

Cultivate your voice.

There's a philosophy that says work keeps us alive, but arts are what we stay alive for. They reflect our culture and tell the story of the human experience through an infinite number of unique lenses.

In Pittsburgh, we keep our creative outlets close, where people can access them: you might see them on a grand scale in a multiday arts festival or a world-renowned symphony, but you can also take classes or showcase your own work in countless venues throughout the region. Whatever your favorite form of creative expression may be, you'll find that our ivory towers also have open doors and outstretched hands.

Fast facts:



Pittsburgh is home to Bicycle Heaven, the world's largest bicycle museum and shop, and the Senator John Heinz History Center, a Smithsonian affiliate that serves as Pennsylvania's largest history museum.



The August Wilson African American Cultural Center is named for the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, who used Pittsburgh as the landscape for many of his best-known works.



The Grammy-winning Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, which also enjoyed nominations in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020, offers a young professionals club with exclusive events, networking opportunities and happy hours.

Did you know?



Art lives here in venues as varied as traditional, stately museums built by Andrew Carnegie and in Randyland, one of America's most colorful public art landmarks. Claim your 15 minutes of fame at the Warhol or feed your interest in contemporary art through the studio at the Mattress Factory Museum.



You can spend a night on the town during events like the Unblurred Penn Avenue art crawl — where you can check out a mix of photography, dance, painting, sculpture, music and spoken word performances — or the quarterly Gallery Crawl in Downtown's Cultural District, including premieres of multimedia artists, live music, theater and dance performances, film screenings, and hands on activities.



Your new favorite band just might be one of the 400 performing across more than 35 indoor and outdoor stages at the Deutschtown Music Festival. Or if cheap beer and nontraditional music is more your thing, check out the Pittsburgh Banjo Club or the Live Bluegrass Jam at the Park House on the North Side.



If you like to write poetry and you're competitive by nature, you might have the chops for the Steel City Poetry Slam. Or if you need a little liquid courage to share your verse, check out Poetry & Pints.



How do you like to kick up your heels? Early birds can still shake it at the In Bed by Ten dance party, unapologetic hipsters can check out a variety of local and touring acts at Brillobox, and uber-traditionalists can explore their roots at the Tuesday Night International Folk Dance of Pittsburgh.



City of Asylum offers a broad range of literary programs, and perhaps most importantly, it offers sanctuary to writers who have been targeted and threatened for raising their voices.



"Don't think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if it's good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art." – Andy Warhol