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Welcome to Mobile—a city where creativity and culture are woven into everyday life. As someone who has the privilege of working closely with artists and arts organizations across our community, I’m constantly inspired by the talent, passion, and creativity that thrive here.

From Mardi Gras parades to gallery openings, from opera and ballet to local theater and free music festivals—Mobile offers something for everyone who loves the arts.

Our city’s creative spirit doesn’t stop at the waterfront. Across Mobile Bay, the Eastern Shore also brims with artistic energy and community pride. Together, we’re building a region that values and celebrates its artists.

Since 1955, the Mobile Arts Council has been here to help nurture and support that creative growth. We believe the arts should be accessible to everyone, and we’re committed to making sure the cultural life of our region continues to flourish.

This Arts Guide is just a glimpse of what Mobile has to offer. I hope you’ll use it to discover something new, revisit your favorite venues, and support the incredible artists who make our city so vibrant.

Thank you for being part of our creative community.

To stay connected, please subscribe to our Art Start newsletter or visit www.mobilearts.org for more events and updates.

Angela Montgomery
Executive Director
Mobile Arts Council



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. Capacity is very limited and timed entry tickets are required.



ALABAMA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

alabamacontemporary.org

Founded in 1999, Alabama Contemporary Art Center has shifted completely from 301 Conti Street into a transient model. Through traveling 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 ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

myaaea.org

Formally 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 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.



AMP UP ARTS

ampuparts.org

Mobile Arts Council's education partner, Amp Up Arts, aims to provide quality and comprehensive arts education to every student, every school, and every community. They empower communities to use existing resources that may enhance arts activities in schools and community organization through partnerships and collaborations; promote and encourage the joint cooperation of teachers, administrators, and artists to provide students with quality, research-based arts education; and advocate for the value and immediate need for arts education at the state level.



ART SOUP

loveallpantry.org/art-soup

Art Soup, a cherished Mobile tradition spanning over two decades, remains the cornerstone fundraiser for the Love All Pantry at Central Presbyterian. This year's event will be held at the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf on Thursday, November 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, delectable soups, breads, and desserts generously provided by top local eateries and caterers, and the highlight: a beautifully handcrafted pottery bowl to take home.



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.



AZALEA CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

azaleacityarts.org

The Azalea City Center for the Arts, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide 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.



ART WITH A PURPOSE

artwithapurposebooks.com

Tamlin Allbritten is an art teacher and author with over 40 years of experience teaching in school systems and rehabilitation centers. This work has laid the groundwork for her expertise in developing specific curriculums for various populations, (youth with addictions, eating disorders, veterans, brain injured, and “at-risk” communities.)



AZALEA CITY QUILTERS GUILD

facebook.com/azaleacityquiltersguild

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 Murder Creek Mystery Show which runs four times a week. Other shows produced include Six Secret Suspects, Ghostly Tides, and Improv Antics. They also teach improv comedy and other acting techniques.



BELLINGRATH GARDENS AND HOME

bellingrath.org

Located in Theodore, Bellingrath Gardens and Home aims to preserve and enhance the 65-acre garden and grand estate home of Walter and Bessie Bellingrath, welcoming visitors and encouraging joy and peace offered through natural beauty. Be sure to view their site for event and class dates, and do not miss their spectacular lights during the Christmas season!



CITY OF MOBILE PARKS & RECREATION

cityofmobile.org/parks-rec

The City of Mobile offers extensive programming throughout the year, including free quarterly 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



CENTRAL MIDTOWN

centralmidtown.org

Located within the walls of Central Presbyterian Church at 1260 Dauphin St., Central Midtown is a working studio home to visual and performing artists who strive to craft community through service and arts cultivation. They host an "Earth and Art Market" every second Saturday of the month. Mark your calendar for their Christmas Studio Open House and Market; Open House and Art Market, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.



CHICKASAW CIVIC THEATRE

cctshows.com

The Chickasaw Civic Theatre, formed in 1963, is an intimate community theatre located at 801 Iroquois Street in Chickasaw. Individual tickets for weekend performances are available online. The 2025-2026 season includes:

- "The Man Who Came To Dinner" Nov. 6-16
- "1776, The Musical" Jan. 15-25, 2026
- "Leading Ladies" Mar. 19-29
- "Tuck Everlasting-The Musical", May 14-24
- "The King and Queen Of Foggy Flats", June 25-29



CALLAGHAN'S IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

callaghansirishsocialclub.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.



CLASSICAL BALLET OF MOBILE

classicalballetmobile.org

Classical Ballet of Mobile fosters a lifelong love and appreciation for ballet. Located at 4621 Spring Hill Ave. Classes and performances are listed on their website.



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 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.



COASTAL MAKERS

coastalmakers.com

After many years of teaching on her own, Kari Ransom opened Coastal Makers, a family-friendly studio and hive of creativity located within Central Midtown at Central Presbyterian Church. Her studio features classes and maker events for all ages.



DAUPHIN ISLAND GALLERY LLC

dauphinislandartgallery.com

Located in the iconic red and white "lighthouse building" on Bienville Blvd., 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

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.



DAWSON MOGAN CERAMICS

dawsonmorgan.com

Dawson Morgan is an artist who works mainly in ceramic sculpture and painting. She takes inspiration from her coastal roots, international experiences, and the beauty in our varied landscape. Visit her Fairhope studio at 204 Grande Ave. to view available works as well as consult on a design. Studio visits are by appointment only: 251-348-8414. See Dawson's work at Sophiella Gallery during LODA ArtWalks and in Fairhope during First Friday ArtWalks.



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 2 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 here and at their annual outdoor art Show and changing exhibits. Activities include quarterly classes for adults and children, and monthly ArtWalks.



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. It takes place annually in the fall.



GULF COAST ETHNIC AND HERITAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

gcehjazfest.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 300 Oakleigh Place.



HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

historymuseumofmobile.com

The History Museum of Mobile, housed inside the Southern Market/Old City Hall National Historic Landmark at 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. 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.



ECLIPSE THEATRE COMPANY

eclipsetheatre.co

Driven by a passion for delivering thoughtful, high-quality performances that captivate and inspire audiences. Eclipse Theatre has a commitment to excellence and strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where families can come together to experience the magic of live theatre. Private lessons and Homeschool education are available. Eclipse Home school presents:

- “Disney’s Descendants: The Musical!”, Nov. 7-8



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

facebook.com/innova.arts

Located at 1803 Old Shell Road, Innova Arts carries 80+ area artists' works with the hopes of helping artists sell their work and come together with the local community. They feature a wide variety of items including handmade jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, driftwood art, metal sculptures, Mardi Gras art and more.



J.A.W.S. FEST

jawsfestival.com

Jazz Art Writers South (J.A.W.S) Festival is a celebration of jazz in all forms -visual, musical, literature, and film. Their event features multiple artists. Hosted by the USA Marx Library, Galleries and The Black Ink Collation. J.A.W.S Fest occurs annually during late May and June.



JOE JEFFERSON PLAYERS

joejeffersonplayers.com

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

- “The Rocky Horror Show”
Oct. 24–Nov. 9
- “Shakespeare in Love”,
Jan. 14–Feb. 1
- “Guys and Dolls”,
Apr. 3–19



JF MORRIS PERFORMANCE LLC

jfmpperformance.net

A new Gulf Coast theatrical production and casting company creating high quality productions since 2020 and offering a range of services.



LODA ARTWALK

mobilearts.org/art-walk

LoDa ArtWalk is a free monthly event that showcases visual, performing, and culinary arts communities in downtown Mobile, held on the second Friday of every month, 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lower Dauphin Arts District. Dauphin Street is shut down for foot traffic and art galleries, institutions, studios, and shops stay open extended hours. This family-friendly event is a staple of Mobile's arts community, bringing thousands downtown to visit venues, eat at restaurants, and shop 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.



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 each ArtWalk. MAAD is available for performances and provides educational opportunities for 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.

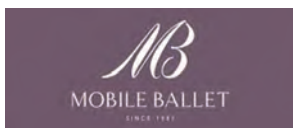
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MOBILE ARTS COUNCIL

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 Street, is free to the public and showcases different local artists monthly.



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 scheduled for the Saenger Theatre.

- "The Phantom of The Opera", Nov. 1
- "The Nutcracker", Dec. 19-21
- "Cinderella", March 28-29



MOBILE BIG BAND SOCIETY

mobilebigband.org

The Mobile Big Band Society is a nonprofit organization formed to continue the performance and preservation of the music of the Big Band era. Regional band members play for the sheer joy of getting together to make the music, for themselves, for their “mature” fans, who have heard and loved it all their lives, and for the younger set, many just discovering the melodies, harmonies and romantic lyrics of the Great American Song Book.



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MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS

mobilebotanicalgardens.org

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, 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 OF COMMERCE

mobilechamber.com

The Mobile Chamber strives to be the leading catalyst for economic expansion in the Mobile area, building more opportunity and an enhanced quality of life for all citizens and serving as a proactive change agent for business needs to drive regional economic prosperity. They have been an active supporter of the arts community.

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.

- Young Concert Artists on Tour with Toby Appel, viola Feb. 1
- Lysander Trio with JP Jofre, bandoneon, March 1
- Jason Vieaux, guitar with Zuill Bailey, cello, April 19



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.



MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

mobileinternationalfestival.org

The 41st annual International Festival will take place at The Grounds November 19-22. 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.

MOBILE LATIN FEST

habagc.com

Held in Mardi Gras Park, this festival takes place annually in the fall, and brings flavors, music, and culture to the downtown area. It also contributes to the continuous internationalization of our community. 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 live music, folkloric dances, arts and crafts vendors, among many other activities. This event is put on by The Hispanic American Business Association of the Gulf Coast.



MOBILE MEDICAL MUSEUM

mobilemedicalmuseum.org

Founded in 1962 by Dr. Samuel Eichold II, the museum preserves and exhibits medical artifacts and archives to commemorate Mobile's prominent place in the history of medical education and public health in Alabama and the Gulf Coast. The Museum's collections and exhibitions provide the public with a broad understanding of the evolution of the art and science of health care.



MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART

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:

- Die Fledermaus, Oct. 24 and 26
- Mozart & Salieri, Jan. 31
- The Magic Flute, March 27 and 29



MOBILE SYMPHONIC POPS

themobilepops.com

The Mobile Symphonic Pops Band is a non-profit that provides around 10 free concerts annually to the public. Their goal is to contribute positively to the arts and cultural environment of the greater Mobile area and foster the concept of the adult community concert band.

- Semmes Veterans Day Concert, Semmes Community Center, Nov. 6
- Veterans Day Concert, Battleship Park, Nov. 11
- Christmas Concert, Davidson High School, Dec. 15
- Semmes Christmas Concert, MGM High School, Dec. 18



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 2026 event will take place on July 10–12.



MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

mobilesymphony.org

The MSO, one of America's best regional orchestras, celebrates its 2025- 2026 season with the following outstanding concerts:

- Bohemia: Nov. 8-9
- Holiday Cheer: Dec. 13-14
- Dreams, Jan. 17-18
- Beethoven & Blue Jeans: Mar. 14-15
- An American In Paris: Apr. 11-12
- The Planets: May 2-3



MYSTIC ORDER OF THE JAZZ OBSESSED

mojojazz.org

MOJO is dedicated to the preservation, performance, and promotion of America's original music. They host a monthly Jazz Jambalaya, featuring live music every fourth Monday, at Cedar Street Social Club, 4 N. except during Mardi Gras.



MUFFINJAW DESIGNS

muffinjawdesigns.com

Muffinjaw Designs is the first publicly accessible glassblowing studio in Mobile, AL. Their team creates functional and decorative glass for the home and garden out of their hot shop and provides educational arts outreach for our local community. They specialize in both in-studio and on-site glassblowing demonstrations, Blow Your Own events, and private glassblowing parties.

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. This year's show is on December 7th at The Social Experiment.

OAK VIEW GROUP

mobilecivicctr.com

Oak View Group 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:

Convention Center:

- Junior League of Mobile's Christmas Jubilee, Nov. 14-16

Saenger Theatre:

- Fortune Feimster.
- Anne Wilson, Oct. 25
- The Rock Orchestra By Candlelight, Oct. 27
- Whose Live Anyway, Nov. 20
- Cirque Dreams Holiday, Nov. 23
- Tower of Power, Dec. 4
- A Christmas Story with Peter Billingsley, Dec. 10
- Swan Lake, Jan. 7



PICKETT MEDIA GROUP

pickettmedia.group

Pickett Media Group offers professional photography. Their representatives have earned technical training and certification with Sony, Fujifilm and Canon. They work hard to provide customers with a wonderful experience.



RON BARRETT LLC

ronbarrettweddings.com

With decades of experience designing floral sets, Ron Barrett LLC has created countless events that are unique and always exceed expectations.



ROUND BUT SQUARE STUDIOS

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.



SIDE STREET STUDIO

sidestreetstudio.photography

Side Street Studios offers a dynamic space for both photographers and clients, providing a range of services designed to bring creative visions to life. Whether you're looking for a professional headshot, a memorable portrait session, or a fully equipped studio rental, they have everything you need to make it happen. Their studio is a welcoming environment for both seasoned photographers and beginners, with expert guidance available to ensure every session is a success.



SOPHIELLA GALLERY

sophiellagallery.com

Located at 111 Dauphin St., Sophiella Gallery is a contemporary fine art gallery offering large and small paintings by established and emerging artists from across the country. The downstairs gallery and upstairs loft space are open for ArtWalks year-round. Check Sophiella's website for seasonal hours. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for upcoming events.



SOUL KITCHEN MUSIC HALL

soulkitchenmobile.com

At 219 Dauphin St., Soul Kitchen is a fabulous music venue in the heart of downtown Mobile. See national and international music acts throughout the year. Visit their site for concert dates and tickets.

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. Their mission is to foster an appreciation of East Asian brush painting techniques through publications, workshops, lectures, and exhibitions. They also serve as a cultural bridge between East and West. The Chapter meets monthly at the Garden House in the Charles Wood Japanese Garden, 700 Forest Hill Drive. Contact Carol Wiggins at shibuisumi@gmail.com



SUNNY SIDE THEATER

sunnysidedrama.com

Sunny Side Theater works with children at their own level, never turning away anyone for any reason because they believe 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 home school show that brings theater to schools across the city, and a school outreach program.

ARTYS

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, Mobile Arts Council has presented these awards to recognize the creative achievements of individuals, organizations, and businesses.



THE FRENCHMEN

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

The Frenchmen are four businesses united by a shared vision for the community. Their journey began with events in Mobile, AL, where they quickly became friends and discovered an organic connection. Before long, their collective enthusiasm led them to the exciting decision to relocate their businesses downtown together, bringing their creative energy and passions to a vibrant new space. They call themselves The Frenchmen, drawing inspiration from the vibrant Frenchmen Street in New Orleans, known for its eclectic mix of art, music, and culture. Their collective brings a similar flair to their creations, celebrating creativity and community with every project.



THE LOYOLA ART SHOW

theloyolaartshow.com

The Loyola Art Show is an elevated indoor shopping experience for artists and collectors alike. Enjoy this three-day event, which will host 60+ well-established artists from across the Southeast. Along with the artwork available for purchase, attendees can also enter to win various raffle prizes. Collectors and lovers of visual art should not miss this opportunity to gain their next beloved piece. View their website for information on the 2026 show dates.



THE MERRY WIDOW

themerrywidow.net

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



THE MOBILE POET LAUREATE

mobilearts.org/poet-laureate/

Our Inaugural Mobile Poet Laureate, Charlotte Pence sought to encourage young Mobilians to explore poetry and find their own unique voice during her laureateship. With her term coming to a close, we are thrilled for the next poet to embark on their laureateship and continue inspiring Mobile through the spoken word. Keep close attention in early 2026 for the announcement of the new Poet Laureate and you won't want to miss the following dates.

2025 Events:

- November 7, 2025: ArtWalk Poetry Reading
- December 12, 2025: ArtWalk Poetry Reading and last reading from Mobile's Inaugural Poet Laureate



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.



THE THROWDOWN

mobilearts.org/thethrowdown

For 13 years, local artists have gone head-to-head in this high-energy live art competition. Five artists. Ninety minutes. One shared supply table—and a surprise mystery box. It's fast, creative, and a thrill to watch. At the end of the night, attendees can bid on these freshly made masterpieces in a live auction.



USA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

southalabama.edu/org/archaeology/museum

The USA Archaeology Museum showcases artifacts from the Gulf Coast and covers over 12,000 years of prehistory and history. Enjoy free admission to events and exhibits. Annual film festival and other museum activities happen during the fall every year.



UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE -ALABAMA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

asota.umobile.edu

U of Mobile'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 DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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.

urbanemporium

on dauphin

URBAN EMPORIUM

urbanemporiummobile.com

The Urban Emporium, managed by the nonprofit organization Springboard to Success, is a retail incubator with several stores in one location! Shop a variety of local makers at 260 Dauphin Street.

WATERCOLOR & GRAPHIC ARTS SOCIETY

wgasmobile.org

As a nonprofit organization, 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 by Alabama artists.



Y'ALL FOLKS

yallfolks.com

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

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