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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 on stage for lovers of performing arts.

Just a short drive across Mobile Bay, the Eastern Shore also has many offerings available to and representative of creatives from our area.

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 Mobile area by increasing accessibility to the arts and promoting a vibrant cultural community. Through this annual Arts Guide, we hope to share Mobile's wealth of artistic talent to 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 to view our cultural calendar.



AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

clotilda.com

The Africatown Heritage House is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clotilda: The Exhibition tells the story of the 110 remarkable men, women, and children from their West African beginnings to their enslavement, to their settlement of Africatown, and finally the discovery of the sunken schooner, through a combination of interpretive text panels, documents, and artifacts. Timed entry tickets are required.

ALABAMA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

myaaea.org

Formerly known as Bay Area Art Educators (BAAE), the Alabama Art Education Association is comprised of visual art 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 leadership opportunities, advocacy, professional development, and support for all visual arts educators in Alabama."

ALABAMA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

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

contemporary.org

Founded in 1999, Alabama Contemporary Art Center is a nonprofit located at 301 Conti St. Through exhibitions, public programming, and community partnerships, they support cultural production, provide space for courageous conversations that shape identity, and seed growth in the greater creative economy.



ALABAMA FOLKLIFE ASSOCIATION

alabamafolklife.org

The Alabama Folklife Association was founded in 1980 to document, preserve, present, and promote the multicultural folkways of Alabama through research, education, and programming. Visit their website for information on exhibitions, fellows, events, and programs.



ALABAMA MUSIC BOX

alabamamusicbox.com

Alabama Music Box is a live-music venue and bar, located at 12 S. Conception St. Visit their website for information on weekly concerts, karaoke nights, comedy shows, and more.

ART SOUP

loveallpantry.org/art-soup

Art Soup is the signature fundraiser for the Love All Pantry at Central. A ticket includes live music, delicious soups, and dessert donated by area restaurants and caterers, and what most look forward to: a beautiful, handcrafted pottery bowl to take home. Join the fun on Nov. 9 from 6-9 p.m. at Crown Hall.

ASHLAND GALLERY

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

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:

- 85 South Show Live, Sept. 9
- Port City Blues Festival, Oct. 14
- Bert Kreischer, Oct. 15
- Cirque Dreams Holidayze, Nov. 18
- Skillet + Theory Of A Deadman, Nov. 28
- Kevin Gates, Dec. 2

Mobile Convention Center:

- Jurassic Quest, Oct. 27-29
- Junior League of Mobile's Christmas Jubilee, Nov. 10-12

Saenger Theatre:

- Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening, Sep. 1
- YES, Oct. 13
- The Black Jacket Symphony "Saturday Night Fever," Oct. 14
- Buddy Guy, Oct. 25
- Mark Normand, Nov. 24
- Wheel of Fortune LIVE!, Dec. 21
- The Fab Four, Dec. 30
- Gipsy Kings, Feb. 16
- The Guess Who, April 12

AZALEA CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

azaleacityarts.org

The Azalea City Center for the Arts Inc. is a nonprofit providing opportunities for children and adults to explore the world of artistic expression through quality educational programs, recitals, and performance opportunities that enhance self-confidence, encourage personal growth, and strengthen academic and artistic skills. Current Resident Programs include Sunny Side Theater, Full Scale School of Music, and Macrossan Irish Step Dance. Located at 63 Midtown Park East, the Center offers theater, music, and dance programs.



AZALEA CITY QUILTERS GUILD

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 CITIES IMPROV COMPANY

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. They also teach improv comedy and other acting techniques.



CALLAGHAN'S IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

**callaghansirish
socialclub.com**

Callaghan's is an Irish pub featuring local and touring musical performances weekly. They are well-known for their burgers and their annual St. Patrick's Day street celebration.

CENTRAL ARTS COLLECTIVE

centralmidtown.org

Located within the walls of Central Presbyterian Church at 1260 Dauphin St., 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 calendar for their Christmas Studio Open House & Art Market, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHICKASAW CIVIC THEATRE

cctshows.com

The Chickasaw Civic Theatre, formed in 1963, is an intimate community theater located at 801 Iroquois St., Chickasaw. Season and individual tickets for weekend performances are available online. The lineup for the 2023-24 season includes:

- “Clue: On Stage,” Sept. 8-17
- “Arsenic & Old Lace,” Nov. 3-12
- “Parcel Post,” Dec. 8-10
- “Madame Buttermilk,” Jan. 18-28
- “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” March 8-17
- “Brigadoon,” May 10-26

CITY OF MOBILE PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Classical Ballet of Mobile fosters a lifelong love and appreciation for ballet. Located at 4621 Spring Hill Ave. This season’s full-length ballets are:

- “The Nutcracker,” Dec. 2 & 3
- “Coppélia,” May 18 & 19



COASTAL MAKERS

coastalmakers.com

After years of teaching on her own, Kari Ransom opened Coastal Makers in Downtown Mobile in 2019. They are a family friendly studio, featuring classes and maker events for both adults and children. Look online for upcoming classes and see the space in person at Central Arts Collective, 1260 Dauphin St.

CONDE-CHARLOTTE MUSEUM

condecharlotte.com

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

DAUPHIN ISLAND GALLERY LLC

dauphinislandartgallery.com

Located in the iconic red and white "lighthouse building" on Bienville Boulevard, right in the heart of the island, the Dauphin Island Gallery LLC has a unique coastal vibe, featuring juried fine art and select crafts in a variety of mediums, including painting, photography, pottery, printmaking, and fine jewelry. The Gallery also carries books by local authors and handmade gift items.



Dauphin Island
Heritage and Arts Council

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. They showcase opportunities for educational programs related to the heritage and history of the Gulf Coast.

DORA FRANKLIN FINLEY AFRICAN- AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

dffaaht.org

The DFFAAHT provides an all-inclusive journey from the founding of Mobile in 1702.

Participants will develop a taste for the rich gumbo of ethnicity as revealed by Mobile's past and will enhance their lifelong understanding of the African American's role in Mobile history. Tours pick up at the History Museum of Mobile and take approximately two hours (no walking).



EASTERN SHORE ART CENTER

esartcenter.org

The Art Center at 401 Oak Ave., 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

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 St. on Oct. 19-22.



GULF COAST ETHNIC AND HERITAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

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

Founded in 1935, the HMPS is Mobile's most enduring historic society, and its members are still proud advocates for the preservation of beautiful, historic Mobile. The HMPS is located at Historic Oakleigh.

Upcoming events include:

- The Poe Experience, weekends in October
- Columns & Cocktails, Nov. 9
- Holiday Homes Tour, Dec. 16

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

**historymuseum
ofmobile.com**

The History Museum of Mobile, which is housed inside the Southern Market/ Old City Hall National Historic Landmark, 111 S. Royal St., boasts a collection of more than 90,000 artifacts related to Mobile history, as well as special exhibitions throughout the year. They also oversee the Historic Site at Fort Conde and the Phoenix Fire Museum, all located in close proximity. They host free Learning Lunches - a discussion series about the history of South Alabama - on the second Wednesday of each month.

HOUSE OF 8STAX

atestax.com

Located in the Shoppes at Bel Air Mall, House of 8stax is a mixed-reality, blockchain art gallery and multimedia art studio. Infused in blockchain tech and an immersive environment, 8stax features a brick and mortar and a metaverse location to match.

INNOVA ARTS

innova-arts.business.site

Innova Arts carries the works of more than 50 area artists, with the hopes of helping those artists sell their work and come together with the local community. Innova features a wide variety of items, including handmade jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, driftwood art, metal sculptures, Mardi Gras art, and so much more.

J.A.W.S. FEST

jagworks.southalabama.edu/jaws_fest

Jazz Art Writers South (J.A.W.S) Festival is a celebration of jazz in all forms: visual, musical, literature, and film. The event features artists, musicians, and writers from the Mobile and Gulf Coast region. This event is hosted by the USA Libraries Art Galleries and The Black Ink Coalition of Mobile and occurs annually during late May and June.



JOE JEFFERSON PLAYERS

joejeffersonplayers.com

Founded in 1947, Joe Jefferson Playhouse (JJP) is Alabama's oldest continually running community theater. It's located at 11 S. Carlen St. Upcoming weekend performances this season will include:

- "9 to 5," Aug. 18-Sep. 2
- "The 39 Steps," Oct. 13-29
- "Gee's Bend," Jan. 19-Feb. 4
- "Mame," April 5-21
- "Xanadu," June 7-23



JPAR GULF COAST

jpargulfcoast.com

JPAR is an area Real Estate agency that also utilizes its downtown Mobile office, located at 318 Dauphin St., as a gallery space to routinely feature local visual artists.

LODA ARTWALK

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 shut down for pedestrian foot traffic and local art galleries, institutions, studios, and unique shops that 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 local outdoor vendors.



LUPERCALIA ART SOCIETY

lupercaliaartsociety.com

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



MOBICON

gngcon.com

Mobicon is an annual weekend-long cosplay convention, featuring panels, Q&A sessions, celebrity guests, costume contests, tabletop gaming, video gaming, an old-school arcade, fan groups, and after-hours shows. It will take place Sept. 22-24 at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 S. Water St.



MOBILE ALABAMA AFRICATOWN DRUMMERS

africatowndrummers.com

The Mobile Alabama Africatown Drummers routinely performs at events throughout Africatown and Mobile and plays by Kazoola Eatery and Entertainment during LoDa ArtWalk each month. MAAD is available for performances at events and provides educational opportunities for area students interested in African drumming.



MOBILE ART ASSOCIATION

mobileartassociation.org

Mobile Art Association is an organization of working artists, students, and supporters of the visual arts. It is an 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

Among its many programs, the Mobile Arts Council features art exhibits, quarterly member workshops, monthly ArtWalks, annual fundraisers, educational outreach initiatives, art markets, and more. MAC's community exhibition series, displayed in Room 1927 at 6 Joachim St., is free to the public and showcases different local artists monthly.



MOBILE BALLET
SINCE 1987

MOBILE BALLET

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 the highest quality dance training from beginner to pre-professional. Studios are located in Mobile and Daphne. All performances are at the Mobile Civic Center Theater:

- Eclectic, Oct. 7
- “The Nutcracker,” Dec. 8-10. Friday and Saturday evening performances feature the Mobile Ballet Orchestra.
- “Sleeping Beauty,” March 23-24

MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS

mobilebotanicalgardens.org

The Gardens features 100 acres of garden areas and wooded trails, allowing visitors to enjoy picnicking, birdwatching, hiking, drawing, painting, and photography. Located at 5151 Museum Drive, the Gardens also features the Artful Garden Gift Shop, a koi pond, seasonal plant market, and more.

MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM

mobilecarnivalmuseum.com

Highlighting the history of Mardi Gras in Mobile through various mediums: costumes, royal robes, float construction, storytelling, custom designs, artworks, historical photographs, and videos. The museum includes 14 galleries within a historic home. Guided and self-guided tours are available.



MOBILE CHAMBER MUSIC

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.

- Borromeo Quartet, Oct. 1
- Alec Holcomb, guitar, Oct. 29
- Michael Brown, piano & Nicholas Canellakis, cello, Jan. 14
- Elias Quartet, Feb. 18
- Gryphon Trio with Anthony McGill, clarinet, March 17

MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

mobileinternationalfestival.org

The 40th annual International Festival will take place at The Grounds in November. The Festival is dedicated to educating students and the general public about the immense diversity that exists in our city, state, and country. The Festival gives the opportunity to meet people from over 70 countries, to speak different languages and sample delicious food.

- School Days, Nov. 15-17
- Family Day, Nov. 18

Mobile Jewish Film Festival

MOBILE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

mobilejewishfederation.org

Presented by the Mobile Area Jewish Federation, a charitable organization rooted in traditional Jewish values of justice (Tzedek), repairing the world (Tikkun Olam), acts of loving-kindness (Gemilut Chessed), and Jewish peoplehood (Klal Yisarel). They are committed and exist to serve the Mobile area, Baldwin County, Israel, and the world in support of these values for today, tomorrow, and the future of Jewish people. Visit their website for more information.

MOBILE LATIN FEST

habagc.com

With the growing Latin population in our region, this festival brings flavors, music, and culture to the downtown area. It also contributes to the continuous internationalization of our community and its heritage. Now a two-day festival, the Mobile Latin Fest presents a cultural sample of the rich diversity of Latin countries and helps integrate communities by promoting mutual understanding. There will be food and arts & crafts vendors, live music, folkloric dances, among many other activities.

- Cathedral Square, Oct. 13, 5-10 p.m.
- Mardi Gras Park, Oct. 14, 4-9 p.m.



MOBILE MASK

mobilemask.com

Since Carnival 2012, Mobile Mask has been The Revelers Guide to Mardi Gras. It started with the Nappie-winning website, then in 2013, the first issue of the annual full-color magazine hit the stands. Along with their popular social media accounts, Mobile Mask has become the main authority on Mardi Gras in south Alabama.



MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART

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mobilemuseumofart.com

Mobile Museum of Art is proud to be your art museum. As the only accredited art museum in south Alabama, MMofA presents exhibitions, programs, and events that connect our community while teaching important lessons about the creative process. Whether it's in a class, at an art market or a talk or while visiting one of their more than 6,000 pieces of collection works, there's something for everyone. Mobile Museum of Art: Creativity lives here.



MOBILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

mobilepubliclibrary.org

The 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 more.

MOBILE OPERA

mobileopera.org

Mobile Opera is a dynamic and innovative regional opera company producing exceptional quality main-stage opera, educational programs, and community connections on the central Gulf Coast. This season's performances will include:

- "The Marriage of Figaro," Oct. 27 & 29, The Temple Downtown
- "Le Villi," Feb. 3, Murphy High School Auditorium
- "Rigoletto," March 22 & 24, The Temple

MOBILE SYMPHONIC POPS

themobilepops.com

The Mobile Symphonic Pops Band is a nonprofit symphonic concert band that provides about 10 free concerts annually to the public:

- Concert - Dauphin Island, Sep. 24, 5 p.m.
 - Fall Concert - Spanish Fort, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.
 - Fall Concert - Medal of Honor Park, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
 - Veteran's Day Concert - Battleship Park, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
 - Christmas Concert - Davidson High School, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
 - Christmas Concert - Mary G. Montgomery High School, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
- February, April, and September will have multiple concerts.



MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

mobilesymphony.org

The MSO, one of America's best regional orchestras, celebrates its 26th season with eight outstanding concerts for its 2023-24 season. Dates include:

- Heroes & Villains, Sep. 16-17
- Beethoven and Blue Jeans, Nov. 18-19
- Holiday Classics, Dec. 16-17
- Firebird, Jan. 20-21
- Yo-Yo Ma Returns!, Feb. 29
- Strings Attached, March 9-10
- Mozart's Requiem, April 6-7
- A Latin Rhapsody, May 18-19

MOB MUSIC FESTIVAL

mobmusicfest.com

MOB Music Festival is an annual free music festival that showcases new artists, activities, and community resources. See performances by artists of various genres, including indie, country, bluegrass, rock, alternative, gospel, soul, funk, jazz, brass band, blues, R&B, and hip-hop. The 2024 event will take place on July 12-14 in downtown Mobile.

MUFFINJAW DESIGNS

muffinjawdesigns.com

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

MYSTIC ORDER OF THE JAZZ OBSESSED

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 St., except during the Mardi Gras season.

MYSTIC SQUIRRELS OF BIENVILLE

mobilearts.org/mysticsobs

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

NEU DAWN

[instagram.com/
neudawnartexperience](https://www.instagram.com/neudawnartexperience)

A collaborative immersive art, fashion, and music installation exhibit featuring over 70 creatives at once. Happens once a year, for one day. The 2023 event takes place December 3, 4-7 p.m. at Alabama Contemporary Art Center.



PICKETT MEDIA GROUP

[pickettmedia.group](https://www.pickettmedia.group)
Pickett Media Group offers professional photography. Their 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.

PRIDE OF ATMORE

[facebook.com/
PrideofAtmore](https://www.facebook.com/PrideofAtmore)

The Pride of Atmore is dedicated to economic revitalization and preservation of downtown Atmore through utilizing the arts.



RON BARRETT LLC

[ronbarrettweddings.com](https://www.ronbarrettweddings.com)

With decades of experience designing floral sets, Ron Barrett LLC has created countless events in the area that are unique and always go beyond expectations.



ROUND BUT SQUARE STUDIOS

[roundbutsquarestudios.com](https://www.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.

SERAH'S RAINBOW

Serah's Rainbow is a gallery and art space created for people with special gifts and special needs, located at 4321 Boulevard Park South. They can be reached at 479-981-1062 or serahsrainbow@gmail.com.

SIDE STREET STUDIO

facebook.com/sidestreetstudiosmobile

Side Street is an open photography studio, located at 6 S. Conception St., Suite B, featuring local photographers in their natural habitat. Join for opportunities to have your portrait taken throughout the year.

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GALLERY

SOPHIELLA GALLERY

sophiellagallery.com

Sophiella Gallery, at 111 Dauphin St., 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.



SOUTHSOUNDS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

southsoundsmusicfest.com

SouthSounds is an annual music festival that has been dedicated to promoting Southern Artists since 2011. Visit their website for 2024 dates, artists, and locations.

SUMI-E SOCIETY OF AMERICA: SHIBUI CHAPTER

sumiesociety.org

Including Mobile, Pensacola, Pascagoula, and Biloxi, the Shibui Chapter represents the nonprofit educational organization Sumi-e Society of America. Founded in 1963 by Motoi Oi, their mission is to foster and encourage an appreciation of East Asian brush painting techniques through publications, workshops, lectures, and exhibitions. They also exist to serve as a cultural bridge between East and West. The Chapter meets monthly at the Garden House in the Charles Wood Japanese Garden located, 700 Forest Hill Drive. Contact Carol Wiggins at shibuisumi@gmail.com.



THE ARTYS

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.

SUNNY SIDE THEATER

sunnysidedrama.com

Sunny Side Theater opened in 2008 to allow all children access to the stage. Sunny Side works with children at their own level, never turning away anyone for any reason because they believe that the performing arts develops confidence and long-lasting life skills. Sunny Side programs include five main stage productions, a summer full of camps, an exceptional arts drama class for those with special needs, a travel competition team, a traveling homeschool show that brings theater to schools across the city, and a school outreach program.



THE KILN STUDIO AND GALLERY

thekilnstudio.com

The Kiln Studio & Gallery is in downtown Fairhope 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 MERRY WIDOW

themerrywidow.net

The Merry Widow is a cocktail bar, event venue, and private event space at 51 S. Conception St.



THE PACT THEATRE

thepactmobile.com

The PACT Theatre Company was founded in 2018 to create exceptional theater experiences that inspire and engage the community. They perform four major productions yearly, along with special events, participation in Junior Theater Festival, and classes in acting, musical theater, and more. Their 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. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Temple downtown. 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.

THE SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

thesocialexp.com

The Social Experiment, 74 S. Conception St., houses several BC Collective endeavors, including Knucklebones Elixir Co., Beard & Blade Barber Shop, and a 4,000-square-foot event space, often used for pop-up markets and arts events.

UN. OF MOBILE ALABAMA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

asota.umobile.edu

UMobile's Alabama School of the Arts provides valuable, versatile, and creative professional training through a 21st-century course of study in the performing arts.

USA MUSIC DEPARTMENT

southalabama.edu/colleges/music

Propelled by an increasing music student population, a newly created graduate degree program and a highly active concert series featuring accomplished soloists and diverse ensembles, the Department of Music at the University of South Alabama continually embraces new artistic experiences that balance the rich history of music with emerging music of the 21st century.

USA MARX LIBRARY

southalabama.edu/departments/library/librarygalleries

The University 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.

URBAN EMPORIUM

urbanemporiummobile.com

Urban Emporium is a retail incubator with several stores in one location. Shop a variety of local makers at 260 Dauphin St.

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY

wgasmobile.org

As a nonprofit, the object of The Watercolor & Graphic Arts Society is to create, through education, more interest in the media of watercolor and graphic arts and to promote finer watercolor and graphic arts exhibitions.

Y'ALL FOLKS

yallfolks.com

Y'all Folks offers entertainment management, studio production, and printing services for the Greater Mobile area.

MOBILE *arts* COUNCIL

Want to see your business
or nonprofit listed in the
next Arts Guide?

Simply become an
Organization Member
of the Mobile Arts Council



Benefits of Membership include:

- Listing on MAC website directory
- Promotion of your events in our newsletters and online calendar
- Inclusion of your events in this annual Arts Guide and our Holiday Gift Guide
- Ability to promote your organization and events at ArtWalk
- Free Admission for two to all MAC workshops and classes
- Invitation to be featured during Art After Hours

*For more information go to
mobilearts.org
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