

Arts in the Triangle

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Durham's Brightest Lights

From Picasso to Broadway shows, Buddy Guy to internationally recognized film festivals, Durham's major arts venues have played host to the biggest names in visual and performing arts. Spend a day in Durham and be dazzled by arts superstars.

Exhibits and performances change regularly; please visit the venues' websites or call in advance for the most up-to-date information.

HERE IS A SAMPLE ITINERARY.



BREAKFAST

Scratch Seasonal Artisan Bakery

111 Orange St., Downtown Durham • 919.789-9431 • <http://www.piefantasy.com>

Noted by *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, and others for chef Phoebe Lawless' artistry in pastry, Scratch Bakery has carved out an exceptional niche for both savory and sweet seekers. A daily changing menu is complemented by serious coffee, whimsical sweets, and butter-colored décor. Open M-F, 7:30am-4pm; Sat, 9am-3pm.

Or visit one the many [other restaurants](#) open for breakfast in downtown.

MORNING

Depending on the day of your visit, choose one or more of the following:

Durham Arts Council Galleries

120 Morris St., Downtown Durham • 919.560.2787 • <http://www.durhamarts.org>

Downtown home to the Durham Art Guild, one of the 18 local arts organizations based here, as well as the Allenton, Semans and SunTrust Galleries, which host revolving exhibitions of North Carolina artists. Durham is home to hundreds of visual artists and the Guild, chartered in 1948, is one of the oldest in the nation. Open Mon-Sat, 9am-9pm; Sun, 1pm-6pm. Free admission.

Lyda Moore Merrick Gallery at the Hayti Heritage Center

804 Old Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27701 • 919.683.1709 • <http://www.hayti.org/category/exhibits/>

Showcasing contemporary African-American art and authentic African sculpture, the two-level gallery hosts traveling exhibitions, curated shows, and works from artists in a variety of media. A second gallery, the Rhythm & Blues Gallery, presents visual expressions, records, and documents of the rhythm and blues experience (by appointment only). Open Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-3pm. Free admission.

North Carolina Central University Art Museum

1801 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707 • 919.530-6211 • <http://web.nccu.edu/artmuseum/index.html>

Collections and temporary exhibitions of 19th- and 20th-century African-American art. Local artists and students also showcase their work. Open Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free admission.

LUNCH

Nasher Museum Café

2001 Campus Dr., Duke University Central Campus, Durham • 919.684.6032 • http://www.nasher.duke.edu/museum_cafe.php

Food & Wine lauds the “ever-changing exhibit of culinary art” at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University’s on-site restaurant. Chef Giorgios Bakatsias provides a contemporary menu of seasonal recipes with fresh ingredients. Admission to the museum is not required. Open Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-4:30pm; Thur, 10am-8:30; Sun, 12-4:30pm.

Or visit one of the many [other restaurants](#) open for lunch near Duke’s campus.

AFTERNOON

Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University

2001 Campus Dr., Duke University Central Campus, Durham • 919.684.5135 • <http://www.nasher.duke.edu>

Designed by renowned architect Rafael Viñoly, this 65,000-sq.-ft. museum features three large gallery spaces of classical to contemporary works of art, including Duke’s permanent collections as well as special exhibitions, sculpture gardens, café, and gift shop. Open Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm; Thur, 10am-9pm; Sun, 12-5pm. Hour-long guided tours conducted Sat and Sun at 2pm. Admission: \$5 Adults; \$4 Seniors; Free to children under 15 and Duke students, faculty and staff with ID.

LATE AFTERNOON

Golden Belt Arts Campus

807 E Main St., Downtown Durham, Durham, NC 27701 • 919.967.7700 • <http://www.goldenbeltarts.com>

Includes LabourLove Gallery and ROOM 100, showcasing exhibitions of emerging local and national contemporary artists, as well as the studios of dozens of painters, jewelry-makers, photographers, mixed-media artists, and others in a creatively restored seven-acre historic mill campus. Open M-Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 12-6pm.

DINNER

Pop’s, A Durham Trattoria

605 W Main St., Brightleaf District, Downtown Durham • 919.956-7677 • <http://www.pops-durham.com>

Recognized by *USA Today* within weeks of its opening, this restaurant located in downtown’s West Village features high ceilings, an open kitchen, and wood-fired oven perfect for preparing northern Italian cuisine. Open 5:30–(if you are dining after 9pm, please call).

Or visit one of the [other restaurants](#) open for dinner in downtown.

EVENING

Take in a show at one of Durham's premier performing arts spaces:

DPAC–Durham Performing Arts Center

123 Vivian St., Downtown Durham • 919.680.2787 • <http://www.dpacnc.com>

State-of-the-art, 2,800-seat theater in the American Tobacco District of downtown. Performances include SunTrust Broadway Series, superstar concerts and family performances. Call or visit website for ticket information and show times.

Carolina Theatre

309 W Morgan St., Downtown Durham • 919.560.3040 • <http://www.carolinatheatre.org>

The renovated 1926 Beaux Arts-style building includes magnificent Fletcher Hall for vibrant live performances in music, dance and theater as well as cinematic presentations, including the annual Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, NC Gay & Lesbian Film Festival and several others. Call or visit website for ticket information and show times.

LATE NIGHT

Revolution

107 W Main St., Downtown Durham • 919.956.9999 • <http://www.revolutionrestaurant.com>

Featuring global contemporary cuisine, 3-to 7-course tasting menus, as well as innovative cocktails, Revolution Restaurant combines Executive Chef Jim Anile's keen knowledge of international culinary techniques and food style. Reservations recommended for dinner, but no reservations are needed at the raw bar, which is open until 2am, Mon-Sat.

Or visit any of the [other late-night dining options](#) in downtown or nightlife in Durham.

