

Museums and Cultural Arts

More than 200 institutions are devoted to the arts, science and history in Houston.

Major Houston-Area Arts, Science and History Institutions	
Key Art Museums and Galleries	Selected Performing Arts Organizations
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Actors Theatre of Houston
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	American Festival for the Arts
The Menil Collection	American Guild of Organists
Cullen Sculpture Garden	Ars Lyrica Houston
Bayou Bend	Bay Area Chorus
Rienzi	Bayou City Chorale
Rice Gallery (Rice U.)	Bayou City Concert Musicals
Blaffer Gallery (U. of Houston)	Chopin Society of Houston
O’Kane Gallery (U. of Houston-Downtown)	Da Camera
University Museum of Texas Southern Univ.	Ensemble Theatre
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft	Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston
DiverseWorks	Guitar Houston
Key Performing Arts Facilities	Houston Ballet
Aerial Theater at Bayou Place	Houston Chamber Orchestra
Alley Theatre	Houston Children’s Chorus
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	Houston Early Music
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts	Houston Ebony Opera Guild
Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts	Houston Friends of Music
Verizon Wireless Theater at Bayou Place	Houston Grand Opera
Wortham Theater Center	Houston Masterworks Chorus
Galveston’s Grand 1894 Opera House	Houston Symphony Chorus
Key Science and History Museums	Houston Symphony Orchestra
Children’s Museum of Houston	Istanpitta Early Music Ensemble
Holocaust Museum Houston	J.S. Bach Society
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Main Street Theater
Lone Star Flight Museum	Mercury Baroque Ensemble
Museum of Health & Medical Science	Opera in the Heights
San Jacinto Museum of History	Stages Repertory Theater
John C. Freeman Weather Museum	Theatre Under the Stars
Space Center Houston	Woodlands Festival Ballet
Source: <i>Houston Facts 2009</i>	

- Houston is one of the few U.S. cities (New York City, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco are others) that offer world-class, year-round resident companies in all of the major performing arts—symphony (Houston Symphony Orchestra), opera (Houston Grand Opera), drama (The Alley Theatre) and ballet (Houston Ballet).
- Houston is also home to a leading musical theater company, Theater Under the Stars, and to the Society for the Performing Arts, an active presenter of major national and international attractions in theater, music and dance.