



**ART**



## OUR ARTS SCENE

Mobile is in a creative class all its own. We love the diversity of our visual and performing arts offerings, from exclusive collections to quirky shows and everything in between. Considering the amount of talent here, it's not at all surprising that Mobile is a canvas for artistic expression. (Yes, you may find something lovely painted on ... well, anything!) We can't brag enough about our local artists. Imaginative and hardworking, their creativity makes life in Mobile special.

The city's deep roots take shape at some of the finest historical institutions in Alabama, and the [Mobile Museum of Art](#) - the largest art museum along the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to Tampa - is a prime example. The museum boasts a permanent collection of more than 6,400 artworks comprised of painting, sculpture, decorative arts, works on paper, and crafts. And what was the museum gift shop is now the [Art Store](#), a space designed to celebrate works by local and regional artists. (Don't you just love that? You can shop any medium and support the community!)



In case you just can't get enough inside the Mobile Museum of Art, the [outdoor sculpture trail](#) is a nice diversion on a beautiful day. The museum grounds in Langan Park are home to more than 20 pieces of modern art in a variety of media including steel, metal and aluminum. These displays are free to the public, so pack a picnic and appreciate the view.

Mobile is home to plenty of additional outdoor art, meaning you don't even need to visit a museum to appreciate all the beauty and inspiration in the city. Our phenomenal public art begs for photo ops, and colorful murals, sculptures and statues contribute to the city's vibrant downtown art scene. These works of art are the heart and soul of downtown ... literally. If you're up for a true self-guided mural tour, add "Love Wins," "Souls of Mobile," "LoDa Bier Garten" and "Dauphin Street Blues Company" to your list.

But if you decide that indoor art is more your scene, [Alabama Contemporary Art Center](#) is located right downtown, providing a home to an array of



temporary exhibitions, adult education programs, and artists in residence. Throughout the rest of downtown, you'll find shops and galleries that give our incredibly creative community plenty of places to display and sell their work to art lovers from near and far.

Lower Dauphin (or, as true Mobilians say, "LoDa") is the art district on Dauphin Street ... and it's where the popular [LoDa ArtWalk](#) is celebrated in a big way. On the second Friday of every month, galleries, restaurants, shops and other businesses in the LoDa Arts District open their doors for a family-friendly evening, all in support of local artists and arts organizations. By the way, brush up on your roller-skating skills. Seasonally, we close our streets to vehicular traffic and turn [Bienville Square](#) into a giant skating rink ... and there's a light show, DJ, and, of course, the hokey pokey! (In the cooler months, the fun moves to an indoor facility.)

You read "DJ" and thought we forgot about the music, huh? Not at all. Mobile's music scene is making noise, and we're here for it! From music festivals to charming neighborhood pubs and bars, Mobile's stage is set. Needless to say, we love to have a good time in Mobile (and at any moment, you can hear someone, somewhere singing something). Local venues like [Alabama Music Box](#), [Cedar Street Social Club](#), [The Peoples Room of Mobile](#), [Soul Kitchen](#) and [The Steeple](#) are great places to catch homegrown musicians.

Interested in a more classic music venue? The historic [Saenger Theatre](#) is the official home of the [Mobile Symphony Orchestra](#), one of the nation's top regional orchestras. Their inspiring concerts feature a variety of musical styles ranging from beloved classical masterpieces to exciting modern works ... from sweeping movie soundtracks to toe-tapping jazz and pop standards. Elsewhere around town, [Mobile Opera](#) makes that genre accessible to each member of the audience, taking steps to ensure that even novices can quickly understand and appreciate what's happening on stage. Meanwhile, [Mobile Ballet](#) does the same ... going so far as to operate the city's most charming and nurturing ballet classes for everyone from the youngest member of the family to seniors.

Enriching and lively, Mobile's performing arts venues encompass everything from classic to the imaginative. [The Joe Jefferson Players](#) is one of the historic gems of Mobile's performing arts community. It opened in 1947 to restore the city's waning theater scene and today is Alabama's oldest continually operational community theater. From one notable venue to another, the [Playhouse in the Park](#) celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2021 and remains Mobile's premier youth theater. The newest addition to the city's live arts scene is [The PACT Theatre Company](#), which opened in 2018. It's a performing arts center that trains in theater, dance, voice, music, art and more. The PACT produces four major shows each year, along with a series of special events.

Whether it's an avant-garde performance in one of our live music venues, a cool public art installation or stunning exhibition, or even the opportunity to discover or reintroduce yourself to your own artistic side, Mobile's art scene should be YOUR scene, too.





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