



ECLECTIC ARTS & CULTURE IN AUSTIN

Austin is a hub for [creativity](#). Not only are we home to some [world-class museums](#) like the Blanton Museum of Art, with the nation's largest university-owned collection on exhibit and the Harry Ransom Center, featuring the First Photograph and the Gutenberg Bible, we're also home to plenty of artists themselves. You can explore the work of designers, painters, sculptors, writers, photographers, filmmakers, dancers and musicians here any time of year, any day of the week, in a variety of venues.

MORE THAN 150 PERFORMING ARTS VENUES AND EXHIBITION SPACES

99 venues (including schools and churches) + 56 exhibition spaces

LOCALLY-OWNED CREATIVE BUSINESSES

81 private art and craft galleries

50 book stores

26 privately-owned dance studios

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total Creative Sector Economic Impact = \$2,689,530*

THE CREATIVE SECTOR SUPPORTS NEARLY 49,000* JOBS IN AUSTIN

Employment in the creative sector has risen by about 25% over the past five years, which is more rapid than the 10% growth of the local economy.

NOTABLE AREA ARTISTS

[Michael Ray Charles](#) (visual artist)

[Melissa Miller](#) (visual artist)

[Sarah Bird](#) (novelist)

[Kendra Scott](#) (jeweler)

[Frederico Archuletta](#) (public artist)

[Roi James](#) (visual artist)

[Natalia Ancisco](#) (contemporary artist)

[Shawn Smith](#) (visual artist)

[Deborah Hay](#) (dancer/choreographer)

NOTABLE ARTS & CULTURE [VENUES](#)

[Art on 5th](#)

[Ballet Austin](#)

[Bass Concert Hall](#)

[Big Medium](#)

[Blanton Museum of Art](#)

[Gallery Black Lagoon](#)

[Bullock Texas State History Museum](#)

[The Contemporary Austin](#)

[Davis Gallery](#)

[Dougherty Arts Center](#)

[grayDUCK Gallery](#)

[Harry Ransom Center](#)

[Lora Reynolds Gallery](#)

[Mexic-Arte Museum](#)

[Okay Mountain](#)

[South Austin Popular Culture Center](#)

[One World Theatre](#)

[Pump Project](#)

[Salvage Vanguard Theatre](#)

[Murals & Street Art](#)

[The Long Center](#)

[The Paramount and State Theatres](#)

[Thinkery](#)

[Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum](#)

[Wally Workman Gallery](#)

[Women & Their Work](#)

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[Yard Dog Art Gallery](#)

[ZACH Theatre](#)

*The Economic Impact of the Creative Sector in Austin - 2012 Update by TXP, Inc.