



Williamsburg takes center stage with art and entertainment

Williamsburg offers visitors a number of ways they can enjoy the arts. From local art galleries and craftsmen to theatrical performances and live music concerts, the region comes alive year-round as a dynamic destination for those seeking culture and entertainment.

Art

In Colonial Williamsburg, guests discover colorful and whimsical folk art made by self-trained artists and craftsmen in the [Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum](#), where more than 4,000 examples of premier 18th-, 19th-, and 20th-century American folk art are displayed. And at the [DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum](#), visitors explore 17th- through early 19th-century paintings, textiles, furniture, metals, ceramics, and prints.

Elsewhere in Williamsburg, on the campus of William & Mary, the [Muscarelle Museum of Art](#) displays a collection of over 5,000 works of art ranging from pre-Columbian to post-modern. And the collection at [The Linda Matney Fine Art Gallery curated by John Lee Matney](#) features works by investment quality, emerging and mid-career artists, which are for sale. It also features changing exhibits and special tours for art collectors, students, and art lovers alike.

The galleries at [Jamestown Settlement](#) present a collection of more than 500 period objects from Virginia, Europe, and Africa – some on display for the first time – including portraits, documents, furnishings, toys, ceremonial and decorative objects, tools and weapons, and archaeological items. And the diverse collection at the [American Revolution Museum at Yorktown](#) features paintings (such as an official portrait of King George III in his coronation robes), engravings, and furnishings on permanent exhibition.

Theater

Live performances can also be enjoyed in Williamsburg. The [Williamsburg Players](#) community theater showcases Broadway-style live shows, while the [Kimball Theatre](#) in Colonial Williamsburg hosts plays and feature films. And before 1720, the American colonies' first purpose-built theater opened at the site of the Play House Stage in Colonial Williamsburg. Today, visitors take in lively performances by Jug Broke Theatre Company.

Music

Concert goers enjoy seasonal entertainment such as the [Summer Breeze Concert Series](#), [Winter Blues Jazz Fest](#), and [Williamsburg Live – the Virginia Arts Festival](#). In Yorktown, visitors head to [Riverfront Landing](#) for annual events including [Sounds of Summer Concert Series](#) and [Rhythms on the Riverwalk Concert Series](#) featuring an eclectic mix of beach music, Motown, pop, R&B, jazz, big band, and country. Year-round, the [Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra](#) delights audiences with a broad range of pops concerts and special events.

Music lovers can also go back in time at the [Virginia Musical Museum](#). Collections of antique musical artifacts are on display, along with Patsy Cline's hand-made scarf, Ralph Stanley's gold-plated banjo, Ella Fitzgerald's performing dress, Wayne Newton's 1978 custom roadster, Bruce Hornsby's key to the City, and The Statler Brothers performing outfits.