

Minneapolis and Chicago Galleries and Museums

(Please go online and check out the attractions)

Minneapolis

Walker Art Center

1750 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tel: (612) 375-7600

The Walker Art Center is known for its major exhibitions of 20th and 21st century art, for its presentation of vanguard music, dance, theater, film and video and for its innovative education programs and visionary new media initiatives. Admission is free every Thursday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month.

Hrs: Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thu, Fri 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, a project of the Walker and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, is adjacent to the Art Center. Open 6 a.m. to midnight. Admission is free.

Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum

University of Minnesota

333 East River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Tel: (612) 625-9494

www.weisman.umn.edu

Housed since 1993 in architect Frank Gehry's landmark stainless steel building, the Weisman presents temporary exhibitions exploring contemporary issues in art and culture. Its collection is especially rich in 20th century American art and ceramics from ancient to modern. Admission is free.

Hrs: Tue, Wed, Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat, Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts

2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Tel: (612) 870-3131

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, one of the outstanding art museums in the country, features art and artifacts from around the world from ancient sculptures to photography. The art is priceless. The admission is free!

Hrs: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MCAD Gallery

Minneapolis College of Art & Design

2501 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Tel: (612) 874-3700

The MCAD Gallery is committed to presenting student, local, national and international artists through a schedule of diverse exhibitions. Visit us online for more information. MCAD is located next to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun 12 to 5 p.m.

Minnesota Center for Photography

165 13th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Tel: (612) 824-5500

MCP is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present and promote fine photography and build an informed audience for the medium. We accomplish this through exhibitions, publications, artist services and community education and outreach.

Hrs: Tue, Wed, Fri-Sun 12 to 5 p.m.; Thu 12 to 8 p.m.

Northern Clay Center

2424 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Tel: (612) 339-8007

Northern Clay Center's mission is the advancement of ceramic arts. Programs include exhibitions of functional and sculptural work by contemporary regional, national and international clay artists and historical and architectural clay objects. Classes and workshops for all ages and skills are available. Studios and grants for artists. Visit our sales gallery representing over 60 top regional and national potters.

Hrs: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun 12 to 4 p.m.

Minnesota Center for Book Arts

1011 Washington Avenue South, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Tel: (612) 215-2520

Minnesota Center for Book Arts is a non-profit center located in the nationally acclaimed Open Book building. Frequently changing exhibitions showcase traditional and cutting edge artwork in printmaking, papermaking and bookbinding created by artists from around the world. Exceptional artists' books and unique gift items are available in the studio shop. We also offer classes for adults, youth and families, a teen mentoring program, youth workshops and artist programs.

Hrs: Tue 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gallery 13

302 13th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Tel: (651) 592-5503

Gallery 13 is a for-profit intermedia gallery showing both established and emerging artists. Gallery 13 exhibitions showcase digital and film arts, performance art, design, painting, assemblage, printmaking, photo, sculpture and installation. One artist at a time! (Check our Web site for special events in May and for extended hours May-August).

Hrs: Wed 12 to 5 p.m.; Thu, Sun 1 to 7 p.m.; Fri, Sat 1 to 8 p.m.

Gallery 360

3011 West 50th Street (at Xerxes), Minneapolis, MN 55410

Tel: (612) 925-2400

In a contemporary retail space, we encourage the community to support local artists. We collect original art in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, photography, hand-blown glass, ceramics, fine jewelry and more. Visit our rotating exhibition space every six weeks to discover an ever-changing array of local talent.

Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat 12 to 5 p.m.; extended holiday hours

Highpoint Center for Printmaking

2638 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tel: (612) 871-1326

Highpoint Center for Printmaking is a non-profit art center dedicated to advancing the art of printmaking. Highpoint provides educational programs, community access and collaborative publishing opportunities. Highpoint's 4,000 square foot printshop includes a classroom area and gallery space. Educational tours, classes, community free days and demonstrations are available.

Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & by appt.

Inside Out Gallery at Interact Center for the Visual & Performing Arts

212 Third Avenue North, Suite 140 (enter on 2nd Street), Minneapolis, MN 55401

Tel: (612) 339-5145

Inside Out Gallery is the Twin Cities' first Outsider art gallery. We represent 70 emerging and self-taught artists. We hold five exhibitions per year plus special events.

Hrs: Wed-Fri 12 to 4 p.m. & by appt.

Katherine E. Nash Gallery

Regis Center for Art, University of Minnesota

405 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Tel: (612) 624-7530

The Katherine E. Nash Gallery is strongly committed to: 1) creating a showcase for faculty and MFA thesis work; 2) exhibiting art in various media by diverse artists from regional, national and international sources; 3) providing a forum for educating and engaging University of Minnesota students and the general public in the visual arts.

Hrs: Tue, Wed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thu-Sat 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Northrup King Building

1500 Jackson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Tel: (612) 363-5612

Over 100 artists—one location. Open Studio Tours during First Thursdays in the Arts District, Art-a-Whirl and Art Attack.

Orfield Gallery

2709 East 25th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Tel: (612) 721-2455

Orfield Gallery is a not-for-profit art gallery located in the headquarters of Orfield Laboratories that is also famous for its original use as Sound 80 Studios, the world's first digital recording studio. The gallery specializes in nationally known modern artists from across the US and Canada, such as Carl Beam, Ann Beam, Doug Shelton, Roberto Marquez and Francisco Franklin. Hrs: Mon-Thu 2 to 5 p.m.

Seventh Street Art Gallery

2010 East Hennepin, Mail #40, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Tel: (612) 998-5054

We are located in The Old Cheerios Factory along with numerous other artist galleries. Seventh Street Art Gallery is a studio gallery featuring fused glass platters, custom designed dinner plates, glass room dividers, glass fire screens, mosaics, wind chimes and architectural stained glass. The work of featured artist, David Wheeler, is contemporary and exciting, stretching the box in all forms of glass.

Hrs: Call for appt.

Shelley Holzemer Gallery

4810 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Tel: (612) 824-0640

Shelley Holzemer Gallery exhibits national and local artists who have developed an aesthetic that balances technique, ideas and visual appeal. The gallery is available for special events. Call for details.

Hrs: Vary by exhibit & open by appt.

The Soap Factory

518 2nd Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Mailing Address: PO Box 581696, Minneapolis, MN 55414

The Soap Factory is dedicated to the production, presentation and promotion of emerging contemporary practice across the visual arts and to experimentation and risk-taking. The Soap Factory offers audiences a real and immediate experience of the arts and encourages a wider understanding of and appreciation for artists and their work. Based in the historic National Purity Soap Factory in downtown Minneapolis, The Soap Factory is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit.

Hrs: Thu, Fri 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat, Sun 12 to 5 p.m.

Chicago Gallery Districts:

(Because there are so many galleries in Chicago, districts are described. There will be at least a dozen or more galleries in each district)

The Galleries section is arranged by geographic districts to make gallery visits easier.

River North

The greatest concentration of galleries in Chicago can be found in River North— many within a block or two from the intersection of Superior and Franklin Streets. The district's boundaries are generally: Chicago Avenue on the north; the Merchandise Mart on the south; west to Orleans Street and east to Dearborn. Very commercial. (Approx. 25 galleries)

West Loop

The West Side "district" incorporates Randolph and Fulton Markets, West Loop Gate, and other near west side locations. Boundaries for this guide are: Chicago Avenue on the north; Halsted on the east, and Roosevelt Road on the south. The largest gallery centers in this "district" are near the intersection of Peoria and Washington and in the Fulton Market area between Peoria and Racine. (Approx 12-14 galleries in area)

Pilsen/South

Covers a vast part of the city from Roosevelt Road south to the Indiana border; Central Avenue on the west and east to Lake Michigan. Neighborhoods include Pilsen, Bridgeport, Hyde Park, Chinatown and Bronzeville. The largest concentration of galleries in the area is in Pilsen East's Chicago Arts District, near Halsted and 18th Streets. Among other major south side art destinations are: the Museum Campus, National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, DuSable Museum, and the museums on the University of Chicago campus.

Mich. Ave./Riv. East/S.Loop

Approximately 25 galleries can be found along the "Magnificent Mile" from Oak Street to the River and further south near The Art Institute and Millennium Park. Some are in interesting ground-floor spaces just steps from Michigan Avenue; others are a short walking distance or elevator ride high above the city. Also included in this area are The Museum of Contemporary Art, the River East Art Center and Navy Pier.

North/Bucktown/Wicker Park

Old Town and The Clybourn Corridor offer two North Side clusters of galleries, but the "district" covers a broad geographical area including a number of interesting neighborhoods such as Bucktown, Wicker Park, Lakeview, and Lincoln Park. Besides galleries, the north side includes the Chicago Historical Society, streets surrounding the Coyote Tower (North/ Milwaukee/Damen), and scores of artists living and working in Chicago.