

## Museums and Cultural Arts

More than 200 institutions are devoted to the arts, science and history in Houston.

| <b>Major Houston-Area Arts, Science and History Institutions</b> |                                               |
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| <b>Key Art Museums and Galleries</b>                             | <b>Selected Performing Arts Organizations</b> |
| Museum of Fine Arts, Houston                                     | Actors Theatre of Houston                     |
| Contemporary Arts Museum Houston                                 | American Festival for the Arts                |
| The Menil Collection                                             | American Guild of Organists                   |
| Cullen Sculpture Garden                                          | Ars Lyrica Houston                            |
| Bayou Bend                                                       | Bay Area Chorus                               |
| Rienzi                                                           | Bayou City Chorale                            |
| Rice Gallery (Rice U.)                                           | Bayou City Concert Musicals                   |
| Blaffer Gallery (U. of Houston)                                  | Chopin Society of Houston                     |
| O’Kane Gallery (U. of Houston-Downtown)                          | Da Camera                                     |
| University Museum of Texas Southern Univ.                        | Ensemble Theatre                              |
| Houston Center for Contemporary Craft                            | Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston         |
| DiverseWorks                                                     | Guitar Houston                                |
| <b>Key Performing Arts Facilities</b>                            | Houston Ballet                                |
| Aerial Theater at Bayou Place                                    | Houston Chamber Orchestra                     |
| Alley Theatre                                                    | Houston Children’s Chorus                     |
| Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion                                  | Houston Early Music                           |
| Hobby Center for the Performing Arts                             | Houston Ebony Opera Guild                     |
| Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts                      | Houston Friends of Music                      |
| Verizon Wireless Theater at Bayou Place                          | Houston Grand Opera                           |
| Wortham Theater Center                                           | Houston Masterworks Chorus                    |
| Galveston’s Grand 1894 Opera House                               | Houston Symphony Chorus                       |
| <b>Key Science and History Museums</b>                           | Houston Symphony Orchestra                    |
| Children’s Museum of Houston                                     | Istanpitta Early Music Ensemble               |
| Holocaust Museum Houston                                         | J.S. Bach Society                             |
| Houston Museum of Natural Science                                | Main Street Theater                           |
| Lone Star Flight Museum                                          | Mercury Baroque Ensemble                      |
| Museum of Health & Medical Science                               | Opera in the Heights                          |
| San Jacinto Museum of History                                    | Stages Repertory Theater                      |
| John C. Freeman Weather Museum                                   | Theatre Under the Stars                       |
| Space Center Houston                                             | Woodlands Festival Ballet                     |
| <b>Source:</b> <i>Houston Facts 2009</i>                         |                                               |

- Houston is one of the few U.S. cities (New York City, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco are others) that offer world-class, year-round resident companies in all of the major performing arts—symphony (Houston Symphony Orchestra), opera (Houston Grand Opera), drama (The Alley Theatre) and ballet (Houston Ballet).
- Houston is also home to a leading musical theater company, Theater Under the Stars, and to the Society for the Performing Arts, an active presenter of major national and international attractions in theater, music and dance.