

MOBILE



COUNCIL

**ARTS  
GUIDE**

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# Bonjour!

Mobile is one of Alabama's top cultural centers, boasting a wide variety of active arts organizations and unique cultural events throughout the year.

With a deep history rooted in Carnival culture, Mobile has developed into a bustling port city with a downtown that is home to a variety of galleries and centers featuring murals, sculptures, paintings, and more.

From our professional opera and ballet companies to a symphony orchestra, community theaters, and free music festivals, Mobile always has something onstage for lovers of the performing arts.

Since its inception in 1955, the Mobile Arts Council (MAC) has served as a strong informational center for local arts and culture, helping to facilitate numerous events and opportunities for artists of all backgrounds and mediums along the Gulf Coast.

Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in the greater Mobile area by increasing accessibility to the arts and promoting a vibrant cultural community. Through this annual Arts Guide, we hope to share the wealth of artistic talent from Mobile and surrounding areas with locals and visitors alike.

For more listings of arts events in the area, sign up for our ArtStart newsletter and visit us at [www.mobilearts.org](http://www.mobilearts.org) to view our cultural calendar.

## ALABAMA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

[alabamacontemporary.org](http://alabamacontemporary.org)

Founded in 1999, Alabama Contemporary Art Center is a nonprofit located at 301 Conti Street. Through exhibitions, public programming, and community partnerships, it supports cultural production, provides space for courageous conversations that shape identity, and seeds growth in the greater creative economy.

## ASHLAND GALLERY

[facebook.com/ashlandgallery](https://facebook.com/ashlandgallery)

Ashland Gallery, located at 2321 Old Shell Road, is a full-service custom framing shop and art gallery, also featuring fun gifts and fine crafts.

## ASM GLOBAL

[asmglobalmobile.com](http://asmglobalmobile.com)

ASM Global Mobile is comprised of the Mobile Civic Center, the Mobile Convention Center, and the Saenger Theatre. Located in the heart of downtown Mobile, the three venues offer memorable locations to hold any event – from conferences and concerts to dance recitals and more. Some of their upcoming arts and cultural events include:

### *Mobile Civic Center:*

- Black Violin, Dec. 2

### *Mobile Convention Center:*

- Voices of Gospel Music Awards, Sep. 10
- REVEL Mobile, Oct. 14-16
- DanceMakers Convention and Competition, Nov. 4-6



### *Saenger Theatre:*

- Zach Williams, Sep. 14
- The Black Jacket Symphony – 1984, Oct. 14
- Taylor Tomlinson, Oct. 15
- Indigo Girls with special guest Rickie Lee Jones, Oct. 16
- Gov't Mule, Oct. 20
- Gary Allan, Oct. 21
- Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Oct. 26
- Rickey Smiley & Friends, Oct. 29
- Leanne Morgan – Big Panty Tour, Nov. 4
- Aaron Lewis, Nov. 12
- Disney Junior Live On Tour - Costume Palooza!, Nov. 27
- The Prophecy Show – Trans Siberian Orchestra, Dec. 2
- The Fab Four, Dec. 3
- Nate Bargatze, Dec. 4



## AZALEA CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

[azaleacityarts.com](http://azaleacityarts.com)

The Azalea City Center for the Arts provides opportunities for children to explore the world of artistic expression, engage in intensive training in the arts, and perform before live audiences. The Center, located at 63 Midtown Park E, offers classes that enhance self-confidence, encourage personal growth, and strengthen academic and artistic skills.



## AZALEA CITY QUILTERS GUILD

[azaleacityquiltersguild.org](http://azaleacityquiltersguild.org)

The Azalea City Quilters Guild promotes the appreciation of quilting by educating the public on this beautiful art form. The guild comes together to learn new skills by hosting workshops, beginner classes, and exhibitions of their quilts throughout each year.

## BAY AREA ART EDUCATORS

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Bay Area Art Educators (BAAE) is a regional group of the Alabama Art Education Association, comprised of visual arts teachers located in southeast Alabama, primarily in Mobile and Baldwin counties. This group upholds and abides by the AAEA mission statement: "AAEA is a professional organization dedicated to the leadership opportunities, advocacy, professional development, and support for all visual arts educators in Alabama."

## BAY CITIES IMPROV COMPANY

[baycitiesimprov.com](http://baycitiesimprov.com)

Bay Cities Improv Company was founded in 2013 out of the love for improvisational comedy. They provide entertainment on the Perdido Queen Dinner Cruise and are responsible for the hugely successful *Murder Creek Mystery Show*, which runs four times a week. Other shows produced include *The Pirate's Curse*, *Radio Days*, and *Operation Improv*. In addition to entertainment, they teach improv comedy and other acting techniques.

## CENTRAL ARTS COLLECTIVE

[centralartscollective.com](http://centralartscollective.com)

Located within the walls of Central Presbyterian Church, 1260 Dauphin Street, Central Arts Collective is a working studio home to visual and performing artists, who strive to craft community through service and arts cultivation. They host arts events throughout the year, including art markets, photography exhibitions, and artist studio open houses. Mark your calendars for:

- Holiday Studio Open House, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.



## CHICKASAW CIVIC THEATRE

[cctshows.com](http://cctshows.com)

801 Iroquois Street, Chickasaw, Alabama.

Season and single tickets are available online.

The 2022/23 season includes:

- *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Sept. 9-25
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Nov. 11-20
- *She Loves Me*, Jan. 27-Feb. 12
- *Is He Dead?*, March 24-April 2
- *George M!*, May 12-28

## CITY OF MOBILE PARKS AND RECREATION

[cityofmobile.org/parks-rec](http://cityofmobile.org/parks-rec)

The City of Mobile offers extensive programming throughout the year, including quarterly free concerts and kids' days, monthly LoDa ArtWalks, regular vendor events, arts classes, and much more. Mobile has 15 community centers: nine large centers with multiple rooms and gymnasiums and six small centers located in neighborhood parks. These centers also provide daily classes and activities. Visit the website to see schedules of events.



## CLASSICAL BALLET OF MOBILE

[classicalballetmobile.org](http://classicalballetmobile.org)

Classical Ballet of Mobile fosters a lifelong love and appreciation for ballet.

Located at 4621 Spring Hill Avenue. This season's performances include:

- Holiday Wonders, Dec. 3
- Mixed Classical Repertory, May 20



## COASTAL MAKERS

**coastalmakers.com**

Coastal Makers is an art studio located at 70 N. Joachim Street in downtown Mobile. It is family friendly and has something to create for all skill levels – from glass and resin art to wood burning and more. Register for an upcoming experience or join Coastal Makers during one of its open studio times.

## CONDÉ- CHARLOTTE MUSEUM

**condecharlotte.com**

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Condé-Charlotte Museum is a gateway to Mobile's history. The mission is to preserve the historic structure and collection, to interpret the history of the site and the influence of those who have flown their flags over the city. Located in the heart of Fort Condé Village, the Condé-Charlotte Museum is owned and operated by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Alabama.

## DAUPHIN ISLAND HERITAGE AND ARTS COUNCIL

**dauphinislandarts.org**

DIHAC, located at 918 Bienville Boulevard, works to create and maintain a network of visual, literary, and performing artists and patrons, providing venues for educational arts programs, exhibits, and performances. It showcases opportunities for educational programs related to the heritage and history of the Gulf Coast.



## EASTERN SHORE ART CENTER

**esartcenter.org**

The Art Center at 401 Oak Avenue, Fairhope, is free to the public and offers guided tours through five galleries. Artists from all over the country display at the Art Center in the annual Outdoor Art Show and changing exhibits. Activities include quarterly classes for adults and children and monthly Art Walks.



## MOBILE GREEK FESTIVAL

[greekfestmobile.com](http://greekfestmobile.com)

The Mobile Greek Festival has been a staple of our community since the first Greek Night in 1962. Visitors can engage in traditional Greek dance and live music, vendors, Yia Yia's recipes, and more. Come out and enjoy a taste of Greece at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 50 S. Ann Street on October 13-16.

## GULF COAST ETHNIC AND HERITAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

[gcejazzfest.wordpress.com](http://gcejazzfest.wordpress.com)

The Festival's mission is to further the preservation and growth of jazz by encouraging young musicians to play jazz. The Festival is known for the Marcus Johnson Summer Jazz Camp, An Evening of Poetry and Jazz, and a main stage jazz concert.

## HISTORIC MOBILE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

[historicmobile.org](http://historicmobile.org)

Mobile's most enduring historical society, the Historic Mobile Preservation Society was formed in 1935. Now, 82 years later, its members are still proud advocates for preservation of beautiful, historic Mobile. The HMPS is located at Historic Oakleigh.



## HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

[historymuseumofmobile.com](http://historymuseumofmobile.com)

The History Museum of Mobile, housed inside the Southern Market/ Old City Hall National Historic Landmark, 111 S Royal Street, boasts a collection of more than 90,000 artifacts related to Mobile history, as well as special exhibitions throughout the year. It also oversees the Historic Site at Fort Condé and the Phoenix Fire Museum, all located close by. Free Learning Lunches – discussions about the history of South Alabama – are held on the second Wednesday of each month.



Photo/Frank Lee Roberts

'Ring of Fire,' 2022

## JOE JEFFERSON PLAYERS

[joejeffersonplayers.com](http://joejeffersonplayers.com)

Founded in 1947 and named after a prominent 19th century actor, JJP has its own theater at 11 S Carlen Street. Upcoming performances this season will include:

- *The Crucible*, Oct. 7-23
- *RENT*, Dec. 2-18
- *Anne & Emmett*, Jan. 11-16
- *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, March 17-April 2
- *Company*, June 9-25

## LUPERCALIA ART SOCIETY

[lupercaliaartsociety.com](http://lupercaliaartsociety.com)

This art gallery and underground speakeasy is in the heart of downtown Mobile. Featuring 80-plus regional artists at 358 Dauphin Street.

## LODA ARTWALK

[mobilearts.org/art-walk](http://mobilearts.org/art-walk)

LoDa ArtWalk is a free monthly event that showcases the visual, performing, and culinary arts communities in downtown Mobile. This event takes place on the second Friday of every month from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lower Dauphin (LoDa) Arts District. During ArtWalk, Dauphin Street is open only for pedestrian foot traffic. Local art galleries, institutions, studios, and unique shops stay open extended hours for the public to explore. This family-friendly event is a staple of Mobile's arts community, bringing thousands downtown to visit venues, eat at restaurants, and shop with the local outdoor vendors.



LoDa ArtWalk, 2022





## MOBILE ART ASSOCIATION

[mobileartassociation.org](http://mobileartassociation.org)

MAA is an organization of working artists, students, and supporters of the visual arts. Mobile Art Association is the ideal organization for amateur and professional artists. With over 100 members, MAA provides numerous opportunities to network with and learn from fellow artists.



## MOBILE ARTS COUNCIL

[mobilearts.org](http://mobilearts.org)

MAC's exhibition program, displayed in Room 1927 at 6 Joachim Street, is free to the public and showcases different local artists monthly. Regular programming includes monthly exhibits, quarterly member workshops, monthly ArtWalks, the annual Throwdown competition, educational programming, art markets and more.

## MOBILE ASIAN FESTIVAL

[facebook.com/  
MobileAsianFestival](https://facebook.com/MobileAsianFestival)

The Mobile Asian Festival represents the rich diversity of Asian countries with samplings of fresh food, arts & crafts vendors, live performances, and more. This inaugural celebration is part of National Asian Month and will take place on May 12 in Cathedral Square.



## MOBILE BALLET

[mobileballet.org](http://mobileballet.org)

Founded in 1987, Mobile Ballet is the premier classical ballet school and performing company in south Alabama, providing world class performances for the community, impactful outreach programs, and high-quality dance training from beginner to pre-professional. Studios are located in Mobile and Daphne. Upcoming performances at the Mobile Civic Center Theater include:

- 35th Anniversary Gala Performance, Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m.
- *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 10, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m.
- *Swan Lake*, March 25, 7:30 p.m.; March 26, 2:30 p.m.

## MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS

[mobilebotanicalgardens.com](http://mobilebotanicalgardens.com)

The gardens feature a hundred acres of garden areas and wooded trails, allowing visitors to enjoy picnicking, birdwatching, hiking, drawing, painting, and photography. Located at 5151 Museum Drive.



## MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM

[mobilecarnivalmuseum.com](http://mobilecarnivalmuseum.com)

The museum highlights the history of Mardi Gras in Mobile through various mediums: costumes, royal robes, float construction, storytelling, custom designs, art works, historical photographs, and videos. Fourteen galleries are presented within a historic home in downtown Mobile, 355 Government St. Guided and self-guided tours are available. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## MOBILE CHAMBER MUSIC

[mobilechambermusic.org](http://mobilechambermusic.org)

Mobile Chamber Music is dedicated to serving Mobile and surrounding areas by expanding knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of chamber music through the highest quality instruction and performance.

- Andrianov and Illarionov, Oct. 2
- Maxwell Quartet, Nov. 6
- Merz Trio, Jan. 15
- Francisco Fullana with pianist Tomomi Sato, Feb. 26
- Escher Quartet with pianist Roman Rabinovich, March 19

## MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

[mobileinternationalfestival.org](http://mobileinternationalfestival.org)

The 39th annual International Festival will take place at The Grounds. The Festival is dedicated to educating students and the general public about the immense diversity that exists in their city, state, and country. The festival gives the opportunity to meet people from over 70 countries, to speak different languages and sample delicious food.

- Elementary School Day, Nov. 16
- Middle School Day, Nov. 17
- High School Day, Nov. 18
- Family Day, Nov. 19



Mobile Latin Fest, 2021

## MOBILE LATIN FEST

[habagc.com/mobile-latin-fest-2022](http://habagc.com/mobile-latin-fest-2022)

Mobile Latin Fest presents a cultural sample of the rich diversity of the Latin countries and helps integrate our communities by promoting mutual understanding. There will be food, arts & crafts vendors, live music, and folk dances, among other activities. This annual celebration is part of Hispanic Heritage month and will take place Oct. 14 in Cathedral Square.

## MOBILE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

[mobilejewishfederation.org](http://mobilejewishfederation.org)

The Mobile Area Jewish Federation proudly sponsors the Mobile Jewish Film Festival each year. Through film screenings at various locations in the Mobile area, the festival works to preserve the past, teach the present, and build the future while upholding traditional Jewish values.



## MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART

[mobilemuseumofart.com](http://mobilemuseumofart.com)

The MMofA includes a permanent collection of works of fine and decorative arts from around the world, spanning from classical antiquity to the present day. Located at 4850 Museum Drive, MMofA is supported by a unique public/private partnership and regularly facilitates studio art classes, art markets, art talks, and performances.



## MOBILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

[mobilepubliclibrary.org](http://mobilepubliclibrary.org)

Mobile Public Library has 11 library locations and a Bookmobile that provides outreach services. Each location offers a variety of free programs, including arts and crafts classes, movie screenings, writing workshops, and much more.

## MOBILE OPERA

[mobileopera.org](http://mobileopera.org)

Mobile Opera is one of the oldest performing arts organizations in the country. This season's performances will include:

- *The Elixir of Love*, Oct. 21 & 23, The Temple Downtown
- *Let Freedom Sing*, Feb. 4, Murphy High School Auditorium
- *La Rondine*, March 24 & 26, The Temple Downtown



Mobile Symphonic Pops

## MOBILE SYMPHONIC POPS

[themobilepops.com](http://themobilepops.com)

The Mobile Symphonic Pops Band is proud to be under the leadership of Mr. David Dueitt.

Upcoming shows are:

- Fall Concert, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Medal of Honor Park
- Fall Concert, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Spanish Fort Community Center
- Veterans Day Concert, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., USS Alabama Battleship Park
- Christmas Concert, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Davidson High School
- Christmas Concert, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Mary G. Montgomery High School



Scott Speck, MSO

## MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

[mobilesymphony.org](http://mobilesymphony.org)

The MSO, one of America's best regional orchestras, celebrates its 25th season with seven two-performance concerts at the Saenger Theatre:

- *Scheherazade*, Sept. 24-25
- Beethoven and Blue Jeans, Nov. 19-20
- A Cinematic Christmas, Dec. 10-11
- Symphonic Innovations, Jan. 21-22
- Musical Romance, March 11-12
- Brahms Symphony No. 4, April 15-16
- *Lords of the Ring*, May 6-7

## MUFFINJAW DESIGNS

[muffinjawdesigns.com](http://muffinjawdesigns.com)

"Mobile Bay's premier glass studio." Muffinjaw Designs provides glass blowing demonstrations and classes, as well as small and wholesale orders. Visit the website for a list of all upcoming events.



## MYSTIC ORDER OF THE JAZZ OBSESSED

[mojojazz.org](http://mojojazz.org)

MOJO is dedicated to the preservation, performance, and promotion of America's original music. MOJO hosts a Jazz Jambalaya, featuring live music every fourth Monday, at Club 601 @ The Elks, 601 State Street, except during the Mardi Gras season.



## MYSTIC SQUIRRELS OF BIENVILLE

[mobilearts.org/mysticsobs](http://mobilearts.org/mysticsobs)

The Mystic Squirrels of Bienville (Mystic SOB's) is a foot-marching society that participates at the "tail" end of the Joe Cain Marching Society's procession each year. Registration includes the Joe Cain Day party, a squirrel mask, participation in the procession, and peanut throws, courtesy of their friends at A&M Peanut Shop. Proceeds go toward the Mobile Arts Council.



## PICKETT MEDIA GROUP

[pickettmedia.group](http://pickettmedia.group)

Pickett Media Group offers professional photography. Its representatives have earned technical training and certifications with Sony, Fuji film, and Canon. They work hard to provide you with a wonderful experience filled with happiness and joy.



## ROUND BUT SQUARE STUDIOS

[roundbutsquarestudios.com](http://roundbutsquarestudios.com)

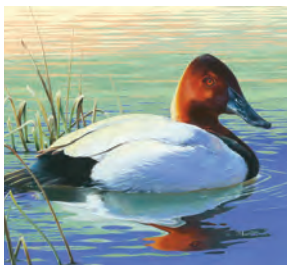
Round but Square Studios is a children's art studio that focuses on the process of creating instead of the final product. Kids are free to explore and learn through discovery and are encouraged to think outside the box. The result is a gain in confidence and fun. The studio is located at 3304 Old Shell Road, Suite C.



## SOPHIELLA GALLERY

[sophiellagallery.com](http://sophiellagallery.com)

Sophiella Gallery, at 111 Dauphin Street in downtown Mobile, brings the region's contemporary fine art and collectors together. Representing established as well as emerging artists from the area, the gallery dedicates space to solo exhibitions throughout the year.



Canvasback by Bill Morris

## THE ART GROUP

[wcmorrisart.com](http://wcmorrisart.com)

The Art Group is led by William "Bill" Morris, who is both nationally and internationally proclaimed and recently received the title of "Master Artist" by the Arts Society of the American West. His accomplishments include three Waterfowl Stamp designs, including winning the 1984–85 Federal Waterfowl Stamp often called the largest art competition in the world.



Artys,  
2022

## THE ARTYS

[mobilearts.org/theartys](http://mobilearts.org/theartys)

The Artys is Mobile's only awards program that acknowledges the priceless contributions made to the arts and cultural community across all realms of the arts. For 17 years, the Mobile Arts Council has presented these awards to recognize the creative achievements of individuals, organizations, and businesses. Nominate someone today online!



## THE HAUNTED BOOK SHOP

[thehauntedbookshopmobile.com](http://thehauntedbookshopmobile.com)

The Haunted Book Shop is named after the beloved former bookstore located in downtown Mobile, operating from 1941 to 1991. It's an independent store that carries new, used and rare books, and it's now located at 9 S Joachim Street. The Haunted Book Shop is keeping Mobile funky one book at a time.



## THE KILN STUDIO & GALLERY

[thekilnstudio.com](http://thekilnstudio.com)

The Kiln Studio & Gallery is in downtown Fairhope, Alabama, and functions as both a gallery, showcasing work by regional and nationally recognized ceramic artists, and studio space, where classes and workshops are taught throughout the year.



## THE PACT THEATRE COMPANY

[thepactmobile.com](http://thepactmobile.com)

The Company was founded in 2018 to create exceptional theater experiences that inspire and engage the Gulf Coast community. The group performs four major productions yearly, along with special events, participation in Junior Theatre Festival, and classes in acting, musical theater, and more through its academy. The innovative program and teaching methods focus on each child's individual needs and forms a specific program that fits them.



## THE THROWDOWN

[mobilearts.org/  
thethrowdown](http://mobilearts.org/thethrowdown)

Mobile Arts Council's largest fundraiser of the year will take place on Sept. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the USS Battleship Memorial Park's Medal of Honor Aircraft Pavilion. This annual event will feature five local artists in a 90-minute live art competition in addition to a silent auction, food, libations, and live music.

## USA MARX LIBRARY

[southalabama.edu/  
departments/library/  
librarygalleries](http://southalabama.edu/departments/library/librarygalleries)

The University of South Alabama Libraries Art Galleries have regular exhibits. While local and regional artists of all ages, including children in K-12, may exhibit in the galleries, artists from outside the region and traveling exhibits may also be considered. All exhibitions and displays are approved by the Executive Director and/or the Outreach & Communications Librarian of the University Libraries.



**Mobile Arts Council  
Gallery @ Room 1927**

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