



SOUTH DAKOTA'S GROWING ARTS AND CULTURAL SCENE

From art galleries and wineries to sculpture walks and more, South Dakota has an eclectic and world-class arts and cultural scene waiting to be discovered. Visitors will find everything from history and modern art to the symphony and unique cultural festivals and events in cities and towns throughout the state. The I-29 Cultural Corridor in eastern South Dakota, Art Alley in Rapid City and the National Music Museum in Vermillion are just a few inspiring stops for South Dakota road trippers.

[Art Alley \(Rapid City, SD\)](#)

Located in downtown Rapid City, Art Alley was created as a place for artists to create and share their work with the public. The Alley has become a way for the community to bring local artists together and is one of the best places in the city to experience unbridled creativity. The Alley is covered in spray painted, graffiti style pieces from local artists, many anonymous, and the works of art in the Alley constantly change as new works pop up, providing a new experience every visit.

[City of Presidents \(Rapid City, SD\)](#)

Visitors to historic downtown Rapid City are greeted by the City of Presidents, a series of life-sized bronze statues of each of our nation's beloved and celebrated presidents, found along the city streets and sidewalks. Established in 2000, each presidential sculpture is privately funded and the pattern of placements was chosen to maintain a coherent structure and eliminate any sense of political favoritism.

[Dahl Arts Center \(Rapid City, SD\)](#)

The Dahl Arts Center offers one-of-a-kind visual art exhibits featuring diverse contemporary artists in three galleries. The center also presents several events and performances throughout the year for visitors to enjoy, ranging from interactive exhibits for children to musical concerts. Art classes for both children and adults are offered as well.

[Dignity: of Earth & Sky Sculpture \(Chamberlain, SD\)](#)

The Dignity sculpture is a stunning combination of art and history. Located on a bluff near the Missouri River, the 50-foot-tall statue was specifically designed by sculptor Dale Lamphere to honor the cultures of the Lakota and Dakota people. Representing the rich Native American culture of South Dakota, the Native woman gracefully wears a dress patterned after a two-hide Native dress of the 1850s. She holds outstretched a quilt featuring 128 stainless steel blue diamond shapes designed to flutter in the wind.

[Jon Crane Gallery \(Hill City, SD\)](#)

This private gallery features work exclusively from Jon Crane, one of South Dakota's better-known artists, specifically known for his work in watercolor paintings. The displays are constantly changing and the gallery has become one of the most popular in the area.

[National Music Museum \(Vermillion, SD\)](#)

This South Dakota gem is a mecca for music lovers. Founded in 1973, the National Music Museum (NMM) is located on the campus of The University of South Dakota and is one of the great institutions of its kind in the world. Its renowned collections of American, European and non-Western instruments from virtually all cultures and historical periods are the most inclusive anywhere. Spanning 500 years of culture, the NMM's 15,000+ instruments range from priceless Italian violins to celebrity guitars, from organs to orchestrion, from harps to harpsichords, from dombaks to didgeridoos and much more. With its extensive archives of instrument-related materials, and offering the only graduate degree in musical instruments in North America, the NMM is also an epicenter for musical-instrument research. The NMM is currently closed for renovations and will be opening in 2022.

[Porter Sculpture Park \(Montrose, SD\)](#)

Porter Sculpture Park is located just off of Interstate 90 on the eastern side of South Dakota. Many of the park's sculptures on display are made in an industrial style, using scrap metal, old farm equipment and railroad tie plates. The largest piece showcased in the collection is the 60-foot-tall bull head. The impressive sculpture took three years to build, weighs 25 tons and is equal to the size of one of the presidents' heads on Mount Rushmore.

[Redlin Art Center \(Watertown, SD\)](#)

Named after Terry Redlin, one of America's most celebrated and collected wildlife and Americana painters, the Redlin Art Center celebrates his work with an award-winning gallery of over 150 original oil paintings. Visitors can also visit the Terry Redlin Conservation Park made up of the 30 acres surrounding the impressive Art Center. The Park is often referred to as Redlin's living painting with strategically placed hills, valleys and trees.

[SculptureWalk \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#)

The Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk is an annual outdoor art exhibit in downtown Sioux Falls and one of the most popular in the region. The "exhibit" brings in new sculptures each year to be judged and the sculptures with the most votes become permanent installments. At the end of the year, remaining sculptures are purchased by local businesses for display. Visitors can enjoy a self-paced walking tour of the sculptures in the downtown area. A fixture of the Sculpture Walk is the Arc of Dreams, which debuted in 2019. This massive sculpture arches over the Big Sioux River, representing a leap of faith.

[Termesphere Gallery \(Spearfish, SD\)](#)

Dick Termes is an internationally-acclaimed artist whose work has been recognized around the world. He is a truly unique artist who utilizes a revolutionary 6 point perspective system to paint fanciful worlds on spheres known as Termespheres®. Each Termesphere® is a revolving, three-dimensional optical illusion, ranging in size from 1 to 7.5 feet.

[Washington Pavilion \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#)

Home to the Visual Arts Center, the Kirby Science Discovery Center and more, visitors can go to Washington Pavilion to view art galleries and studios, interactive science exhibits, as well as concerts, plays and musicals, all in downtown Sioux Falls.

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