Valley Metro
Arts & Culture
DESTINATION GUIDE
Valley Metro Rail is your connection to the best of the Valley’s arts and culture destinations. Most are within walking distance from a light rail station or just a quick bus connection away. Buy a day pass at any light rail station for unlimited light rail and bus rides on the same day. Leave the driving to Valley Metro and also enjoy one of the many local restaurants along the line. Just a few great reasons to ride Valley Metro Rail and leave your car at home.

Let Valley Metro help you discover the arts. Visit us online at valleymetro.org/destinations.

**Valley Metro Rail Map**

**How to Ride**

1. Buy a transit pass at any light rail station. An All-Day Pass costs $4.00 and is good for unlimited rides the same day on both light rail and local bus.

2. Validate your pass at the fare vending machine before boarding.

3. Check the system map at the light rail station to make sure you know which train you need to board.

4. Pay attention to the signs on the front and side of the train that show the train’s final destination.

5. Remember that trains stop at every station. Upcoming stops are announced on the train so be alert.
The Torch Theatre
4721 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85012
602.456.2876
thetorchtheatre.com

The Torch Theatre is a performance venue and training center focusing on the art of longform improvisation, featuring some of the valley’s best improvisors, new talent and exploration within the evolving art form. Improv is a growing entertainment, taking the audience along for in-the-moment discovery and delight. Performances are every weekend, Thursday-Saturday, and classes every eight weeks.
The newly rehabilitated Memorial Hall, built in 1922 and situated in Steele Indian School Park, the former site of the Phoenix Indian School, is a historic building that offers an affordable venue for performing artists and a meeting space for community groups. Memorial Hall offers a stunning setting for special arts presentations, performances, meetings and community space. The outstanding acoustics of this building make it an ideal facility for choral and musical presentations.
The Heard Museum is one of the nation’s top centers for American Indian art and culture. Its 11 exhibit galleries explore ancestral and historic cultures and art and celebrate today’s finest contemporary artists. Visitors can enjoy free guided tours, interactive hands-on activities, world-class shopping and distinctive Southwest-inspired dining set in the museum’s charming sculpture courtyard.
Arizona Opera Company
1636 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ  85004
602.266.7464
azopera.org

Arizona’s only professional opera company produces fully-staged opera performances, concerts, in-school touring productions and outreach programs that impact more than 70,000 students and adults state-wide. The Arizona Opera Center houses all musical rehearsals, costume and wig shops, production and administrative offices and a black-box rehearsal theater. All facilities are available for rental to the community. The company’s opera performances are held downtown at Symphony Hall from October to April.
The Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center is located in the restored building of Phoenix’s first synagogue, originally constructed in 1922. Open to people of all faiths, the center features regular museum exhibitions, as well as educational programming including film screenings, book discussions, lectures and classes. The center is also available for rental and private events.

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years. Critically acclaimed national and international exhibitions are shown alongside the Museum’s permanent collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European and Latin American modern and contemporary art and fashion design.
Phoenix Center for the Arts
1202 N. 3rd St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.254.3100
phoenixcenterforthearts.org

Phoenix Center for the Arts provides opportunities to participate in the visual and performing arts through quality classes, programming and events. The organization’s annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts celebrates local arts and culture in the Valley of the Sun. The Center also provides a home to nonprofit arts organizations including Phoenix Children’s Chorus, Radio Phoenix and Rising Youth Theatre.

Phoenix Public Library
1221 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.262.4636
phoenixpubliclibrary.org

Burton Barr Central Library offers visitors free access to thousands of possibilities. Visit Phoenix Public Library’s flagship to check out reading material, explore an architecturally renowned building and experience showpiece destinations such as @Central Gallery, Children’s Area, Rare Book Room, Teen Central, MACH1 Makerspace, hive @ central and College Depot. Phoenix Public Library opens up a world of exploration.
Phoenix Theatre
100 E. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.254.2151
phoenixtheatre.com

Phoenix Theatre, the longest running arts organization in Arizona and Phoenix’s largest producing theatre, serves children and adults throughout the valley with a large breadth of theatrical programming performed over three stages including regional premieres of Broadway favorites, daring pieces from Off-Broadway, world premieres and theatre for young audiences. The theatre is approaching its 100th consecutive season.

Playhouse on the Park
1850 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.889.5295
playhouseonthepark.com

The Playhouse on the Park is a 199-seat theater at Central Arts Plaza near the intersection of Palm Lane and Central Avenue. The venue is home to multiple resident theatre and dance companies. The mission of Playhouse on the Park is to provide low-cost rental space to emerging and established arts groups, giving them a permanent home where they can focus on growing their artistic body of work.
Great Arizona Puppet Theater
302 W. Latham St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.262.2050
azpuppets.org

The Great Arizona Puppet Theater is open five days a week year round, offering shows for children and adults by the resident professional company and visiting guest artists. Its beautifully restored historic building also includes a gift shop, puppet exhibit and puppet research library.

Irish Cultural Center & McClelland Library
1106 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.258.0109
azirish.org

The Irish Cultural Center is dedicated to bringing a little bit of Ireland to the Valley of the Sun every day. The center features academy classes in music, language, dance and monthly Ceilis (dances). The McClelland Library offers library and genealogy services and art exhibitions. The center is available for private rentals including weddings, meetings and parties.
Roosevelt Row Artists District
Roosevelt Street, 7th St. to 7th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.829.5259
rooseveltrow.org

Named a top-ten leading arts district by USA Today, Roosevelt Row Artists District spans the half-mile radius around the “Arts District” light rail station at Central Avenue and Roosevelt Street. Roosevelt Row is home to numerous cultural facilities, art galleries, artist studios, murals, live music venues, vintage and handcrafted art boutiques, local restaurants and other distinctive small businesses within a walkable and bikeable distance. The dense, diverse, vibrant arts community connects historic and mixed-use neighborhoods within the downtown core. The Roosevelt Row Artists District hosts weekly, monthly and annual events focused around art, food and culture, including Phoenix Friday self-guided art walks and gallery nights, artist meet and greets, the Annual Chile Pepper Festival, Pie Social and the McDowell Mountain Music Festival.

Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix
1125 N. 3rd Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.274.8700
japanesefriendshipgarden.org

The 3.5-acre Japanese strolling garden, complete with tea garden and teahouse, offers visitors a beautiful and peaceful respite from the hectic pace of daily life. The garden features more than 1,500 tons of hand-picked rock, stone footbridges, lanterns, more than 50 varieties of plants and more than 300 colorful koi fish.
ASU Art Museum International Artist Residency
821 N. 3rd St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(Half-mile walk from station)
480.965.2787
asuartmuseum.asu.edu/education/artistresidencies.php

The ASU Art Museum International Artist Residency Program brings leading artists from around the world to live and create new artwork in downtown Phoenix, in partnership with the research resources of Arizona State University and diverse community organizations across Arizona.

The Nash
110 E. Roosevelt St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.795.0464
thenash.org

The Nash has been designated as one of the “Great Jazz Venues in the World” by Downbeat Magazine. The Nash presents exciting live music performances in a relaxed urban-chic setting, as well as unique education programs and art exhibitions. The Nash has performances throughout the week and a jam session every Sunday evening. The Nash is a “Best First Friday” hangout and offers an exceptional setting for recitals, receptions, meetings and other special events. Jazz happens here!

Trinity Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.254.7126
trinitymusicaz.org

Trinity Cathedral plays host to numerous musical events presented by Music at Trinity and includes everything from student recitals to concerts of premier organist and choral ensembles. The Cathedral is also home to the Olney Art Gallery, an open, light-filled space showing the work of established community artists.
Civic Space Park and A.E. England Building
424 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.262.7490
phoenix.gov/parks/civicprk.html

Civic Space Park is nestled into 2.77 acres in the heart of Downtown Phoenix located between First and Central avenues and Van Buren and Fillmore Street. The park offers residents, workers, ASU students and downtown visitors a park with a unique urban design, sustainable construction, operational features and a landmark public sculpture titled “Her Secret is Patience.” Amenities include a splash pad, interactive water and light features, lighted artwork and chess/checker tables.
Release the Fear
302 W. Monroe
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.818.6959
releasethefear.org

Through the experiential creative process, Release the Fear empowers youth with tools to overcome the paralyzing effects of fear and violence, allowing them to discover their true potential and purpose because “They Matter.” At the culmination of our 3-day workshop, participants create a group painting to present in our gallery; an expression from multiple perspectives can be harmonious and unifying. As seen in our sculpture “Release the Fear” made of 4 tons of weapons all used in violent acts, a reminder that anything can be transformed if you put your mind to it.

Valley Youth Theatre
525 N. 1st St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.253.8188
vyt.com

Valley Youth Theatre (VYT) is a professional-quality theatre company dedicated to helping young people achieve their full potential through meaningful engagement, education and excellence in the performing arts. Winner of more than four dozen National Youth Arts awards, voted “Best Live Theater” on azcentral.com, heralded as “Best Place to Take a Bow” by Phoenix Magazine and rated one of the “Top Ten Places to Become a Future Star” by The Arizona Republic, VYT produces six mainstage shows each season including two at the Herberger Theater Center.
The historic Orpheum Theatre sits in the center of downtown Phoenix and is just a short walk from the Phoenix Convention Center. With seating for 1,364 guests everyone is sure to have a great seat! Our guests have enjoyed off-Broadway hits like “A Chorus Line” and mainstream shows such as Lewis Black and The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.
The Gallery @ City Hall
200 W. Washington St., Ground Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.262.4637
phoenix.gov/arts

The Gallery @ City Hall was created in 2012 to celebrate Arizona’s Centennial and the legacy of art that Phoenicians began building in 1915. The gallery features art from the city’s Municipal Collection of more than 1,000 works and presents exhibitions highlighting works from the city’s award-winning public art program. Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, it is staffed by volunteers and supported by private contributions from businesses and residents throughout the city and region.

Comerica Theatre
400 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.379.2800
comericatheatre.com

Comerica Theatre is a 5,000 seat entertainment venue located in downtown Phoenix. The unique design of Comerica Theatre has changed the way people think about live entertainment, as it marries the classic theatre style with the pulsating excitement of modern arena technologies. The theatre’s state-of-the-art music and sound systems are perfect for concerts and comedy performances, as well as theatre and family-friendly shows.
Wells Fargo History Museum
145 W. Adams St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602.378.1852
wellsfargohistory.com/museums/phoenix

Just steps away from many popular downtown attractions, the museum includes an authentic 19th century stagecoach, a replica stagecoach you can climb aboard, gold and precious minerals, a replica mine shaft, antique firearms, working telegraph and an impressive collection of original western-themed artwork. The museum store features a variety of Wells Fargo branded gifts, collectibles and apparel. Tours are available with advance reservations and admission is always free.
ALAC: Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center
147 E. Adams St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.254.9817
alacaz.org

ALAC is committed to promoting Latino culture in Arizona. ALAC features art exhibits by artists who paint a broad stoke of Latino culture using El Dia de Los Muertos, iconic figures from Latino history and folkloric symbols. ALAC’s First Friday event features new exhibits and mariachi, ballet folklorico, poetry, theatre and dance. Learn the art of being Latino at ALAC.
Arizona Science Center
600 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.716.2000
azscience.org

From pre-K to gray, Arizona Science Center makes learning fun for everyone! A visit to the Science Center provides a fun-filled day of adventure and discovery through more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium, giant screen IMAX® Theater, Sybil B. Harrington traveling exhibition gallery, The Lab Café and Awesome Atoms science store.

ASU Herberger Institute
School of Art Grant St. Studios
605 E. Grant St.
Phoenix, AZ
Northlight Gallery: 480.965.6517
Northlight Gallery: art.asu.edu/gallery/northlight
Step Gallery: 602.252.1006
Step Gallery: art.asu.edu/gallery/step

Occupyng almost 40,000 sq. ft. of a newly renovated warehouse space, Grant Street Studios hosts 50 working graduate studios, two School of Art galleries, production facilities and a critique and event space. Northlight Gallery hosts distinctive exhibitions by a broad spectrum of photo-based artists, while Step Gallery serves as an MFA thesis exhibition space and student-run gallery, both providing unique opportunities for undergraduates, graduates, alumni and faculty of ASU.
Children’s Museum of Phoenix
215 N. 7th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602.253.0501
childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

The Children’s Museum of Phoenix is a wondrous place of imagination, inspiration, creativity and just plain fun! Here we want you to touch everything. The Museum offers more than 300 play experiences, spread throughout 3 floors in the historic Monroe School Building. Designed for children from birth to 10, the Museum engages the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them. Come play and learn today!

Herberger Theater Center
222 E. Monroe St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.254.7399
herbergertheater.org

The Herberger Theater Center is a 501(C)(3) Arizona non-profit organization that supports and fosters the growth of the arts in Phoenix. The Herberger Theater is home to several Valley theater and dance companies and offers three theater venues – Center Stage, Stage West and The Kax Stage, an art gallery, as well as event space available for a variety of community uses.
Rosson House Museum at Heritage Square
113 N. 6th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.262.5070
heritagesquarephx.org

Heritage Square is a striking reminder of Phoenix’s vibrant Victorian past, dating back to the late 1800s and the Rosson House Museum is its crowning jewel. Explore the Museum on a guided tour or just enjoy the ambiance of this historic park nestled in an urban landscape.
Symphony Hall Phoenix
75 N. 2nd St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.262.6225
symphonyhallphx.com

The elegant 2,312 seat venue is alive with performances nearly every weekend of the year. Resident companies at Symphony Hall Phoenix include Ballet Arizona, Arizona Opera and The Phoenix Symphony. An evening show or matinee at Symphony Hall is the perfect complement to your visit to downtown Phoenix.
Talking Stick Resort Arena
201 E. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.379.2000
talkingstickresortarena.com

Talking Stick Resort Arena is a sports and entertainment arena located in downtown Phoenix. It is the home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury, in addition to concerts, ice shows and other events. The Coors Light Cold Zone, on the east side of the building, is a flexible outdoor entertainment venue covered by a football field-length canopy featuring state-of-the-art sound and video projection systems and facilities that double as television studio facilities for Suns telecasts and a performance stage for music events.

Don’t forget, Valley Metro offers free rail rides with your Talking Stick Resort Arena event ticket! Visit valleymetro.org/railride for details.
Black Theatre Troupe
1333 E Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602.258.8128
blacktheatretroupe.org

Since July 1970, The Black Theatre Troupe and its programs have promoted excellence in the performing arts with an emphasis on people of color. The Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center is a 15,300 square foot facility that provides BTT with a 151 main stage proscenium theater, a flexible Black Box/rehearsal space, administrative offices, box office and costume and scene shops.
Ballet Arizona
2835 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602.381.1096
balletaz.org

Ballet Arizona is an innovative and provocative professional ballet company that creates, performs and teaches outstanding classical and contemporary ballet. The Ballet Arizona Center for Dance gives rise to the artists of tomorrow through training, mentoring and educating young audiences and dancers. The Center houses 7 dance studios, The School of Ballet Arizona, a 299-seat performance theatre, box office and administrative offices. The Ballet performs its main stage season in downtown Phoenix at Symphony Hall and the Orpheum Theatre.
Phoenix Airport Museum
3400 Sky Harbor Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602.273.2744
skyharbor.com/museum

The Phoenix Airport Museum is one of the largest art programs at an airport in the country. Located throughout Sky Harbor International Airport, the museum showcases Arizona’s unique artistic and cultural heritage with an exhibition program and art collection. Artworks and themed exhibitions are on display in the airport’s terminals and Rental Car Center. The museum is free and all exhibitions are pre-security.
Explore the ancient heart of Phoenix at a 1,000 year old preserved Hohokam archaeological site. Visit the past along our ADA accessible trail, where you’ll see a platform mound, ball court and replicated houses. Learn more about Pueblo Grande and the Hohokam inside the museum galleries, including the science of archaeology in our hands-on children’s gallery. Shop at the Museum Store for authentic American Indian gifts, art and jewelry.
Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy.
Phoenix, AZ 85008
480.481.8188
dbg.org

Connect to bus route: 56
Nestled amid the red buttes of Papago Park, the Desert Botanical Garden is a unique destination for discovering the wonders of the Sonoran Desert. The Garden is home to the world’s finest and most diverse collection of succulent plants. Discover saguaros, prickly pears, agaves and desert wildflowers. Enjoy guided and self-guided tours, demonstrations and seasonal exhibits.

Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Pkwy.
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.286.3800
phoenixzoo.org

Connect to bus route: 56
The Phoenix Zoo is a must-see destination. With gardens, outdoor cafés and 125 acres of natural habitats within beautiful Papago Park, your visit to the zoo will be memorable for the entire family. The zoo features more than 1,400 animals, including Bornean orangutans, Asian elephants, Sumatran tigers, African lions, Komodo dragons and so many more!
The Marquee Theatre features everything from standing room festival-type tickets to sit-down shows, along with a VIP upstairs balcony. The theatre features high-grade sound, lights and video and intimate surroundings, giving it the feel of a big concert venue. Acts including Adele, Prince, Nine Inch Nails and Muse have graced the theater’s stage over the years. Additionally, theatre owners produce large-scale concerts at Tempe Beach Park in September, October and March each year.
ASU Gammage
1200 S. Forest Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85287-0105
480.965.3434
asugammage.com

Connect to bus routes: 65, 66, Orbit Venus and Jupiter

ASU Gammage is among the largest university-based presenters of performing arts in the world. ASU Gammage, designed by internationally renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, is the home theater of the Desert Schools Broadway Across America - Arizona series and the ASU Gammage Beyond series.
Arizona Historical Museum
1300 N. College Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.929.0292
arizonahistoricalsociety.org/museums

Connect to bus route: Orbit Earth
The Museum at Papago Park interprets central Arizona’s history with special emphasis on the 20th Century. Exhibits include desert water use and Arizona’s World War II Home Front.

ASU Art Museum
51 E. 10th St.
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.965.2787
asuartmuseum.asu.edu

Connect to bus routes: 65, 66, Orbit Venus and Jupiter
Art in America magazine selected the Arizona State University Art Museum as “the single most impressive venue for contemporary art in Arizona.” The inventive ASU Art Museum serves a diverse community of artists and audiences through innovative programming that is interdisciplinary, educational and relevant to life today.
Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation
1400 N. College Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85260
480.473.0245
Special Event Venue & Visitor Tours by Appointment
riosaladofoundation.org
City of Tempe Water Conservation Program
tempe.gov/waterconservation

Connect to bus route: Orbit Earth
The historic Eisendrath House is the largest remaining and best-preserved Pueblo Revival-style house in the Tempe area.

Tempe Galleries
(Satellite exhibits by the Gallery at TCA)
U.S. Post Office Window Gallery
5th Street and Mill Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.350.2867
tempe.gov/communitygalleries

Exhibitions, located in the heart of the Mill Avenue district, appear at the U.S. Post Office and highlight local artists working in a variety of media and themes. Special emphasis is placed on work that is fun, eye-catching and unusual. Exhibitions are curated by the Gallery at TCA.
Tempe Center for the Arts
sponsored by Northern Trust
700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.350.2822
tempe.gov/tca

Connect to bus route: 48
Tempe Center for the Arts is a striking architecturally unique facility that houses a 600-seat theater, 200-seat studio, creative meeting space and the Gallery at TCA. With its stunning view of Town Lake, Tempe Center for the Arts is the perfect place for you, your friends and your family to enjoy affordable live entertainment and performances, free events and world-class visual art exhibitions.

From the Lakeshore Music Jazz Series to Hayden’s Ferry Chamber Music Series, from Songwriters’ Showcase to the Tempe Symphony Orchestra; Childsplay to Ballet Under the Stars; Comedy to our weekly Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night and hello FRIDAY happy hour, we’ve got something you’ll love. Check out our website to see what we have to offer.
Tempe Improv
930 E. University Dr. #201
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.921.9877
tempeimprov.com

Connect to bus routes: 72, Orbit Earth and Mercury
See the new state-of-the-art comedy theater.
The world-famous Improv in Tempe brings top comedians such as Jamie Kennedy, Pablo Francisco, Aisha Tyler and many more to its stage for unforgettable performances. Fans and newcomers can expect amazing food and a first-class comedy experience in a beautiful new club with the same charm loyalists have come to love. Fans and newcomers can expect amazing food and a first-class comedy experience in a beautiful new club with the same charm loyalists have come to love.
ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration  
ISTB4 781 E. Terrace Rd.  
Tempe, AZ 85287  
480.727.4729  
sese.asu.edu

The Earth and the universe beyond belong to all of us, not just to scientists and researchers. At the ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration, we offer the next generation of explorers and citizen scientists a unique destination to learn about Earth and space. Highlights include the Marston Exploration 3-D Theater, a life-sized replica of the Mars Curiosity Rover, a six-foot digital video globe featuring the Moon, Sun, Earth and other planets, and the largest university-based meteorite collection in the world.
Tempe History Museum
809 E. Southern Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85282
480.350.5100
tempe.gov/museum

Connect to bus routes: 72, Orbit Jupiter
Explore the fascinating history of Tempe through changing and permanent exhibits, lively events and intriguing programs. Visit Tempe History Museum’s popular “Kid’s Place,” Community Room, Research Library and Gallery to experience the stories that make the community special.

Tempe Public Library & Community Galleries
(Satellite exhibits by the Gallery at TCA)
3500 S. Rural Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85282
480.350.2867
tempe.gov/communitygalleries

Connect to bus routes: 72, Orbit Jupiter
Tempe Public Library offers unique spaces for talented professional and student artists in the second floor gallery, lower level gallery and Connections Café. Exhibitions are curated by the Gallery at TCA.
The i.d.e.a. Museum is a place to experience the world differently through science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) and be a creative, imagination-driven destination for children, teens, parents and grandparents to have fun together while learning. The name “i.d.e.a.” stands for Imagination, Design, Experience, Art. Now you can follow the footprints from the Country Club light rail station right to the museum!
What’s cooler than an indoor mountain with a waterfall and simulated flash flood? Brand new dinosaurs, of course! Come and see our new, animated additions to Dinosaur Hall will amaze you! You’ll marvel at “Cretaceous Seas,” an exhibit about the ocean over 66 million years ago. Pan for gold in the History Courtyard, visit a real territorial jail, learn about Arizona’s geological wonders and much more! Now you can follow the dinosaur footprints from the Center Street light rail station right to the museum!
Mesa Amphitheater
263 N. Center St.
Mesa, AZ 85201
480.644.2560
mesaamp.com

The Mesa Amphitheatre is best known for its great location and tiered lawn – big enough for great acts and intimate enough for everyone to have a great view of the stage. This open air venue is also known for its daylong festivals.

Mesa Arts Center
1 E. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85211
480.644.6500
mesaartscenter.com

This international award-winning venue is an inviting oasis by day and a luminous beacon by night, designed to showcase a world of arts and culture – everything from art exhibitions to world-class performances to state-of-the-art studios for art education. Enhance your experience by admiring the Center’s public art and outdoor features while attending one of the many free festivals and special campus events. It’s a perfect way to enjoy community-oriented family fun. Join us as we celebrate our 10th year of operating in the heart of downtown Mesa!
Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum
1 E. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85211
480.644.6500
mesaartscenter.com

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum (MCAM) is the exciting visual art exhibition space at Mesa Arts Center. In five stunning galleries, MCAM showcases curated and juried exhibitions of contemporary art by emerging and internationally acclaimed artists.

Mesa Historical Museum
51 E. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85201
480.835.2286
mesamuseum.org

Mesa Historical Museum’s downtown site features the exhibition “Playball, The Cactus League Experience,” which boasts a growing collection of artifacts and celebrates the history and stories of Cactus League baseball (playballexperience.com). The museum also features a rotating series of exhibitions exploring the humor and legacy of the Wallace and Ladmo Show.
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Valley Metro Rail Information
Valley Metro Rail operates 365 days a year, 20+ hours a day, with 12-minute peak frequency. The light rail system consists of 35 stations and 11 park-and-rides providing over 4,000 free parking spaces. Light rail service is coordinated with bus service to provide a seamless network for passengers.

In an effort to enhance the urban landscape and beautify communities, Valley Metro Rail features public art concepts at each station and at select facilities. For more information, visit valleymetro.org/art.

Arts, Culture & Livability
The arts play an important role in the beauty, livability and economic development of communities. The creation and enjoyment of visual art, design, music, dance, theater, literature, natural history and cultural history enrich our lives; through them we express our humanity and communicate in ways accessible across all cultures and languages.

Arts and cultural organizations and their patrons are also economic drivers, generating state and city tax revenue and contributing to job growth in support industries such as restaurants, hotels and retail businesses. Arts and cultural activity attracts employers that rely on an educated and creative workforce.

Valley Metro and its partnering cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa are proud to continue and contribute to a long history of support for the arts and cultural venues and activities that make the Valley of the Sun a great place to live and visit.

Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture
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Seen by many as the entry point into the historic downtown, the art is in response to the city’s request for a special gateway piece. Mesaflora was created as a 30-foot steel and glass structure that depicts a blooming desert plant. The metaphor is revealed with the ongoing development and flowering of downtown. The dichroic glass elements create a dazzling rainbow display of colored lights that constantly change and shift as the day evolves. At night the art is illuminated, creating an added dramatic effect.