

HG Area Arts: July/August Guide

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RECOMMENDED MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Link to 9 Maine Art Museums: <https://www.maineartmuseums.org/>

Museum Recommendation Highlights:

- [Ogunquit Museum](#) [1.5 hrs. HG]: Founded in 1953 to showcase Contemporary American Art, since late 1800's, in location of two of the earliest artist colonies. Exhibits of Artist "Nicole Wittenberg" through 21 July and 19 Contemporary Artists in "Where the Real Lies" as well as "Henry Strater's Ogunquit." Exhibit of Artist "Gisela McDaniel: Inina" opens 1 August. "Art By the Sea" Auction and Gala on 21 August. This Museum is perched by the ocean with gorgeous grounds and sculptures at the entrance to Perkin's Cove and is one of Wim's favorite small Maine Museums.
- [Portland Museum of Art](#) [30 min. HG]: Four floors of American/International Art with Exhibits "Passages in American Art," "Jo Sandman: Skin Deep," which includes large-scale photograms made during experimentation at 1959 closed Black Mountain College both closing on 17 August. "Ann Craven" and "Painting Energy" are both closing on 14 September. Reservations open for up to 12 individuals twice a day to visit The Winslow Homer Studio in a PMA van at Prout's Neck for 2.5 hours by contacting the PMA. "The Summer Party" fundraiser is 6 August.
- [Bowdoin College Art Museum](#) [10 min. HG]: College's 1894 Museum of world arts with 30,000 objects from 5,000 Artists. Exhibits "Hello, Stranger: Artist as Subject in Photographic Portraits since 1900" closing 10 August. "Ann Crave/Painted Time: Moons" (3 separate Exhibits) closing on 17 August. "Currents: Art since 1875," "Rudy Burckhardt: Three Maine Films," "John McKee: As Maine Goes (photos)," "Gordon Parks: Herklas Brown + Maine 1944 (photos)" currently on view throughout the summer. "Front Lines: Woman Etchers at the Fore, 1880 to Today" opening on 7 August.
- [Bates College Museum of Art](#) (45 min. HG): Over 8,000 objects with Exhibit "Ralph Steadman: And Another Thing" currently on view.
- [Colby College Museum of Art](#) [1 hr. HG]: Two Lewiston locations with over 10,000 objects of American and Contemporary Art and largest sized Art Museum in Maine. Exhibits "Stan Douglas/Hors-champs (films, photos, installations)" closing on 24 August, "Some American Stories," "Love Your Langlais," and "Alex Katz: Repetitions" currently on view this summer.
- [Farnsworth Art Museum](#) [1.5 hr. HG]: Numerous works of the Wyeth Family Artists including "Home Places: Andrew Wyeth in Chadds Ford," and "Finding Maine: The Wyeth Family of Artists" currently on view. Exhibits "Capturing Her Environment: Women Artists, 1870-1930," closing on 20 July, and "Native prospects: Indigeneity and Landscape" closing on 6 July. "Ann Craven: Painted Time (2020-2024)," "Farnsworth Mural Project: James Prosek," and "Anne Buckwalter: Manors/Momentum 2025, on view this summer.
- [Center for Maine Contemporary Art](#) [1.5 hr. HG]: 3-room 2000 sq. ft. Museum, 100 yards from Farnsworth. Exhibits "Cheek to Cheek: Nicole Wittenberg," "Leaf Litter: Elizabeth Atterbury," "The Shape of Memory: Carlie Trosclair," are all open through dates in September.

Maine Galleries:

- [Bayview Gallery](#) [Brunswick] Traditional land and sea Artists of Maine.
- [Caldbeck Gallery](#) [Rockland]: Showing contemporary art. Exhibits "Stew Henderson: Common Allegories," "Frederic Kellogg: Wind and Storm," and "Sam Cady: Prints" closing 27 July. August Exhibits are "Melanie Essex: The Air is Full of Water," "Katherine Bradford and Anna Dribble," and "Dan Dowd-New Works" on view.
- [Corey Daniels Gallery](#) [Wells]: Colonial home/barn with eclectic Contemporary and Emerging Artists. Exhibit "Form Over (19 contemporary sculpture ceramic artists)," closing 18 July.
- [Courthouse Gallery](#) [Ellsworth]: Two building Gallery with outside sculptures of Maine connected Artists. Exhibitions of "The Stairwell Show" and "Jessica Lee Ives and Katherine Wilkes: Water and Sky," and "William Irvine: Soundings," from 5 through 30 July. Exhibitions of "Jon Imber: Pastel Rhythms," "New Work: Tom Curry," and "Regina Bruno: Memories + Dreams" from Aug. 2 - 31.

- [Cove Street Arts](#) [Portland]: Four separate exhibits of Artists connected to Maine rotating in large industrial 8,000 sq. ft. building. Some of the most original Artists showing in Maine. Exhibits "Liminality" with four Artists, and "Annie Anderson: What Stays" both close on 19 July. "Frayed edges: Jeff Bye" closes on 12 July. "Phenomena: Adam Ekberg and Sarah Szwajkos" closes on 9 August. "Ed Valentine: Three Curiosities" closes on 16 August. The Exhibits "Earth Suites & Beat Machines: Jennifer Amadeo & Mike Libby" and "Interdimensional: Lynn Duryea + John Gibson" open on 24 July and "Kitty Whales: Passing Through" opens on 21 August.
- [Dowling Walsh Gallery](#) [Rockland]: Premier large 5 room Gallery directly across from the Farnsworth showing numerous high-end Maine connected Artists. In July, the Exhibits "Will Barnet: Correspondence," and "Sarah McRae Morton: Time after Time." August's Exhibitions are "Cig Harvey" and "Stephen Pace."
- [Greenhut Galleries](#) [Portland]: The Exhibit "Tina Ingraham-On Balance" opens on 3 July and closes on 2 August. "Maurice Freedman Solo Exhibition" is from 7 through 30 August.
- [Jud Hartmann Gallery](#) [Blue Hill]: Very high end Native American bronzes by international Artist Jud Hartmann and Paintings by Charles Fenner Ball, Randy Eckard, Carolyn Walton, and other numerous established painters.
- [Moss Galleries](#) [Portland and Falmouth] High end gallery with multiple Artists. Exhibits "Beate Wheeler's Abstract Rhythms 1960's on 10th St." and "David Rankin & Claire Seidel: Between Our Worlds" both close on 9 August in Falmouth. "Samira Abbassy: Dialogical Narratives" closes in Portland on 30 August.
- [Portland Art Gallery](#) [Portland]: 60 Contemporary Maine Artists. [HG Artist Resident Jean Jack](#) shows at this Gallery. Exhibitions "Dietlind Vander Schaaf," "Brian Emerons," "Liz Prescott," and "Holly L. Smith" show in July. "Bibby Gignilliat," "Laurie Fisher," "Andrew Faulkner," and "Susan L. Johnson" exhibit in August.
- [River Arts](#) [Damariscotta]: Exhibit "Member's Show" closes on 5 July. Exhibition "Judith Schuppen" closes on 16 July. Exhibitions "Land & Sea" opens on 8 July and closes on 16 August followed by "Abstract" opening on 23 August.
- [Sarah Bouchard Gallery](#) [Woolwich, 15 min HG]: High end and unique gallery close to HG by appointment only. Exhibit "James Parker Foley: A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast" opens on 5 July and closes on 6 August. "Dozier Bell" has an exhibit 9 through 11 August. "Tom Butler's" Exhibit opens on 16 August.
- [Spindleworks Arts Center](#) [Brunswick & Gardiner]: Founded in 1976 with 40 Artists with intellectual and dev. disabilities creating amazing works of art open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [Unitarian Universalist Church - Brunswick](#) Changing painting shows in entrance area of Church.
- [Cynthia Winings Gallery](#) [Blue Hill]: Exhibitions "Conversations in Layers," "Enduring Truths," and "Matinee" showing in July.
- Numerous Galleries in Gardiner [30 min. HG]: Circling the Press Gallery where [HG Artist Caroline Loose](#) works and shows her prints.

Arts Organizations: [Union of Maine Visual Artists](#) Advocates with art exhibits. Associated with Maine Masters PBS New England Emmy Award nominated film series profiling currently 20 Maine Artists. www.kanelewis.org

HG Art Club meets every Friday at 9:30 a.m. for about two hours with beginners to advance makers in arts and crafts at the [HG Community Center](#). Note: less residents attend during July and August.

MAINE FESTIVALS

July:

- [North Atlantic Blues Festival](#): July 12-13 in Rockland, featuring diverse blues artists.
- [Union Fair](#): July 6-9 in Union, ME.
- [Yarmouth Clam Festival](#): July 18-20, a popular summer tradition with a focus on clam shucking.
- [Maine Lobster Festival](#): July 30-August 3 in Rockland, a renowned celebration of Maine's iconic lobster.
- [Maine Wild Blueberry Festival](#): July 30-August 3 in Union.
- [Bangor State Fair](#): July 24 - August 2.

August:

- [Guster's On The Ocean](#): August 8-10 in Portland.
- [Lewiston-Auburn Balloon Festival](#): August 15-17.
- [Camden Windjammer Festival](#): August 26-30, celebrating maritime history with schooners and windjammers.
- [Skowhegan State Fair](#): August 7-16.
- [Topsham Fair](#): August 5-10.

THEATER/MUSIC EVENTS

[Cadenza - Freeport](#)

Live Music venue

July 5, 11, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26

Aug. 1, 2, 8, 9, 16, 23, 24

[The Chocolate Church - Bath](#)

Jul 12 Crystal Vision

Jul 16 A LITTLE RAGTIME REBELLION BAND

Jul 19 Ragtime Destroyers

Jul 26 Yellowhouse Blues Band

Aug 02 Soggy Po Boys

Aug 09 Hazmat Modine

Aug 14 MIRAH and FOOTINGS

Aug 16 Calypso Soldiers

Aug 23 B-52.0s

Aug 27 Mary Remington

Aug 30 Pan Fried Steel

[Community Little Theatre - Lewiston](#)

8/8-17. The SpongeBob Musical

[Franco Center - Lewiston](#)

7/26 Summer Fest Saturday 12-5 pm

7/30 Amy Stacey Curtis

8/23 Dueling Pianos

[Good Theater - Portland](#)

7/10 Kelly MacFarland

7/12 Julia Gagnon

7/17-20. Frances Floats

7/25-26 Come the Dawn: Songs & Stories

8/2 Late and Alone (Johnny Cash)

8/7-10 I'll Eat you Last (Sue Mengers)

8/29 Kouchera

[Lemont Block - Brunswick](#)

[Lincoln Theater - Damariscotta](#)

[Meetinghouse Arts - Freeport](#)

7/6 Junior Stevens Trio

7/10 Coastal Winds

7/13 Cormac McCarthy

7/17 Arcadia Band

7/20 Sorchas Cribben-Merrill Trio

7/24 Borderline 207

7/27 Jud Caswell & Friends

7/31 2nd Chance Ukulele Band

8/3 Erica Brown & The Bluegrass Connection

8/7 Not2Sharp

8/10 Magic 8 Ball Band

8/14 Cumberland Crossing

8/17 Tom Porter & Friends

8/21 David Good

8/24 Old Eleven

8/28 Sara Trunzo & Friends

8/31 Bailey's Mistake

[Ogunquit Playhouse](#)

7/24 – 8/23 High Society

8/28-9/27 When Elvis Met the Beatles

[Orion Performing Arts Center - Topsham](#)

[One Longfellow Square - Portland: Live Music](#)

July 2, 3, 10, 12, 16, 17, 23, 24, 27, 31

Aug. 7, 8, 9, 22, 28, 29

[Portland Stage](#)

7/31 – 8/17 Murder for Two

[The Public Theatre - Lewiston](#)

8/27 – 31 The Irish...and How they got the Way

[The Strand - Rockland](#)

7/27 Bluebird Improv

8/8 Dulce Sloan (comedy)

8/10 Shidaa projects: W. African Drumming/Dance

[Theater at Monmouth](#)

July & Aug:

Twelfth Night

Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson – Apt. 2B

The Complete Works of Jane Austen

Cymbeline by Shakespear

AREA CHORUSES:

[ChoralArt Masterworks :](#)

[Classical Uprising:](#)

[Midcoast Symphony](#)

[St. Mary Schola](#)

[Una Voce Chamber](#)

[Women in Harmony](#)

EVENTS BOOKED THROUGH PORTTIX.COM

<https://porttix.com/>

July/August 2025

Portland Theater Festival presents
PRIMARY TRUST
June 28 – July 13, 2025

Portland Symphony Orchestra presents
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:
BEYOND THE STARS
Saturday, July 12, 2025, 7PM
Seaside Pavilion

YES&Co. & Running with Scissors
Saturday, July 12, 2025, 7PM
Portland Media Center

Paul & Kate
Thursday, July 17, 2025, 12:15PM
PCM

Opera Maine presents
Sweeney Todd
July 24 – 27, 2025
Merrill Auditorium

Make Believe
July 24 – August 10, 2025
Portland Stage Studio

TALES OF Bells & Drums
Saturday, August 2, 2025, 6PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Conservatory of Music presents
Maine Middle Eastern Orchestra
Sunday, August 3, 2025, 2PM
PCM

Seal Bay Festival
Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 7:30PM
PCM

Circus Smirkus
August 8 – 9, 2025
Cumberland Fairgrounds

Brad Williams
Saturday, August 9, 2025, 7PM
Merrill Auditorium

YES&CO. IMPROV COMEDY
Saturday, August 9, 2025, 7PM
Portland Media Center

A World of Romance
Thursday, August 14, 2025, 7:30PM
Stevens Square

Charles Overton & friends
Friday, August 15, 2025, 7:30PM

Heart Strings
Saturday, August 16, 2025, 7:30PM
Stevens Square

Beethoven Brahms and the Bard
Thursday, August 21, 2025, 7:30PM
Stevens Square

Festival Grand Finale
Saturday, August 23, 2025, 7:30PM
Stevens Square

Deep Blue Sound
August 28 – September 14, 2025
Baxter School For the Deaf
A Taste of Ireland
Friday, September 5, 2025, 7:30PM
Merrill Auditorium