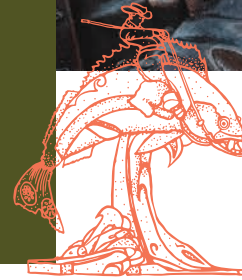




ARTS & CULTURE SCENE

From art galleries and wineries to sculpture walks and more, South Dakota has an eclectic and world-class arts & culture 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 of these inspiring stops for South Dakota road-trippers.



Art Alley (Rapid City) - Located in downtown Rapid City, Art Alley was created as a place for artists to create and share their graffiti art with the public. The alley has grown into a walk-through venue that brings local artists together, making it one of the best places in the city for visitors to experience unbridled creativity. With local artists continuously working with the city to create new pieces, Art Alley is an ever-evolving collection of spray paint art that provides a new experience every visit.



City of Presidents (Rapid City) - Visitors to historic downtown Rapid City are greeted by the City of Presidents, a series of life-sized bronze statues of almost all of our nation's beloved and celebrated presidents that line downtown city streets and sidewalks. Established in 2000, the collection stands as a tribute to the leaders whose footsteps echo in history's halls. It's our way of honoring the past by making history not just something to read about, but something you can reach out and touch.

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

Dignity: Of Earth & Sky Sculpture (Chamberlain) - 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 South Dakota's rich Indigenous culture, 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.



Faulkton Grain Elevator (Faulkton) - The essence of Faulkton shines through this photorealistic, larger-than-life mural. The side of a grain elevator in Faulkton served as a canvas for internationally known Australian artist Guido van Helten. Many Faulkton residents point to the mural, completed September 1st, 2018, as a source of community awe and pride. One visit is all it will take to see why.



John Lopez Gallery (Lemmon) - The Kokomo Gallery houses the artwork of sculptor John Lopez, who specializes in welded sculpture art. Lopez sculpted 12 life-size presidential monuments for The City of Presidents project in Rapid City, but you can also experience his found-object sculptures across the state.

Jon Crane Gallery (Hill City) - 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.

SculptureWalk (Sioux Falls) - The Sioux Falls SculptureWalk 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. Visitors can enjoy a self-paced walking tour of the sculptures in the downtown area. A permanent fixture of the SculptureWalk is the Arc of Dreams, which arches over the Big Sioux River as a tribute to anyone who dreams big.



↑ Arc of Dreams in
Sioux Falls

Termesphere Gallery (Spearfish) - Dick Termes is an internationally acclaimed artist whose work has been recognized around the world. A truly unique artist, Termes utilizes 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) - Home to the Visual Arts Center, the Kirby Science Discovery Center and more, visitors to the Washington Pavilion can experience art galleries and studios, interactive science exhibits, and concerts, plays and musicals, all in downtown Sioux Falls.

Waterfront Gallery for the Arts (Pierre) - A local non-profit dedicated to supporting, promoting and providing venue space for artists and arts related organizations in Central South Dakota and throughout the state.

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