

# Arts and Culture

## Facilities

### **Dahl Fine Arts Center**

This municipal facility houses three galleries, a theatre, educational facilities, and a cultural cafe as well as offices for the Rapid City Arts Council and the Allied Arts Fund.



### **Elks Theatre**

This historic and restored theatre shows movies daily, hosts concerts, business meetings, seminars, and private parties.

### **Performing Arts Center**

The Performing Arts Center has two venues: the 830-seat Historic Theatre and the more intimate Studio Theatre typically configured to seat about 170 patrons. It is home to Black Hills Community Theatre, Black Hills Symphony, Black Hills Showcase, Rapid City Children's Chorus, and Rapid City High School.

### **Rapid City Public Library**

This facility provides library materials, activities, and qualified staff to meet the information, educational and cultural needs of the community.

### **Rushmore Plaza Civic Center**

Includes a 34,500 square foot arena seating 11,000, a 1,774 seat theatre, a 28,000 square foot ice arena, a 120,000 square foot exhibit area, and small meeting rooms.

## Arts Support Groups

### **Allied Arts Fund**

Allied Arts Fund members are eleven of the Black Hills region's most active and established performing and visual arts non-profit groups striving to better the cultural lifestyle of this area and providing artistic expression for artists and performers who make their home in the Black Hills. Fund members include Bells of the Black Hills, Black Hills Chamber Music Society, Black Hills Community Theatre, Black Hills Dance Theatre, Black Hills Playhouse, Black Hills Showcase Chorus, Black Hills Symphony Orchestra, Dakota Artists Guild, Dakota Choral Union, Rapid City Arts Council, and Rapid City Concert Association.

### **South Dakotans for the Arts**

Located in Deadwood, SD, this statewide organization advances the arts in South Dakota through service, education and advocacy.

## Dance

### **Black Hills Dance Theatre, Inc.**

This organization brings in a variety of regionally and nationally recognized dance companies to perform for area residents.



## **Folk Art and Crafts**

### **Black Hills Quilters Guild**

Dedicated to the art of quilting in all forms, teaching others who are interested and making quilts for charities and fire victims.

## **Literature**

### **Black Hills Writers Group**

The Black Hills Writers' Group has a rich and diverse mixture of writing talent with members who are both novice and experienced. The members provide each other with support, motivation, camaraderie, and networking opportunities.

## **Theatre**



### **Black Hills Playhouse**

Located in Custer State Park, the Black Hills Playhouse is a **summer stock**, professional theatre and training center which presents five productions during the season.

### **Butterfly Puppet Theatre**

Presents musical people and puppet performances for children and adults.

### **Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Theatre**

Self-contained theatre which travels all over the country doing shows, workshops, and in-service training for teachers.

### **Drama Club - South Dakota School of Mines and Technology**

Under faculty direction, students present two productions annually in the Surbeck Center Ballroom.

### **Black Hills Community Theatre**

Rapid City's only community theatre operates a season of five main stage shows and three children's productions.

### **Storybook Island**

Storybook Island Players perform different children's stories in a play form, along with educational theatre activities.

## **Music**

### **Black Hills Chamber Music Society**

Dedicated to promoting knowledge and appreciation of music.

### **Black Hills Choral**

30-some auditioned voices prepare choral music in all styles from classical to jazz madrigals to major works.



### **Black Hills Symphony Orchestra**

Presents five symphonic concerts each season.

### **New Horizons Band**

A dedicated, enthusiastic and interested group of seniors presenting numerous concerts in our community at such places as Mount Rushmore National Monument, nursing homes, retirement homes, museums, schools, city bandstand in the park, conventions, and for charitable organizations.



### **Rapid City Children's Chorus**

Semi-professional chorus for boys and girls in grades four to eight. Two concerts are presented during the school year and the Chorus is available for conventions, banquets, and civic events.

### **Rapid City Concern Association**

Sponsors annual series of five concerts, primarily classical.

### **Rapid City Municipal Band**

Presents weekly Wednesday night Concert-in-the-Park series in June and July.

### **Sweet Adelines**

Dedicated to singing four part harmony barbershop style.

## **Galleries**

### **The Apex Gallery**

The Apex Gallery on the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology campus offers educational art and science exhibits. Exhibits are rotated every four to six weeks.

### **Art Alley**

Art Alley began in 2005 as a public arts project and has blossomed into a favorite among locals and gained the attention of the Associated Press, Huffington Post, Arizona Daily Star, Yahoo! News, and Times Colonist.

### **City of Presidents**

One of the largest publicly-owned displays of art lines the streets of downtown Rapid City. The City of Presidents are life-sized, bronze statues of our nation's Presidents providing visitors a walking tour.



### **Dahl Fine Arts Center**

With three galleries, the Dahl Fine Arts Center showcases local, regional, and national artists with rotating exhibits.

### **Prairie Edge Trading Company and Galleries**

Prairie Edge offers classic contemporary Lakota art, crafts and jewelry for sale created by today's unsurpassed Sioux artists and crafts people and has the finest selection of Native American art, crafts, jewelry, books and music to be displayed anywhere in the region. In addition, a Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor features works by both Native and Non-Native American artists.



### **The Sculpture Project: Passage of Wind and Water**

The Sculpture Project by artist Masayuki Nagase consists of 21 granite pieces at Main Street Square in downtown Rapid City. At \$2 million, the project is the largest privately-funded, public art commission under way in the United States. Titled "The Sculpture Project: Passage of Wind & Water," each piece will reflect the region's natural and culture past, present, and future focusing on the elements of wind (Badlands) and water (the Black Hills).

### **Suzie Cappa Art Center**

Located in downtown Rapid City, the Suzie Cappa Art Center is a non-profit studio that provides artists a space to create, exhibit, and sell their work. Mediums include: photography, ceramics, collage, music, acrylic and watercolor painting, batik, weaving, and sculpture.

## **Festivals**

### **Black Hills Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Festival**

This annual event is held the last weekend in June and features Bluegrass and Acoustic music.



### **Black Hills Fat Tire Festival**

The Black Hills Fat Tire Festival, in conjunction with the Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department, features great rides, races, and socials with a little something for everyone to enjoy.

### **Black Hills Pow Wow Association**

The Northern Plains Indian Exposition and Pow Wow features championship singing and dancing contests, an arts exhibition and trade show.

### **Festival of Lights**

The Festival of Lights Parade is a dazzling nighttime event each November featuring glowing floats covered in thousands of lights, horse-drawn carriages, animated scenes on flatbed trucks, sparkling vehicles, animals adorned in holiday décor, marching bands, and even a full-size passenger locomotive with over 100,000 lights. The Parade has earned its reputation as the premier winter event in SD.

### **Hills Alive**

Hills Alive is a summer Christian music festival featuring some of the top names in the Christian music industry.

### **West Boulevard Summer Festival**

This annual festival is held in Wilson Park and features arts and crafts, horse-drawn historic tours, children's activities, food and entertainment.