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IT'S SHOWTIME!

Strike up the band! Whether it's moving performances in a play, a powerful concert, or a carefully crafted painting, the greater Flagstaff area has many ways to show its artistic flair.

Jewel for the Arts

Spectacular scenery isn't the only thing that's in abundance in Flagstaff. John Tannous, the executive director for the Flagstaff Arts Council, points out that the town is a major hot spot for arts and culture.

"Flagstaff is incredibly rich in the arts and live music," Tannous says.

One of the most breathtaking outdoor venues in the

country—especially during the summer months—is the Pepsi Amphitheater at Fort Tuthill. This large facility can accommodate approximately 2,750 guests. Events hosted at the site range from the Flagstaff Wine & Food Festival to the Flag Fourth concert presented by the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra.

In downtown Flagstaff residents and tourists can also visit the Orpheum Theater. This early 1900s structure



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F50 and other community partners help bring music to the classroom through the Link Up program.

served the public as the Majestic Opera House. Founder John Weatherford completely renovated the structure in 2002, and today it is filled with character and charm accompanied by newly renovated seating, a bar and more. And Heritage Square sits in the center of downtown and is home for many outdoor music events and “Movies on the Square” Saturday evenings during summer.

The Museum Club, once a log cabin, now sets the stage for national and regional bands. The venue, a historic Route 66 landmark, features full-service bars and a large wood dance floor, all perfect for upbeat crowds.

From creative learning classes and workshops to gallery art exhibitions, the Coconino Center for the Arts provides the perfect place for individuals to view all forms of art or to hone their artistic capabilities and passions.

First Friday ArtWalk is a fun twist on the traditional

street party. Galleries and businesses stay open from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Patrons browse through the diverse array of businesses while enjoying live performances and tasty treats served up by local restaurants. A downtown area map can be picked up at the Chamber.

Perhaps one of the greatest splendors of Flagstaff’s arts and culture scene is Northern Arizona University’s Ardrey Memorial Auditorium, with seating for 1,330 guests and breathtaking decor. The Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra is in residence at this site, regularly staging shows that appeal to every member of the family.

Northern Arizona University also has a theater department where students regularly present everything from dramas to comedies to treasured American classics.

For a more intimate experience, locals flock to the



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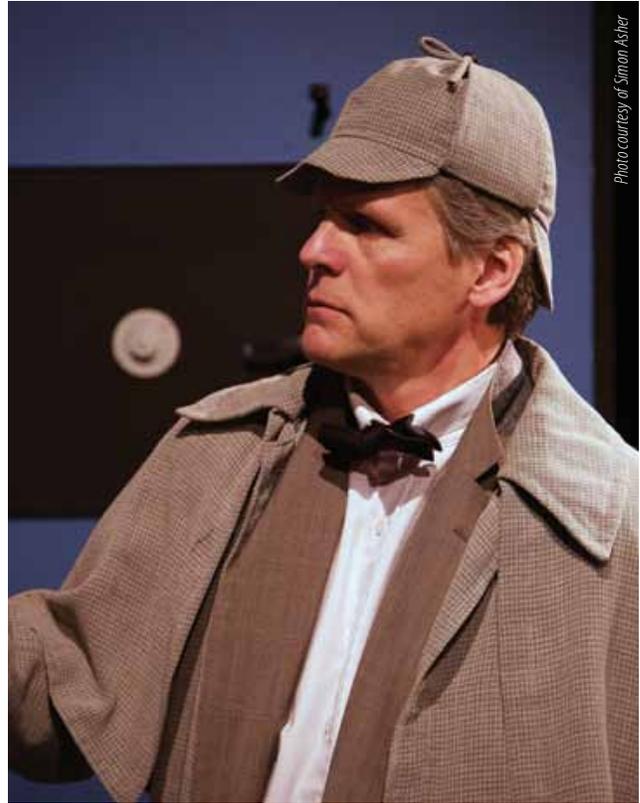


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Acting aficionados will revel in the up close action at the intimate, 120-seat Theatrikos Theatre Company.



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Theatrikos Theatre Company. With seating for 120 people, audiences are never more than a few rows away from the performers. Plays regularly rotate on the calendar of events, yet interpretive workshops and regional acting competitions are also part of the programming.

The Flagstaff Light Opera Company presents two full productions every year. Past shows have included Broadway blockbusters like "Rent," and "Fiddler on the Roof."

The nonprofit group Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music works to preserve, promote and share all types of American folk music and dance, especially bluegrass. The group hosts the Flagstaff Folk Festival, which features more than 150 acts as well as workshops, impromptu jams and much, much more. At its 10th Annual Picking in the Pines, scheduled for September 2015, musicians perform additional types of genres like Celtic and gypsy jazz, as well as participate in a band contest. ♦ *By Mallorie Ann Ingram*



Flagstaff stages many concerts and events year-round for music lovers, including a folk festival.



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