

## What's happening in Collier County?

Visit the United Arts Council website:  
[www.CollierArts.com](http://www.CollierArts.com)

Florida's "Cultural Paradise"— Collier County has a treasure trove of cultural riches. From unique art galleries to magnificent performance halls, Collier has virtually hundreds of choices for arts activities.

We have literary societies, lecture series and excellent chamber music concerts. You can visit historic homes, working artist's studios and outstanding community theaters... enjoy street festivals, outdoor art fairs, performances by dance troupes and concert bands...see how nature, history and art are brilliantly intertwined at our museums.

We invite you to enjoy all that the Collier County arts scene has to offer!

### Artist/Entertainers

While walking in the beach, don't be surprised if you encounter an artist painting at water's edge. You might also find them with canvas in hand while you explore the Everglades. There are over 500 visual artists living in the area. Many are renowned professionals whose works have been featured in top galleries worldwide. Collier's cultural ranks also include hundreds of professional musicians and entertainers. These talented residents perform in orchestras and bands or solo at local venues.

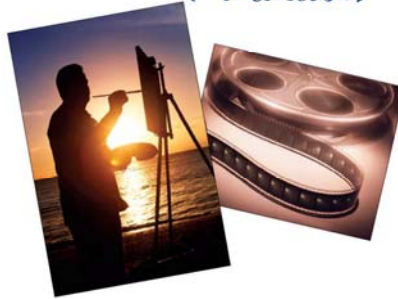
### Art Galleries

Collier County is home to nearly 100 galleries and artist studios, featuring a wide range of visual arts. From internationally-recognized fine art galleries — to funky studios with eclectic works — we have it all!

The Collier County Gallery Guide brochure is available at Visitors Centers and hotel concierge desks.

The United Arts Council's website at [www.collierarts.com](http://www.collierarts.com) also features gallery listings.

## Collier County... Florida's Cultural Paradise!



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# Arts & Culture

Guide to Collier County's  
Arts & Cultural Community



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# Presenting Collier County's Arts & Cultural Organizations

## Music/Festivals

**Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida** nourishes local bluegrass and traditional country music, sharing it with audiences at public parks and other concert stages. (239) 248-8906 [www.acousticmusicsociety.com](http://www.acousticmusicsociety.com)



**ArtsNaples World Festival's** mission is to create and sustain an annual world class performing and visual arts festival. The inaugural festival is planned for May 2012, and is envisioned to feature the culture of one specific region of the world each year. [info@artsnaplesworldfestival.org](mailto:info@artsnaplesworldfestival.org)

**The Bach Ensemble** is a Naples-based, 40-voice chorale performing the works of J.S. Bach and his contemporaries. (239) 732-1055 [www.thebachensemble.org](http://www.thebachensemble.org)

**Classic Chamber Concerts** seeks to provide world-class music at affordable prices and to educate young audiences in the joys of music. The group's Concerts in the Schools program takes musicians into schools. Concerts are performed at Sugden Theatre. (239) 434-8505 [www.classicchamberconcerts.org](http://www.classicchamberconcerts.org)

The **Gulf Coast Big Band**, comprised of musicians with a variety of musical backgrounds and experience, performs free concerts at local parks and schools. The group supports young musicians and works to share the swinging sounds of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. (239) 597-8954

**Hyacinth Series** is sponsored by Moorings Presbyterian Church, where it has presented more than 25 years of concerts. (239) 213-5246 [www.moorings-presby.org/hyacinth\\_series.htm](http://www.moorings-presby.org/hyacinth_series.htm)

**Imperial New Horizons Music** programs provide music-making for adults, including those with no musical experience. New Horizons bands and orchestras become important parts of the cultural life of the community, performing in many different settings and for special events. (239) 293-7629



The **Music Makers Show Band** promotes and performs American big band music of the mid-1900s, and financially supports jazz education in high schools. (239) 597-3240 [www.musicmakersshowband.org](http://www.musicmakersshowband.org)

**Music for Minors Foundation** is a nonprofit organization that purchases instruments for middle school children who cannot afford to own one. The group works with music directors to select students who qualify for the program. (239) 947-1943 [www.music4minors.org](http://www.music4minors.org)

**Naples Concert Band** is a group of accomplished volunteer musicians dedicated to entertaining the community. The ensemble performs outdoor concerts at Cambier Park. Scholarships are provided to deserving student musicians who play for the band. (239) 263-9521 [www.naplesconcertband.org](http://www.naplesconcertband.org)

**Naples Conservatory of Music & Arts** teaches vocal and instrumental music, as well as acting and dance. (239) 596-3520 [www.naplesconservatory.org](http://www.naplesconservatory.org)



The **Naples Music Club** supports music education and performance, provides scholarships, and engages in collaborative outreach efforts. High-quality musical programs and events are presented to support its main focus, awarding scholarships to students 11-18. (239) 775-6867 [www.naplesmusicclub.org](http://www.naplesmusicclub.org)

The **Naples Orchestra & Chorus** is a community organization that performs free classical and pops concerts. Professional and nonprofessional musicians, along with talented high school students make up the group. (239) 455-1912 [www.naplesorchestraandchorus.org](http://www.naplesorchestraandchorus.org)



The **Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus** promotes musical diversity and community service. It provides financial support and opportunities for students and teachers, and numerous performances throughout the year to a wide range of audiences. (239) 593-0941 [www.naplesbarbershopchorus.org](http://www.naplesbarbershopchorus.org)

The **Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** performs more than 150 concerts annually, including classical, pops, chamber and family programs. The orchestra performs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and at various other venues in the community. 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples, FL 34108. (239) 597-1900 [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

**Voices of Naples** performs choral music and presents the "Sing-Along Messiah" annually in November. Additional concerts are held with a repertoire ranging from classical to pop. A scholarship program encourages aspiring young choral musicians. (239) 455-2582 [www.voicesofnaples.org](http://www.voicesofnaples.org)

## Literature/Colleges

**19 Edison State College** - Collier Campus has educated approximately 20,000 students from around the world. On its 50-acre campus, the college offers continued education, degree programs, distance learning and cultural events. 7007 Lely Cultural Pkwy., Naples. (239) 732-3700 [www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu)

The **Friends of the Library** assist the library system and work to further develop the free public library system, as well as support education through use of library resources. The group also organizes art exhibits in the West Wing Gallery. (239) 262-8135 [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org)

**20 Hodges University** is a nonprofit institution, with a main campus in Naples. It offers Lifelong Learning for adults and a speaker's bureau, fine arts lectures, workshops, seminars and art exhibits. 2655 Northbrooke Dr., Naples. (239) 598-6110 [www.hodges.edu](http://www.hodges.edu)

**21 The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University** is a lifelong learning program for adults that offers lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment, piano lessons, travel abroad and other special events. 1010 5th Ave. S., Naples. (239) 434-4737 [www.fgcu.edu/racademy](http://www.fgcu.edu/racademy)

[www.CollierArts.com](http://www.CollierArts.com) — For everything you want to know about the arts!

## Visual Arts

**1** Art League/Marco Island's Center for the Arts presents art exhibits, programs for all ages, and hosts the Celebrate the Arts Festival. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. (239) 394-4221 [www.marcoislandart.com](http://www.marcoislandart.com)

The mission of Bayshore Cultural Arts and Performing Center is "to encourage investment in and redevelopment of the Bayshore area, creating a magnet district for arts, crafts and entertainment in a casual atmosphere." (239) 877-1722 [www.bayshorecapa.org](http://www.bayshorecapa.org)

Ikebana is an international organization that promotes the Japanese art of flower arranging and other related Asian art forms. (239) 390-2881 [www.ikebannaples.com](http://www.ikebannaples.com)

**2** Naples Art Association/The von Liebig Art Center is dedicated to promoting and advancing education, interest and participation in the contemporary visual arts. 585 Park St., Naples. (239) 262-6517 [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org)

Naples Artcrafters promotes excellence in fine arts and crafts and offers juried outdoor exhibits and programs for youth. Membership includes both professional and nonprofessional artists and crafters. (239) 793-6447 [www.naplesartcrafters.com](http://www.naplesartcrafters.com)

**3** Naples Museum of Art features collections of American modernism, 20th century Mexican art and Chihuly glass, as well as traveling exhibitions and exclusive shows. 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples. (239) 597-1900 [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

Naples Porcelain Artists work to educate and preserve the art of painting on glazed and unglazed porcelain. (239) 434-5954

Southwest Florida Pastel Society promotes and educates individuals about pastel medium. Members provide demonstrations and education programs and speak at various venues. [www.pastelsociety.org](http://www.pastelsociety.org)

## Theater/Film/Dance

**4** Gulfshore Playhouse at the Norris Center is Naples' first and finest self-producing professional theatre. They are devoted to creating nationally noteworthy professional theatre. 755 8th Ave. S., Naples. (239) 261-7529 [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org)

The Marco Players bring live theater to the Marco Island community. Each season, the group performs a variety of productions, from comedies to dramas and musicals. (239) 642-7270 [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com)

Naples Ballet is dedicated to preserving the art of dance and providing opportunities, including mentoring children in dance education and a dance movement program for children with special needs. (239) 732-1000 [www.naplesballet.org](http://www.naplesballet.org)

The mission of Naples International Film Festival is to nurture and support a diverse cultural experience with a creative, cutting edge boutique festival that showcases the work of independent filmmakers. (239) 775-3456 [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com)

Naples Opera Society provides inexpensive concerts, educational lectures, and connections to the Florida Grand Opera. (239) 598-6110 [www.naplesoperasociety.org](http://www.naplesoperasociety.org)

Naples Publick Theatre is dedicated to the production of Shakespeare under the stars. (239) 285-2984 [www.naplespublicktheatre.com](http://www.naplespublicktheatre.com)

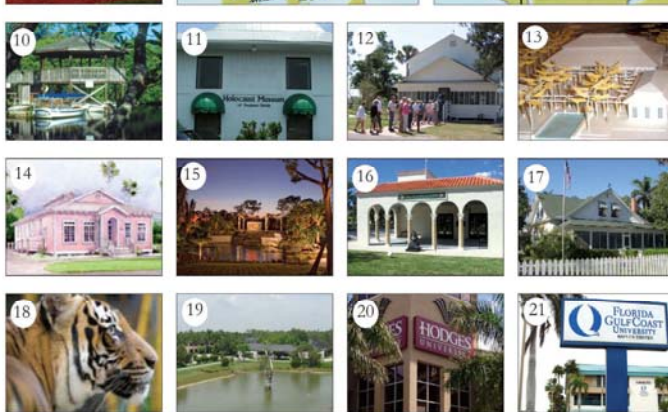
Opera Naples is a local professional opera company. It produces three full operas each year, utilizing renowned professionals, along with local talent. Tickets: 800-771-1041; (239) 514-7464 [www.operanaples.com](http://www.operanaples.com)

**5** The Philharmonic Center for the Arts features performing and visual arts in a single complex and hosts a resident orchestra. The Phil has four museum-quality art galleries and two sculpture gardens. Also home to Naples Museum of Art. 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples. (239) 597-1900 [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

**6** Naples Players/Sugden Theatre in downtown Naples presents full productions on two stages year round. The children's theater program, KidzAct, offers after-school and summer programs. 701 5th Ave. S., Naples. Box Office: (239) 263-7990 [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org)

**7** TheatreZone is a professional regional theater company whose actors are members of the Actors Equity Association. TheatreZone presents the "Lost Treasures of Broadway," along with new works at the G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Rd., Naples. (239) 449-2323; 1-888-ZONE-FLA [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com)

# Cultural Destinations



## Museums/Culture

**8** Opening in early 2011, the Children's Museum of Naples will allow children and families to experience world-class, interactive exhibits. North Naples Regional Park. (239) 514-0084 [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org)

**4** City of Naples/Norris Center offers a variety of entertainment live theatre, bluegrass, comedy, cabaret and much more! They host outdoor concerts at the Cambier Park Bandshell. 755 8th Ave. S., Naples. (239) 213-3058 [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com)

Collier County Audubon Society promotes an understanding of and interest in wildlife by presenting field trips and educational programs, such as Wings of Hope and Young Birders Club. (239) 643-7822 [www.collieraudubon.com](http://www.collieraudubon.com)

**9** The Collier County Museum features 10,000 years of Southwest Florida history, five acres of native gardens and special programs. 3301 Tamiami Trail E., Naples. (239) 252-8476 [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

**10** Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center is a 21-acre oasis located in the heart of Naples. Nature trails, guided boat tours, kayak rentals, Discovery Center, Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, nature store and daily programs. Named Site #69 on Great Florida Birding Trail. 1450 Merrihue Dr., Naples. (239) 262-0304 [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org)

Friends of Rookery Bay is a volunteer citizen support organization that assists the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in operation of Rookery Bay National Estuarine. (239) 417-6310 [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

**11** Exhibits at the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida take visitors from Germany before the War, through the rise of Nazism, to the Holocaust and the Nuremberg trials. Original photos, artifacts and survivor's personal stories. 4760 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. (239) 263-9200 [www.hmswfl.org](http://www.hmswfl.org)

**12** Immokalee Pioneer Museum is a 15-acre living history museum offering a glimpse of daily life on a Southwest Florida ranch. The museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. 1215 Roberts Ave, Immokalee. (239) 658-2466 [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

Irish American Club promotes the spirit of the Irish, their arts and culture. They support local Irish dance schools, pipe bands and Irish musicians, and educates members about Irish-American history. (239) 774-3267 [www.naplesirish.com](http://www.naplesirish.com)

Marco Island Foundation for the Arts is dedicated to promoting the visual, literary and performing arts in public places on Marco Island. (239) 642-0015 [www.marcoarts.org](http://www.marcoarts.org)

**13** The Marco Island Historical Society created an oral history of Marco Island. They support the island's history museum. (239) 394-6917 [www.themih.org](http://www.themih.org)

**14** Museum of the Everglades is located in a 1920s building in Everglades City and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. (239) 695-0008 [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

Naples Backyard History is dedicated to preserving and protecting family, heritage and history of Naples. (239) 594-2978 [www.naplesbackyardhistory.org](http://www.naplesbackyardhistory.org)

**15** Naples Botanical Garden is a world-class tropical garden paradise that includes gardens of Brazil, the Caribbean, an interactive Children's Garden, and 90 acres of beautifully restored natural habitats. 4820 Bayshore Dr., Naples. (239) 643-7275 [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)

**16** Naples Depot, is one of the oldest structures in the City of Naples. It is on the National Registry of Historic Places. 1051 5th Ave. S., Naples. (239) 262-6525 [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

**17** Naples Historical Society is dedicated to preserving Naples history. Learn about our rich history with a guided tour of The Palm Cottage, or through a walking tour of the Naples Historic District. 137 12th Ave. S., Naples. (239) 261-8164 [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org)

**18** The nationally-accredited Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens presents rare fauna and educational displays within a historic tropical garden. Guests enjoy wildlife presentations, botanical tour, and a guided cruise past islands of primates. 1590 Goodlette Rd., Naples. (239) 262-5409 [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org)