



**Good times and good friends await you in Knoxville,** a vibrant and beautiful river city with an abundance of great restaurants, nightlife, museums, shopping, family fun and national championship sports. It's a warm, welcoming place with its own distinct history, spirited arts community and blessed with the natural beauty of the Tennessee River and the Great Smoky Mountains.

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## **DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT FUELS LOCAL ARTS COMMUNITY**

Knoxville's vibrant fine arts community highlights East Tennessee's unique character and appeal. The city is known to attract world-renowned performers and artists in addition to showcasing exhibitions from around the world along with permanent collections of contemporary art at various performing arts venues. Knoxville's flourishing arts community keeps the city's spirit moving.

*Arts and Cultural Alliance of Greater Knoxville* - The Arts & Cultural Alliance is a group of dedicated people and organizations committed to strengthening arts and culture in East Tennessee. The Alliance provides leadership and advocacy that establishes and maintains the success of the arts and cultural environment of greater Knoxville, as well as providing for a strong climate for cultural and economic interaction between the arts and the Knoxville community as a whole. The Alliance's offices are located in the historic and refurbished Emporium Building on Gay Street in Knoxville, the cultural hub of East Tennessee.

*Art Galleries* (just to name a few) - The **Arts and Cultural Alliance Emporium Center for Arts & Culture** and adjacent **University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery** feature multi-use facilities that include office spaces, auxiliary galleries, rehearsal and meeting spaces, and studios of working artists in a replenished urban area. The **Ewing Gallery** is located on the University of Tennessee campus and show works of avant-garde artists and architects of international and local stature. The **Art Market Gallery**, a cooperative arts gallery located on Gay Street in downtown Knoxville, represents the works of more than 60 Knoxville area artists and crafters. The **Beck Cultural Center**, located on Dandridge Avenue, displays many types of African art featuring local and national art exhibits as well as African-American artifacts. Finally, the **Knoxville Museum of Art**, located on

World's Fair Park Drive, is a dynamic center for the exhibition and exploration of the visual arts that features permanent and traveling exhibits, lectures and workshops. They also offer FREE admission!

**Dance** – The **Appalachian Ballet Company**, a regional dance company chartered in 1972, performs three times yearly, with a spring concert, fall performance, and *The Nutcracker* in the winter. **Circle Modern Dance** was founded in 1990 and creates an atmosphere in which area choreographers and performance artists can display their artistic endeavors and recent works. The **Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble** functions as a professional modern dance company using artists eight to 17 years of age.

**Music** – The **Jubilee Community Arts Center**, located at the Laurel Theater, is a regional, community cultural center dedicated to preserving and presenting the traditional arts of the Southern Appalachians. This group offers nightly concerts and events. The **Knoxville Opera Company** is a professional opera company that presents four high quality productions annually and features renowned artists, lavish costumes and magnificent sets. The **Knoxville Symphony Orchestra (KSO)** is a professional symphony and orchestra that offers something for everyone with their three series that consist of the powerful Masterworks Series, the intimate Chamber Classics, and the electric Pops Series. Additionally, the KSO performs nearly 300 concerts per year. The **University of Tennessee School of Music** offers more than 150 recitals and concerts per year, many of which are free and open to the public. **AC Entertainment** is a local entertainment management company that books national acclaimed artists and musicians to perform concerts at various venues around Knoxville. Additionally, the company is responsible for the free seasonal outdoor concert series, *Sundown in the City*, in the spring and summer months.

**Theater** – One of the few great movie palaces from the Roaring '20s still in operation, the beautifully restored **Tennessee Theatre** is the official state theater of Tennessee and is known as "Knoxville's Grand Entertainment Palace," offering something for everyone: classical music, vintage films, dance, theatre, and stellar performances by today's hottest musicians. The **Bijou Theatre**, housed in Knoxville's fourth oldest building, has a perfect atmosphere for live music and performances. Many consider the Bijou the best-sounding room in Knoxville. The **Actor's Co-op** produces five main stage productions, two children's theatre productions and two special works each season, a theatre-training program and several arts outreach programs. The **Carpetbag Theater** is a community-based professional theater company dedicated to the production of new works and developing new scripts through collaboration and improvisation. This corporation of writers, artists,

dancers and musicians is one of the few tenured African-American professional theater companies in the South. The **Tennessee Stage Company** offers a year-round program of plays, readings, acting classes and community outreach programs, and is perhaps best known for its annual summer *Shakespeare on the Square* series, which takes place in downtown Knoxville's Market Square District. The **University of Tennessee's Theater Department**, which performs at the Clarence Brown/Ula Love Doughty Carousel Theatre, offers a diverse season of plays and musicals and fosters professional standards in the theatre curriculum while serving the greater East Tennessee community.

For additional information on any performing arts venue, attraction or organization mentioned above, contact the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Greater Knoxville by phone at (865) 523-7543, or on the web at [www.KnoxAlliance.com](http://www.KnoxAlliance.com).

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