

You don't have to visit a big city to hear a great symphony, witness spectacular works of art or see a well-done performance. Butler County, Pennsylvania has an impressive representation of arts from music to theatre to visual arts. Have you ever experienced glass blowing? That's a rare art form that you can witness and even try here, too! So get ready to "ooh" and "ahh" and tap your toes during a fantastic arts experience in Butler County. Our theatre groups are breaking their legs for you.



Associated Artists of Butler County (AABC)

344 S. Main St., Butler, PA 16001, 724-283-6922
www.ButlerArtCenter.org

The Butler Art Center, home of the Associated Artists of Butler County, is one of the largest art gallery/art education centers in the area. Located in downtown Butler, it includes over 6,000 square feet of gallery space, a Kid's Art Center/classroom, a ceramics classroom, a 1,600 SF music/installation/performance area, and a Members' Gallery where local artists display unique pieces of art for sale. The AABC hosts ten major art exhibits per year, offered free to the public. Open hours are noon to 6 PM Wednesday-Friday and noon to 4 PM Saturday. The annual schedule of exhibits and art classes may be found online.

Bottlebrush Gallery & Center for the Arts

539 Main St., Harmony, PA 16037, 724-452-0539
www.bottlebrushgallery.com

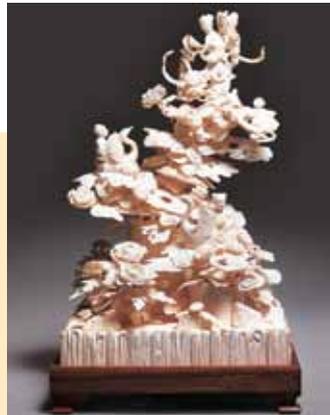
Located in an original Harmonist building, we showcase a variety of eclectic work by local artists from within 50 miles of Harmony. In addition to our acoustic concert series "Harmony in the House," we host art shows, lectures, art classes, CD release parties, a women's creative circle, songwriting and creative writing groups. Our historic building is also home to small shops selling glassware and collectibles, vintage vinyl/LPs, wineware, and a year-round Christmas store. Looking for a unique, artsy location for a birthday party, bridal shower, or small reception? Call us! Open every day except Monday.



Butler Arts Council

PO Box 2322, Butler, PA 16003, 724-496-5293
butlerartscouncil@gmail.com

The Butler Arts Council is an umbrella organization for the various arts organizations in Butler County. The council's main purpose is to promote the arts in and around Butler County and support the various member groups. For more information about the Butler Arts Council, call or email us.



Maridon Museum

322 N. McKean St., Butler, PA 16001, 724-282-0123, www.maridon.org
The Maridon opened on May 8th, 2004. It is the only museum in the Western Pennsylvania region with a specific focus on Chinese and Japanese art and culture. The museum — both the objects and the buildings that house them — is the gift of Mary Hulton Phillips. Located in downtown Butler.

Glass Blowing Center

114 Leonard Rd., Hilliards, PA 16040, 724-791-2100
www.glass123.com

Bring your family and friends to The Glass Blowing Center and experience the amazing art of flame working live. The Glass Blowing Center welcomes groups of up to 100 by appointment or after 12 noon daily for free demonstrations and tours. The gift shop features over 30 artists' handmade work and something to suit every taste and budget. Beginner lessons are available as well as private and more advanced instruction. Glass keepsake repairs are also available. For a fun and unique educational experience, The Glass Blowing Center brings the extraordinary art of flame working molten glass right before your eyes! Hours are 10 AM-6 PM daily (closed on major holidays).

Saxonburg Area Artist Co-op

215 W. Main St., Saxonburg, PA 16056, 412-260-5779
http://saxonburgarts.blogspot.com

Local professional artist co-operative, exhibits sculpture, painting, fiber arts, beads, digital graphic prints and pottery. Classes and lectures scheduled. Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday by appointment.



Welcome to Butler County!

Butler County is tucked in the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, just north of Pittsburgh. Getting here is easy via the PA Turnpike, I-80, I-79, Route 422, Route 19 or Route 8. Our diverse towns are award winning—from Butler, the birthplace of the Jeep—to Cranberry Township, a great place to raise a family. Visitors delight in the year-round festivals and events, as well as Moraine State Park, one of the region's top treasures. Each season offers something gorgeous... a sunny lakeside beach, springtime wildflowers, colorful foliage and glistening snow. Savor a farm-to-fork meal, treat yourself in a quaint boutique, explore the great outdoors, discover quirky attractions, uncover the past, rest comfortably in a cozy hotel or bed and breakfast, and fall in love with Butler County.



Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau

310 East Grandview Avenue
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866.856.8444
www.VisitButlerCounty.com

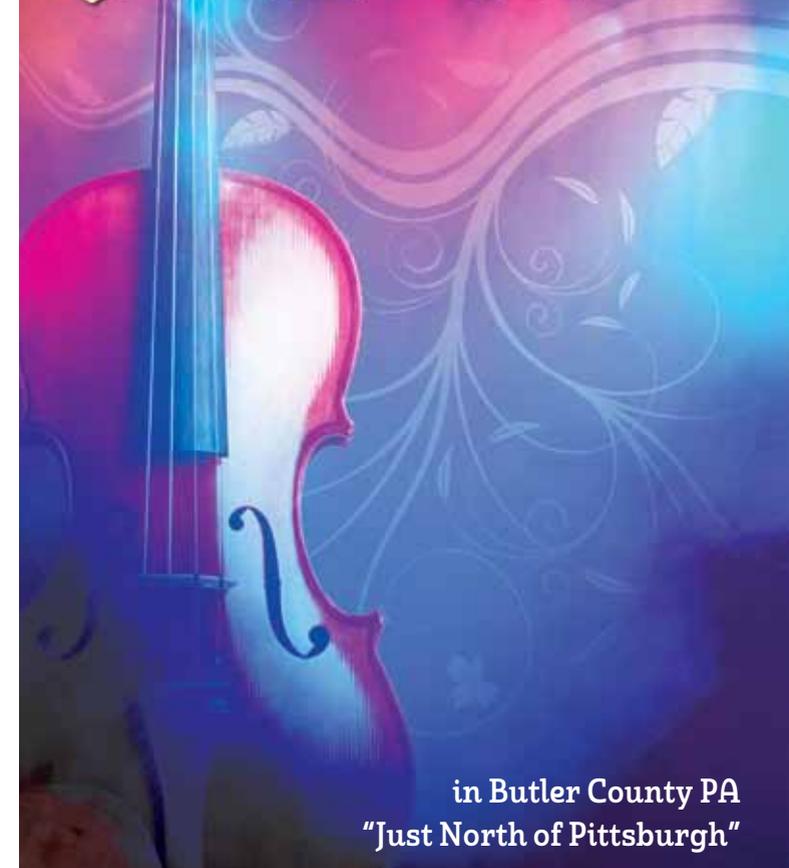


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Butler County, PA
Music, Theater
& Visual Arts

Experience the Arts



in Butler County PA
"Just North of Pittsburgh"





Butler County Community College (BC3) Succop Theater

P.O. Box 1203, Butler, PA 16003, 724-284-8505
www.bc3.edu/theater

The Succop Theater, located on Butler County Community College's Main Campus, is a 442-seat theater offering an annual Performing Arts Series. The Performing Arts Series features world class entertainment at affordable ticket prices. The series includes a wide variety of programs from music and dance to theater and comedy. In addition, the Succop Theater hosts many area arts organizations for programs and performances including Butler Musical Theater Guild, Butler Summer Dramatics Project, Sing Hosanna! and Hobnob Theatre, among others, in addition to hosting meetings, conferences and BC3 events. For more information about the Succop Theater, call or go online.



Butler County Symphony Association

259 S. Main St., Butler, PA 16001, 724-283-1402, www.butlersymphony.org

The Butler County Symphony Association formed in 1949 for the purpose of providing a venue for local and area musicians to perform, entertain and educate Butler area residents in classical and symphonic music. The symphony performs six concerts annually at the Butler Intermediate High School. Concerts feature world-renown guest soloists performing classical and pop music of varied styles and periods with a 70-piece professional orchestra. The association also sponsors educational outreach programs in area schools, recognizes talented Young Musicians of Note, and conducts a Young Artist Competition each season.



Butler Little Theatre (BLT)

One Howard St., Butler, PA 16001, 724-287-6781, www.bltdgroup.org

Butler Little Theatre has entertained the community since February 1941, making BLT one of the oldest continuously-operated theaters in Western Pennsylvania. Five plays are produced every season by an all-volunteer company for eight performances each. BLT also offers the Children's Theatre Program, a twelve week course in theater arts for young people, beginning in January. Butler Little Theatre encourages all interested members of the community to become involved. Auditions are open to the public and require no previous experience or preparation. Various support staff positions (set construction, box office, costumes, ushering, etc.) are also filled by volunteers. Visit the website for audition notices and crew calls.



Performing Arts

Butler Notables Barbershop Chorus

P.O. Box 2411, Butler, PA 16003, 724-353-972
www.harmonize.com/notables

The Notables are a bunch of guys who love to sing songs rich in close harmony in a chorus setting. We strive to foster a capella music in our communities and schools. It's a labor of love, though the reason we put so much into barbershop is that we have so much fun. We welcome you. The Notables rehearsal meetings are held locally Monday evenings. Stop by and meet the guys, sing a few songs. Book a chorus or quartet for your special event, all at a very reasonable cost to you.



Greater Cranberry Men's Chorus

Mars, PA, 724-591-5115
www.bogmeisters.com

The chorus is a group of well-natured guys who have come together to sing and harmonize for the pure enjoyment of performing. We strive to foster a love for a cappella music and seek to perfect our craft with every rehearsal, every performance and every concert. Singing a variety of music styles, including Broadway show songs, gospel, patriotic and barbershop, we sing for birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, churches, festivals, corporate functions and just about anywhere good music is needed. In addition to our performing men's chorus, quartets are also available to sing for special occasions when a smaller group is needed. We continually seek to give back to the community through volunteering, awarding scholarships and singing. Our chorus is always looking for more men who like to sing and give back to the community through the gift of music.

Hobnob Theatre Company

Butler, PA 16001, 412-736-1204, www.hobnobtheatre.com

Hobnob Theatre Company offers Butler and surrounding communities high quality and thought-provoking theatrical experiences, focusing on Shakespeare and other classical playwrights and authors, as well as exceptional modern plays and original works. Hobnob presents and produces theatre in uncommon settings, as well as in local theatre spaces: It's annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is performed at the Succop Theater at Butler County Community College; it's summer "Shakespeare in the Park" series was performed in Butler's own beautiful Preston Park.



Kaleidoscope Arts Festival

Situated on the Slippery Rock University campus, the Kaleidoscope Arts Festival strives to bring free or low cost quality arts programming as a premier arts presenter in the region. The College for Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Slippery Rock University continues the tradition of the Kaleidoscope Regional Arts Festival each April.



Keystone State Musical Theater

PO Box 1584, 850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, 724-480-6812, www.KeystoneStateMusicTheater.org

KeystoneStateMusicTheater.org

Keystone State Music Theater is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to enriching the public and the region through exceptional Musical Theater, and to impact lives positively beyond the stage through innovative education and community outreach initiatives. In addition, to producing the "Broadway in the Park" concert, and other professional productions, KSMT also instructs, dance, acting, & voice classes at the KSMT Performing Arts Academy in the Regional Learning Alliance. They are the premiere musical theater educator of Butler County.



Musical Theatre Guild (MTG)

Located at the rear of Butler Memorial Park, P.O. Box 2001, Butler, PA 16003, 724-287-8243
www.mtgbutler.org

Musical Theatre Guild of Butler is a community-based theatre group specializing in the production of Broadway-style musicals. Founded in 1962, the guild has donated thousands of dollars to worthy charities in the Butler County area. Most major productions are presented in large auditoriums such as Succop Theater or Butler Senior High School. However, the guild also presents smaller-scale musicals in the intimate setting of their Production Center in Butler Memorial Park. In addition to providing opportunities for actors, singers, musicians and dancers, the guild awards a scholarship each June to deserving students who have participated in MTG shows.

Sing Hosanna!

310 West Airport Rd. Butler, PA 16002
724-586-0042
www.singhosanna.org

Sing Hosanna! produces year round special events including Broadway and religious musicals, comedy and concert dinner theaters, children's performing arts camps, youth and teenage musicals and fundraising projects. For over 35 years, Sing Hosanna! has provided family entertainment to over 3,000 Butler County residents. Casts of major shows average 70 to 90 performers, age six through the senior years. For more information, joining as an actor, singer or backstage personnel, contact us (info@singhosanna.org) or visit our website.



Slippery Rock University (SRU) College of Humanities, Fine & Performing Arts

104 Strain Behavioral Science Bldg., Slippery Rock, PA 16057
724-738-4863, www.sru.edu

Slippery Rock University is proud to be a leading cultural resource in the Butler County region. Offering tremendous opportunities throughout the year to our local communities; we invite you to music, dance and theatre performances featuring our very talented student performers. We also present tremendous professional talent throughout the academic year. In recent years, we've hosted the Capitol Steps, The Flying Karamazov Brothers, Ailey II, Rockapella, The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Golden Dragon Acrobats and many other exciting shows. Visit us online and click on "events, tickets, calendars" for a listing of upcoming performances.



Summer Dramatics Project

261 Whitestown Rd., Butler, PA 16001, 724-287-4214

The objective of the Summer Dramatics Project is to provide musical theater performance and technical experience to Butler County youth and young adults. Active from 1967 through the early 1980s, the program gave a start to generations of talented Butler County natives who are now active as music and theater professionals, amateurs and audience members. The program was restarted in 1996 and continues to thrive as a learning experience for youth interested in theater. Our past directors have been William A. Lehnerd (who began the program), Thomas Frazier, Dennis Kerr, Katie Dillon, Robert Snodgrass Jr., Mark Mastrocinque, Robert Meals, Tanya Campbell and Gordon Cavalero.



The Strand Theater

119 N. Main St., Zelenople, PA 16063, 724-742-0400
www.thestrandtheater.org

The historic Strand Theater is North Pittsburgh's premiere cultural, education and community outreach center. After 25 years of darkness, The Strand underwent major renovations; reopening in 2009. Its intimate space makes for an outstanding venue to experience national and international headliners like Debbie Reynolds, John Oates and an array of Broadway, national touring and local professionals. The Strand also features a 25' screen, HD projector and surround-sound, showcasing a wide variety of films from Golden Era classics like Casablanca and Gone with the Wind to contemporary blockbusters like Guardians of the Galaxy. Silent film festivals feature live piano accompaniment, just as it was done when The Strand first opened in 1914.

