenco Internacional de Albuquerque, June
- Albuquerque Folk Festival, June
- New Mexico Arts & Crafts Fair, June
- Mariachi Spectacular, July
- The Duke City Shootout-Digital Film Festival, July
- New Mexico State Fair, September
- iGlobalquerque!, September
- Go! Downtown Arts Festival, September
- Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival, October
- Fall Indian Art Market, October
- Old Town Santero Market, October
- Weems International Artfest, November
- Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Holiday Show, November
- Fine Crafts Show, December



For additional information about discovering the art of Albuquerque, please visit www.itsatrip.org/albuquerque/arts.