

Museums and Cultural Arts

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

Major Houston-Area Arts, Science and History Institutions	
Key Art Museums and Galleries	Selected Performing Arts Organizations
Bayou Bend	Actors Theatre of Houston
Blaffer Gallery (U. of Houston)	American Festival for the Arts
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	American Guild of Organists
Cullen Sculpture Garden	Ars Lyrica Houston
DiverseWorks	Bach Society
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft	Bay Area Chorus
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Bayou City Chorale
O’Kane Gallery (U. of Houston-Downtown)	Bayou City Concert Musicals
Rice Gallery (Rice U.)	Chopin Society of Houston
Rienzi	Da Camera
The Menil Collection	Ensemble Theatre
University Museum of Texas Southern Univ.	Festival Ballet of Greater Houston
Key Performing Arts Facilities	Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston
Alley Theatre	Guitar Houston
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	Houston Ballet
Galveston’s Grand 1894 Opera House	Houston Chamber Orchestra
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts	Houston Children’s Chorus
Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts	Houston Early Music
Miller Outdoor Theatre	Houston Ebony Opera Guild
Verizon Wireless Theater at Bayou Place	Houston Friends of Music
Wortham Theater Center	Houston Grand Opera
Key Science and History Museums	Houston Masterworks Chorus
Children’s Museum of Houston	Houston Symphony Chorus
Holocaust Museum Houston	Houston Symphony Orchestra
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Istanpitta Early Music Ensemble
Lone Star Flight Museum	Main Street Theater
Museum of Health & Medical Science	Mercury Baroque Ensemble
San Jacinto Museum of History	Opera in the Heights
John C. Freeman Weather Museum	Stages Repertory Theater
Space Center Houston	Theatre Under the Stars
Source: <i>Houston Facts 2010</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.