

HG Area Arts: September/October 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

Link to Brunswick events: <https://brunswickdowntown.org/all-events/>

September

Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival – Skowhegan – September 5
International Seaplane Fly-In – Greenville- September 10-13
Trails End Festival – Millinocket – September 11-13
2nd Friday Brunswick Arts – Sept. 1, 4 – 7 pm
Maine Cheese Festival – Pittsfield – September 13
Maine PoutineFest – Portland – September 19
Outdoor Heritage Museum Fall Festival – Oquossoc- September 19
Maine Needham Festival – Wiscasset – September 26

October

Freeport Fall Festival – Freeport – October 2-4
Maine Craft Weekend – Statewide – October 3 and 4
Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta – Damariscotta – October 9-12
Swine & Stein Brewfest – Gardiner – October 10
Fall Foliage Festival – Boothbay – October 10 and 11
Sabbathday Day Shaker Village's Annual Harvest Festival – New Gloucester – October 12
Harvestfest – York – October 17

THEATER/MUSIC EVENTS

[Cadenza - Freeport](#)

Live Music venue

[The Chocolate Church - Bath](#)

9/2 Martha Spencer & the Wonderland
9/18 Troy Ramey – songs & stories
9/19 Pat Colwell & the soul sensations
9/25 Myrtle Street Klezmer
10/3 Oshima Brothers
10/8 Kouchera
10/10 Grateful Dead Hootenany
10/24 Carsie Blanton

[Community Little Theatre - Lewiston](#)

10/16 – 25 Cabaret

[Franco Center - Lewiston](#)

9/11 -13 The Best of Broadway
9/27 B, M, W
10/10 Beatles: in Tribute

[Good Theater - Portland](#)

10/1-18 Little Shop of Horrors

[Lemont Block - Brunswick](#)

[Lincoln Theater - Damariscotta](#)

[Meetinghouse Arts - Freeport](#)

9/3. Winslow Park: The Delta Knights Band

[Ogunquit Playhouse](#)

8/27 – 9/26 The Producers
10/1 – 11/1 Small Town

[Orion Performing Arts Center - Topsham](#)

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

[Portland Stage](#)

9/30 – 10/25 Arcadia

[The Public Theatre - Lewiston](#)

8/26 – 9/13 Million Dollar Quartet

[The Strand - Rockland](#)

9/17 -20 Camden Int'l Film Festival
9/25 Vanessa Collier

[The Theater Project - Brunswick](#)

[Theater at Monmouth](#)

9/18 – 28 The Rewards of Being Frank

AREA CHORUSES:

[ChoralArt Masterworks :](#)

10/13 VOCES8 (sold out)

[Classical Uprising:](#)

[Midcoast Symphony:](#)

10/25, 2:30 @ Orion Perf: Orbits of Life

[Aurora Camerata :](#)

9/26-27 American Voices: Liberty, Faith & Folk Memory

[Una Voce Chamber](#)

[Women in Harmony](#)

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

Portland Theater Festival
AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE
August 20 – September 6, 2026
Crewe Center for the Arts - Blossom Arts Lab

La Petite Mystique and Mayo Street Arts
THE MAINE STAGE
September 4 – 5, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

Portland Conservatory of Music
AD LIBITUM ENSEMBLE
Saturday, September 5, 2026, 12:15PM
PCM

Mayo Street Arts
ORPHEOTIC
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 7PM
Mayo Street Arts

Bach Virtousi Festival
BACH & THE BAROQUE IMAGINATION
Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7PM
Crewe Center for the Arts - Margaret Griswold-
White Performance Hall

PCM Presents
DHARMA DOWN
Friday, September 11, 2026, 7:30PM
PCM

PCM Presents
GUITAR AMERICA – AARON LARGET-CAPLAN
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 2PM
PCM

Mayo Street Arts
BREAD & PUPPET THEATER'S THE UPSIDE DOWN
WORLD CIRCUS
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 4PM
Fort Allen Park

YES&CO. IMPROV COMEDY WITH STORYTELLER,
DAN MAROIS
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 7PM
Portland Media Center

Portland Conservatory of Music
SAM WILSON & PAUL KNELLER
Thursday, September 17, 2026, 12:15PM
PPL

Puppets in Portland presents
PUPPET MOTION'S JUDY PUNCHES BACK
September 18 – 19, 2026
Multiple Venues

Puppets in Portland presents
MAISIE GOODNIGHT'S THREE TOLD FROM A
PASSING PLACE
September 18 – 19, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

Puppets in Portland presents
PIP PIP PARADE! WITH SHOESTRING THEATER
Saturday, September 19, 2026, 4PM
Kennedy Park

Puppets in Portland presents
BUTTERFLY AUTOMATA WORKSHOP
Sunday, September 20, 2026, 1PM
Mayo Street Arts

PCM Presents
DIANE WALSH
Sunday, September 20, 2026, 2PM
PCM

Puppets in Portland presents
PUNCTUATE THE MOMENT
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 6PM
Mayo Street Arts

Puppets in Portland presents
SOFIE KROG TEATER'S THE HOUSE
September 24 – 25, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

Puppets in Portland presents
PUPPETS 4.0: MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS
September 25 – 27, 2026
Portland Museum of Art

Portland Ovation
SASHA VELOUR: "TRAVESTY"VIP ADD-ON
Friday, September 25, 2026, 6:30PM
State Theatre

Puppets in Portland presents
KATKATHA PUPPET ARTS TRUST'S ABOUT RAM
September 25 – 26, 2026
John Ford Auditorium at PHS

USM Department of Theatre
THE LIGHTNING THIEF
September 25 – 27, 2026
Russell Hall

Portland Ovation's
SASHA VELOUR'S "TRAVESTY"
Friday, September 25, 2026, 8PM
State Theatre

Puppets in Portland presents
WORKSHOP FOR THE Puppet CURIOUS
Saturday, September 26, 2026, 1PM
Mayo Street Arts

Puppets in Portland presents
ANIMALIA BY HOBEY FORD'S GOLDEN ROD
PUPPETS
Saturday, September 26, 2026
PPL

Puppets in Portland presents
HAPPY ACCIDENT, VOL. 1
September 26 – 27, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

Puppets in Portland presents
MINIATURE CARVED "FOAMIES" WORKSHOP
Sunday, September 27, 2026, 1PM
Mayo Street Arts

Portland Symphony Orchestra
RESURGAM: AMERICAN FOLKTALES & HYMNS
September 27 – 29, 2026
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Conservatory of Music
KATE CAMPBELL STRAUSS QUARTET
Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:15PM
PCM

Portland Symphony Orchestra
PSO CHAMBER BRASS & BREWS
October 1 – 3, 2026
Multiple Venues

Mad Horse Theatre Company
EUREKA DAY
October 1 – 25, 2026
Mad Horse Theatre

Bill Blumenreich Presents
KATHY GRIFFIN
Friday, October 2, 2026, 7PM
Merrill Auditorium

University of Southern Maine Department of
Theatre's Student-Directed Series
RIDE THE CYCLONE
October 2 – 4, 2026
Tony Shalhoub Black Box Theater at Russell Hall

PCM Presents
ELEVATION
Friday, October 2, 2026, 7:30PM
PCM

Maine Council of Churches Presents
AN EVENING WITH BISHOP MARIANN BUDDE
Thursday, October 8, 2026, 7PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Symphony Orchestra
THE MUSIC OF STUDIO GHIBLI
October 10 – 11, 2026
Merrill Auditorium

Mayo Street Arts
FLOR CAUDRO FLAMENCO
Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7PM
Mayo Street Arts

Mayo Street Arts
KIT DEMOS OFF/AXIS BIG BAND
Sunday, October 11, 2026, 6PM
Mayo Street Arts

ChoralArt Presents
VOCES8
Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 7:30PM
Hannaford Hall

Portland Conservatory of Music
SEYIR DUO
Thursday, October 15, 2026, 12:15PM
PPL

Portland Ovations
JULIA KEEFE INDIGENOUS BIG BAND
Thursday, October 15, 2026, 7PM
State Theatre

WILD KRATTS LIVE 2.0
Friday, October 16, 2026
Merrill Auditorium

Mayo Street Arts
TOPHAT PRODUCTIONS' THE PHANTOM OF THE
OPERA
October 16 – 17, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

PCM Presents
DAN TEPFER
Saturday, October 17, 2026, 2PM
PCM

North Star Baroque Monteverdi and Handel
duets, plus Baroque concertos
Sunday, October 18, 2026, 3PM
Woodfords Church

Portland Ovations
"LA NOCE D'ALFONSE" WITH CIRQUE ALFONSE
Thursday, October 22, 2026, 7PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Ballet
DRACULA
October 23 – 24, 2026
Westbrook PAC

Mayo Street Arts
BALLA KOUYATé
Friday, October 23, 2026, 7PM
Mayo Street Arts

USM Department of Theatre
THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND
October 23 – November 1, 2026
Russell Hall

Portland School of Ballet presents
THRILLS & CHILLS
Saturday, October 24, 2026, 10AM
Westbrook PAC

PCM Presents
BARB TRUEX PROJECT
Saturday, October 24, 2026, 7:30PM
PCM

Portland Symphony Orchestra
MOZART & PATHÉTIQUE SYMPHONY
Sunday, October 25, 2026, 2:30PM
Merrill Auditorium

Portland Ovations
MYSTIC PIZZA: A NEW MUSICAL
October 28 – 29, 2026
Merrill Auditorium

Mayo Street Arts
HECK HOUSE'S SUPER SPOOKY HAUNTED
HOUSE
October 30 – November 1, 2026
Mayo Street Arts

PCM Presents
MYRA MELFORD SPLASH TRIO
Saturday, October 31, 2026, 7:30PM
PCM