

HG Area Arts: July/August 2026 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 American Artist colonies. This Museum is perched by the ocean with gorgeous grounds and sculptures at the entrance to Perkin's Cove.
- [Portland Museum of Art](#) [30 min. HG]: Four floors of American/International Art.
- [Bowdoin College Art Museum](#) [10 min. HG]: College's 1894 Museum of world arts with 30,000 objects from 5,000 Artists.
- [Bates College Museum of Art](#) (45 min. HG): Over 8,000 objects.
- [Colby College Museum of Art](#) [1 hr. HG]: Two Waterville locations with over 10,000 objects of American and Contemporary Art and the largest sized Art Museum in Maine.
- [Farnsworth Art Museum](#) [1.5 hr. HG]: Numerous works of the Wyeth Family Artists and other large exhibitions.
- [Center for Maine Contemporary Art](#) [1.5 hr. HG]: 3-room 5,500 sq. ft. Museum, 100 yards from Farnsworth.

Maine Galleries:

- [Bayview Gallery](#) [Brunswick] Traditional land and sea Artists of Maine.
- [Caldbeck Gallery](#) [Rockland]: Showing contemporary art.
- [Corey Daniels Gallery](#) [Wells]: Colonial home/barn with eclectic Contemporary and Emerging Artists.
- [Courthouse Gallery](#) [Ellsworth]: Two building Gallery with outside sculptures of Maine connected Artists.
- [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.
- [Dowling Walsh Gallery](#) [Rockland]: Premier two room Gallery directly across from the Farnsworth showing numerous high-end Maine connected Artists.
- [Greenhut Galleries](#) [Portland]:
- [Jud Hartmann Gallery](#) [Blue Hill]: Closed in the winter.
- [Moss Galleries](#) [Portland and Falmouth] High end gallery with multiple Artists.
- [Portland Art Gallery](#) [Portland]: 60 Contemporary Maine Artists. [HG Artist Resident Jean Jack](#) shows at this Gallery.
- [River Arts](#) [Damariscotta]:
- [Sarah Bouchard Gallery](#) [Woolwich, 15 min HG]: High end and unique gallery close to HG by appointment only.
- [Spindleworks Arts Center](#) [Brunswick & Gardiner]: Founded in 1976 with 40 Artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities creating amazing works of art at 7 Lincoln St., Brunswick is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [Topsham Public Library](#): Various exhibitions throughout the year.
- [Unitarian Universalist Church - Brunswick](#) Changing painting shows in entrance area of Church.
- [Cynthia Winings Gallery](#) [Blue Hill]: Closed for the winter season.
- 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**. All HG Residents are welcome to join us.

MAINE FESTIVALS

July

Heritage Days – Bath – July 2-5
Moxie Festival – Lisbon – July 10-12
North Atlantic Blues Festival – Rockland – July 11 and 12
Potato Blossom Festival – Fort Fairfield – July 11-19
Maine Celtic Celebration – Belfast – July 17-19
Yarmouth Clam Festival – Yarmouth – July 17-19
Ossipee Valley Music Festival – South Hiram – July 23-26
Maine Artisan Bread Fair – Skowhegan – July 25
LL Bean Summer in the Park – Freeport
Red, White & Rock – Lewiston – July 3
Brunswick Music in Park – Brunswick – July 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:00 – 7:30
Brunswick 2nd Friday Arts and Crafts on Maine St – July 10th, 4:00 – 7:00
Summer Festival at the Franco Center – July 25, 11:00 – 4:00

August

Maine Lobster Festival – Rockland – July 29-August 2
Wild Blueberry Weekend – Statewide – August 1 and 2
Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival – Windsor – August 8
Maine Red Hot Dog Festival – Dexter – August 8
Acadian Festival – Madawaska – August 13-16
Machias Wild Blueberry Festival – August 14-16
York County Blues Fest – Waterboro – August 15
Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival – Brunswick – August 15
Wells Chili-Fest – Wells – August 22
Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Festival – Litchfield – August 27-30
Crown of Maine Balloon Fest – Presque Isle – August 28-30
Brunswick Music in Park – Brunswick – Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:00 – 7:30
Brunswick 2nd Friday Arts and Crafts on Maine St – Aug. 7, 4:00 – 7:00
Topsham Fair – August 11 - 16

THEATER/MUSIC EVENTS

[Cadenza - Freeport](#)

Live Music venue

[The Chocolate Church - Bath](#)

Weekly Sat. – Waterfront Concert series
8/7 – 16 Whale Bones

[Community Little Theatre - Lewiston](#)

8/7 – 16 The Wizard of Oz

[Franco Center - Lewiston](#)

7/3 Concert for 4th
8/8 The Totally Rad (80's)

[Good Theater - Portland](#)

7/ 8-12 The Songs of Johnny Mathis
7/10 Kouchera
7/16 – 8/9 Vampire Lesbians of Sodom
8/27 Mark Brady
8/28-30 Heat Wave (Linda Ronstadt)

[Lemont Block - Brunswick](#)

[Lincoln Theater - Damariscotta](#)

7/10 – 19 The Bikinis!

[Meetinghouse Arts - Freeport](#)

Weekly Thurs – Winslow Park 6 – 7:30
Weekly Sun. – Memorial Park 2 - 4

[Ogunquit Playhouse](#)

6/18-7/18 Hello Dolly
7/23 – 8/22 City of Angels
8/27 – 9/26 The Producers

[Orion Performing Arts Center - Topsham](#)

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

[Portland Stage](#)

[The Public Theatre - Lewiston](#)

8/26 – 9/13 Million Dollar Quartet

[The Strand - Rockland](#)

7/7 Halcyon String Quartet
7/24 Bluebird Improv
8/21 Paula Poundstone

[The Theater Project - Brunswick](#)

[Theater at Monmouth](#)

AREA CHORUSES:

[ChoralArt Masterworks :](#)

[Classical Uprising:](#)

[Midcoast Symphony:](#)

[St. Mary Schola :](#)

[Una Voce Chamber](#)

[Women in Harmony](#)

7/30 Celebrate Universal Love
Saco 1st Parish Cong. Church 7:30
Donations at door

EVENTS BOOKED THROUGH PORTTIX.COM
<https://porttix.com/>
July/Aug. 2026

Portland Theater Festival
THE MONSTERS
July 2 – 12, 2026
Portland Stage Studio

YES&CO. IMPROV COMEDY WITH STORYTELLER,
KELLY TRACY
Saturday, July 11, 2026, 7PM
Portland Media Center

Portland Conservatory of Music
SCOTT KIEFNER TRIO
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 12:15PM
PCM

Opera Maine
ROMÉO ET JULIETTE
July 23 – 26, 2026
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Theater Festival
OCTET
July 23 – August 9, 2026
Maine Irish Heritage Center

YES&CO. IMPROV COMEDY WITH SPECIAL
GUESTS: BIG SHIRT
Saturday, July 25, 2026, 7PM
Portland Media Center

TORI AMOS
Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 7:30PM
Merrill Auditorium

State Theatre Presents
HERBIE HANCOCK
Saturday, August 1, 2026, 7:30PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Conservatory of Music
CASSATT QUARTET & STEVEN BECK
Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7PM
PCM

State Theatre
GUSTER WITH THE PORTLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
Friday, August 7, 2026, 8PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Chamber Music Festival
GREAT EXPLORATIONS
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 7PM
Stevens Square

Portland Chamber Music Festival
RITES AND DELIGHTS
Saturday, August 15, 2026, 7PM
Stevens Square

Portland Conservatory of Music
TIMOTHY BURRIS
Thursday, August 20, 2026, 12:15PM
PCM

Portland Chamber Music Festival
ECCO VISIONS
Thursday, August 20, 2026, 7PM
Stevens Square

Portland Theater Festival
AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE
August 20 – September 6, 2026
Crewe Arts Lab

Portland Chamber Music Festival
ECCO JUBILEE
Saturday, August 22, 2026, 7PM
Stevens Square

Portland Conservatory of Music
MAINE MIDDLE EASTERN ORCHESTRA
Sunday, August 30, 2026, 2PM
PCM