

Museums and Cultural Arts

More than 500 institutions are devoted to the arts, science and history in the Houston area.

Major Houston-Area Arts, Science and History Institutions	
Key Art Museums and Galleries	Selected Performing Arts Organizations
Asia Society	Actors Theatre of Houston
Bayou Bend	Alley Theatre
Blaffer Gallery (U. of Houston)	American Festival for the Arts
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	American Guild of Organists
Cullen Sculpture Garden	Ars Lyrica Houston
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft	Bach Society
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Bay Area Chorus
O’Kane Gallery (U. of Houston-Downtown)	Bayou City Chorale
Rice Gallery (Rice U.)	Bayou City Concert Musicals
The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston	Chopin Society of Houston
The Menil Collection	Da Camera
University Museum of Texas Southern Univ.	Ensemble Theatre
Key Performing Arts Facilities	Festival Ballet of Greater Houston
Alley Theatre	Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	Guitar Houston
Galveston’s Grand 1894 Opera House	Houston Ballet
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts	Houston Chamber Orchestra
Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts	Houston Children’s Chorus
Miller Outdoor Theatre	Houston Early Music
Verizon Wireless Theater at Bayou Place	Houston Ebony Opera Guild
Wortham Theater Center	Houston Friends of Music
Key Science and History Museums	Houston Grand Opera
Children’s Museum of Houston	Houston Masterworks Chorus
Harris Country Heritage Society	Houston Symphony Chorus
Holocaust Museum Houston	Houston Symphony Orchestra
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Indian Music Society of Houston
Lone Star Flight Museum	Istanpitta Early Music Ensemble
Museum of Health & Medical Science	Main Street Theater
San Jacinto Museum of History	Mercury Baroque Ensemble
John C. Freeman Weather Museum	Opera in the Heights
Space Center Houston	Stages Repertory Theater
The Woodlands Children’s Museum	Theatre Under the Stars
Source: <i>Houston Facts 2013</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.