

WHAT'S WHAT IN ST. LOUIS FACTS & FIGURES

RECREATION AND THE ARTS

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

St. Louis is a recognized world class sport city with *The Sporting News* naming it the nation's "Best Sports City" in 2000 and the "Best Baseball City" in 2005. We're home to the Rams, Cardinals, and Blues professional sports franchises, along with many other popular teams:

St. Louis Blues	National Hockey League
St. Louis Cardinals	Major League Baseball
St. Louis Rams	National Football League
Gateway Grizzlies	Frontier League Baseball
River City Rascals	Frontier League Baseball
RiverCity Rage	National Indoor Football League
St. Louis Aces	World Team Tennis
St. Louis Bandits	North American Hockey League
St. Louis Illusion	Professional Arena Soccer League
St. Louis Stunners	American Basketball Association
St. Louis WPS	Women's Professional Soccer



St. Louis Blues



Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Cougar fans.

COLLEGE

Greater St. Louis is also home to numerous colleges that compete nationally, including the Washington University Bears, Saint Louis University Billikens, University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Cougars, which just this year have announced that they will begin competing in NCAA Division I athletics.

Its central location nationally and world-class venues have supported St. Louis as a popular host city to numerous NCAA Division I college championships:

- 2000 Wrestling Championships
- 2001 Women's Final Four®
- 2004 Wrestling Championships
- 2005 Wrestling Championships
- 2005 Men's Final Four®
- 2006 Men's College Cup®
- 2007 Men's Frozen Four®
- 2008 Wrestling Championships

This year, it will again play host, as the city will welcome both the 2009 men's wrestling championships and the 2009 women's basketball Final Four.

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SLU's Chaifetz Arena

■ **Gateway International Raceway** features a 1.25 mile track, a quarter-mile drag strip, and a 1.6-mile road circuit. The Track hosts over 300 events per year, bringing in over 500,000 fans, and is one of only a few facilities in North America that can host all major forms of professional motorsports¹.

■ In an effort to bring Major League Soccer to the area, plans have been unveiled for **St. Louis Soccer United Stadium**. The complex will be located on more than 400 acres just north of Collinsville, Ill. It will feature a main stadium capable of holding 18,500 fans, as well a youth complex consisting of eight fields. The entire concept is meant to create the ultimate soccer experience for fans and families².

VENUES

St. Louis area teams play in a number of top-notch venues, which attract millions of visitors to the area every year.

■ **Busch Stadium**, a retro-style ballpark, opened in 2006. It hosted the Cardinals' World Series victory that year, and is also scheduled to host the 2009 MLB All-Star Game.

■ The **Edward Jones Dome**, home to the 2000 Super Bowl champion Rams, holds an impressive 67,000 spectators while offering fans a vast array of amenities on four different concourse levels.

■ The Blues compete in the **Scottrade Center**, a 19,000-seat arena. The Scottrade Center also hosts numerous other events, including professional wrestling and concerts.

■ Saint Louis University's new **Chaifetz Arena** opened in March of 2008. It seats just over 10,000 for SLU Billiken NCAA Division I basketball, and also hosts concerts and other events.



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St. Louis Rams at Edward Jones Dome

RECREATION

Greater St. Louis has hundreds of parks ranging from urban, neighborhood parks to large suburban recreation areas. The area is home to the nationally acclaimed Forest Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country at 1,300 acres. St. Louis is also known for Tower Grove Park, 289 acres donated to the city in 1868 by Henry Shaw, founder of the adjacent Missouri Botanical

Garden. The 79-acre garden, founded in 1859, is an international center for botanical research with extensive public gardens and research facilities.

The St. Louis area also has many public and private golf courses and is home to some of the best trails for cycling, running, and walking. A 600-mile network of hiking and bicycle trails and greenways that

follows the area's great rivers, "The River Ring" is currently being developed by the Great Rivers Greenway District. Since 2000, 150 miles of trails and bicycle routes have been completed, including 77 miles of on street bicycle routes in conjunction with Bike St. Louis.

Six Flags St. Louis in Eureka, Mo. and Raging Rivers WaterPark in Grafton, Ill. are favorite local destinations for families and children. Just a few hours' drive away is the 55,000 acre Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri's largest body of water. Nearby, too, are many beautiful rivers and streams ideal for canoeing. They include the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, established by Congress in 1964 as the nation's first scenic waterway. Innumerable destinations for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking-even spelunking and skydiving-encircle the area. In short, the St. Louis area is the perfect location for lovers of the outdoors.



Forest Park

PERFORMING ARTS

The following list provides brief information on a selection of the many organizations in the large St. Louis arts community.

■ **ARCHDIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** has over 90 children from over 60 parishes in the Archdiocese. In addition to their regular schedule, they have performed in several cathedrals across the nation. Their summer trip for 2008 was to Washington, D.C. where they sang with 600 young singers from around the country at the Pueri Canotres National Festival at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

■ **ARTS AND ISSUES SERIES AT SIUE** brings exceptional speakers and world-class performers to the campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

■ **ARTS LEAGUE PLAYERS** is a cutting-edge Metro East performing arts group that has been performing for more than 20 years.

■ **THE BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS** sponsors the Bach Society Chorus to perform the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and other composers. Concerts, educational programs and outreach programs are presented to educate, entertain and enrich the lives of the people of the St. Louis region.



CHRIS CALDWELL

Fox Theatre

■ **BELLEVILLE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY** is the nation's second oldest continuously performing symphony orchestra made up of three different performance groups: the Metro East Junior Orchestra, the Belleville Philharmonic and the Belleville Philharmonic Chorale serving the Metro-East area.

■ **BLACK CAT THEATRE** is a non-profit theatre production company located in Maplewood that is celebrating 19 years of production. The theatre hosts plays and music, as well as the children's theater group, Piwacket Theatre for Children.

■ **BLANCHE M. TOUHILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** brings the performing arts to the University of Missouri-St. Louis and to audiences from the St. Louis area and across the Midwest. The center gives UM-St. Louis students the incredible opportunity to train and display their talents in a world class performance hall while serving as a cultural classroom for the community.

■ **CENTER STAGE THEATRE**, a theatre arts program for college students and community residents produced by the faculty of the St. Charles Community College Arts and Humanities Division.



Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center

PERFORMING ARTS

■ **THE CIRCUS ARTS FOUNDATION OF MISSOURI (CAFM)** is the parent non-profit organization of Circus Flora, St. Louis' very own theater under a big top tent. Circus Flora excels in the art of combining a traditional European circus with modern theater techniques creating a "magical theater in a sawdust ring," and has won national accolade, appearing on CBS' Sunday Morning News program.

■ **DANCE ST. LOUIS** brings prominent dance companies and performers to St. Louis.

■ **THE FLORISSANT CIVIC CENTER THEATRE** is home to several community based theatre companies, including the Hawthorne Players and The Alpha Players.

■ **FOX THEATRE**, located in the eight-block, Grand Center national historic district, features popular performers and Broadway musicals.

■ **THE GATEWAY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA** provides summer concerts at Washington University.

■ **GATEWAY MEN'S CHORUS** performs a full season series of three major concerts each year.



Dance St. Louis

PERFORMING ARTS



Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra

■ **GRAND CENTER** – from the traditional to the experimental, from around the corner and around the world, the finest in art, music and theater for the people of St. Louis.

■ **HAWAIIAN POLYNESIAN REVUE** is a professional Hawaiian, Samoan, Tahitian and Maori native dance troupe.

■ **HISTORYONICS THEATRE COMPANY** in Residence for the Missouri Historical Society creates shows using only the actual words and music from the past.

■ **HOTCITY THEATRE** provides new, provocative and sometimes controversial works.

■ **THE KIRKWOOD CHILDREN'S CHORALE** provides children in second through eighth grade an enrichment program of musical excellence, vocal training and performance opportunities. The choirs perform in area hospitals, nursing homes, churches and clubs. Proceeds provide scholarships.

■ **THE METRO THEATRE COMPANY** is a professional touring ensemble that develops and produces original theater pieces.

■ **THE MID AMERICA DANCE COMPANY** is one of the oldest and largest professional modern dance companies in the Midwest and one of the few remaining modern repertory companies in the country.

■ **NEW LINE THEATER** started in 1991 and this highly regarded group continues to explore alternative musical theater in St. Louis.

■ **OPERA THEATRE OF SAINT LOUIS** is one of the country's premiere opera companies and offers innovative performances sung in English.

■ **PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS** is a full-sized symphony orchestra of 100 dedicated volunteer musicians who have achieved a professional level of performance.

■ **PIWACKET THEATRE FOR CHILDREN**, headquartered in St. Louis, formerly a traveling theatre group, has found a new home at the Black Cat Theater in Maplewood. They perform multiple times per year, with all of their shows focused on early childhood character education.

■ **REPERTORY THEATER OF ST. LOUIS** has been performing since 1966, and has a national reputation for producing live theater of uncompromising quality.

■ **SAINT LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** has been nominated for Grammy Awards every year since 1977, with a total of six Grammys and more than 50 nominations.

■ **ST. CHARLES MUNICIPAL BAND** performs for the Summer Concert Band Series in Frontier Park.

■ **ST. LOUIS BALLET** consistently builds a culturally rich organization with artists from around the world and coast to coast.

■ **ST. LOUIS BLACK REPERTORY COMPANY**, the largest African-American cultural performing arts organization in Missouri, offers six productions each season.

■ **ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL CONCERTS** offers spectacular music featuring the world's best musicians in one of the world's grandest Cathedrals.

■ **ST. LOUIS CHAMBER CHORUS** ranges from the Renaissance to the present day, and is sung in the original language usually without accompaniment. Programs match music to venue and occasion, with the finest a cappella compositions.



Grandel Theatre

PERFORMING ARTS

■ **THE ST. LOUIS CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY** presents a dazzling array of star performers on fretted instruments and offers a wide variety of educational programs for area young people as well as performing outlets for amateurs.

■ **ST. LOUIS CULTURAL FLAMENCO SOCIETY** performs and teaches Spanish Dance in the St. Louis Area.

■ **ST. LOUIS GATEWAY STORYTELLERS** has continued to be a group of individuals whose mission is to promote the enjoyment of storytelling as an art form.

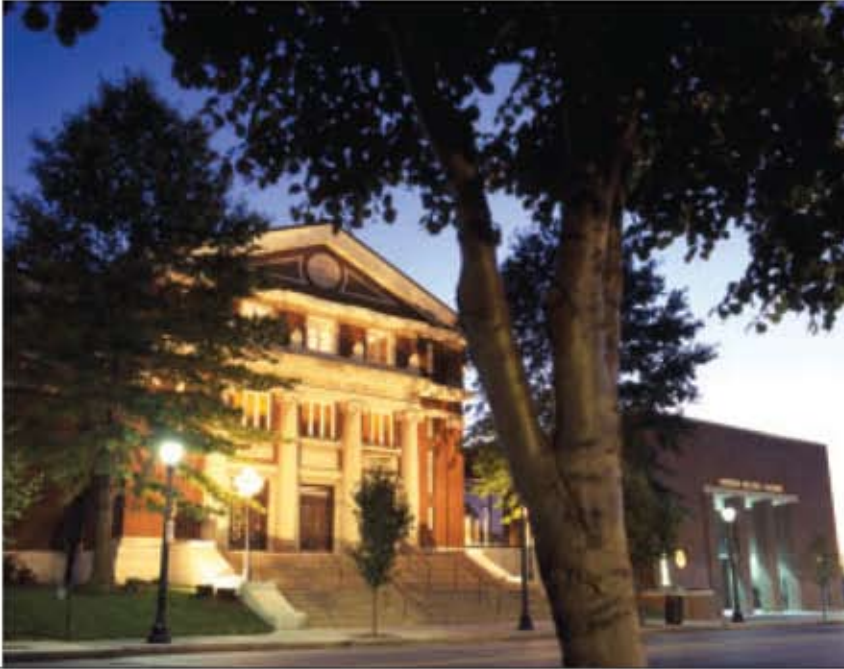
■ **ST. LOUIS MUNY OPERA** is the country's oldest and largest outdoor musical theater and presents Broadway musicals in enchanting surroundings.

■ **ST. PETERS COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTER** is known throughout the region as a destination for the arts.



St. Louis Muny Opera

PERFORMING ARTS



The Sheldon Concert Hall

■ **THE SHELDON CONCERT HALL** has been called the Carnegie Hall of St. Louis. Originally built as the home of the Ethical Society of St. Louis in 1912, it is known for its perfect acoustics. The Sheldon is a popular venue for musicians, as well as speakers and art exhibits in its expanded galleries.

■ **STAGES ST. LOUIS** is a professional theatre company dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theatre at the Kirkwood Civic Center.

■ **VERIZON WIRELESS AMPHITHEATER** offers a summer concert series with a wide variety of prominent entertainers.

■ **YOUNG AUDIENCES** produces and presents auditorium performances, classroom workshops, artist-in-residence programs and professional development workshops in music, dance, theater, storytelling, and the visual and literary arts.

MUSEUMS

St. Louis is also home to many local and nationally recognized museums and historic sites.

■ **THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MUSEUM OF THE DOG**, known as the Dog Museum, commemorates man's centuries-old relationship with the dog with a collection of artwork including dog paintings, bronze sculptures and etchings.

■ **ARMED FORCES MUSEUM OF ST. LOUIS** is dedicated to the preservation of military history from all services for all eras and nations. The Museum has an extensive collection of historic military vehicles, aircraft, and memorabilia.

■ **BLACK WORLD HISTORY MUSEUM** tells the stories of famous and not-so-famous African-American Missourians including George Washington Carver, Dred and Harriet Scott, musician Clark Terry, Clara Brown, Hiram Young and others.

■ **THE CAMPBELL HOUSE**, 1849, was designed by George Barnett, also the architect for Tower Grove House. The house is the last remnant of the luxurious private Lucas Place development in the Downtown West neighborhood. The house, with almost all of its original furnishings, has just undergone a complete multi-million dollar renovation and is open for tours.



City Museum



The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

■ **THE CHATILLON-DEMENIL HOUSE***, built in 1848 and greatly expanded in 1861, is a Greek-Revival style mansion with ties to some of the city's earliest history. The home is open for tours and contains period furnishings as well as a collection of 1904 St. Louis World's Fair commemoratives.

■ **CITY MUSEUM** is a unique interactive museum filled with caves, an aquarium, funhouse, playground, an art studio for children, architectural salvage museum, and more, all created of reclaimed materials salvaged from St. Louis.

■ **THE CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM ST. LOUIS** is one of the leading voices in the world of contemporary art. The Contemporary is dedicated to exhibiting the visual arts and artists of our time and to producing nationally recognized educational programs.

■ **CUPPLES HOUSE**, 1888, is the 42 room, Romanesque Revival mansion built by Samuel Cupples, a wealthy merchant, whose large downtown warehouse complex, "Cupples Station" has been partially renovated. Located on the campus of Saint Louis University, the house is available for tours.

■ **DAVE MUNGENAST'S CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES MUSEUM** offers a diverse display of motorcycle history. The 6,000-square-foot museum has retained much of its "retro" look adding to its nostalgic feel. Over 200 motorcycles from a wide variety of manufacturers are on display, many beautifully restored to their original condition.

■ **EUGENE FIELD HOUSE** is a historic house museum with exhibits about Field, the "children's poet" who wrote "Little Boy Blue." The house, built in 1845, is next to downtown St. Louis with period furnishing and a large collection of children's toys.

■ **GATEWAY ARCH**, on the banks of the Mississippi River, is a dramatic monument to Thomas Jefferson's purchase of what is now much of the American west. In 2005, this 630 foot stainless steel structure celebrated its 40th birthday. Visitors can take a tram to the top or tour the Museum of Westward Expansion.

MUSEUMS



The Magic House

■ **THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER** houses an exhibition that provides a chronological history of the Holocaust with personal accounts of Holocaust survivors who immigrated to St. Louis.

■ **KEMP AUTO MUSEUM** is the only Mercedes Museum in the United States, and offers an exhibition which presents over 40 historically significant and artistically inspired automobiles.

■ **LEWIS & CLARK STATE HISTORIC SITE** was designed as the location for one of the national signature events for commemoration of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. The interpretive center in Hartford, Ill. is a museum related to the expedition.

■ **MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** and Archival Library has permanent exhibits depicting Madison County Illinois history; period furnished rooms; displays of antiques, quilts, historic costumes and Native American artifacts.

■ **THE MAGIC HOUSE** – St. Louis Children's Museum is the 3rd-most visited children's museum in the nation and has recently undergone a major expansion.

MUSEUMS



The Saint Louis Science Center's new Life Science Lab.

■ **MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM***, in Forest Park, houses an extensive variety of exhibits and educational resources focusing on the history of the St. Louis region, the state of Missouri and the American West. The museum also has a major library and research center.

■ **THE MOTO MUSEUM** is a collection of rare and vintage motorcycles dating back to the beginning of motorcycling in the 1900s. Many motorcycles have an interesting story and/or a notable pedigree associated with them.

■ **MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARK** is one of the largest collections of transportation vehicles in the world, including over seventy real locomotives representing the rail power that built America.

■ **MUSEUM OF WESTWARD EXPANSION** tells the history of the American Indians and pioneers who ventured west of the Mississippi River. The museum, accredited by the American Association of Museums, is located below the St. Louis Arch.

■ **OLD COURTHOUSE***, scene of the historic lawsuits by slave Dred Scott and suffragist Virginia Louisa Minor, features restored courtrooms, a beautifully-decorated dome, Dioramas and a film and gallery depicting the history of St. Louis.

■ **THE PULITZER FOUNDATION** for the Arts is a museum-like facility with galleries that are open to the public two days a week. The building houses 20th century and modern art including many pieces on loan from the collection of Emily and the late Joseph Pulitzer.

■ **SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM*** ranks among the nation's top 10 comprehensive museums, with an average of 500,000 visitors annually. There are over 30,000 works in its collection.

■ **SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART** offers art and artifacts relevant to the long history of Jesuit liberal arts education including works of local, national and internationally acclaimed artists.

■ **SOLDIERS MEMORIAL MILITARY MUSEUM** is a memorial to veterans and museum of military artifacts. The Downtown West museum is open to the public and run by the City of St. Louis.

■ **SAINT LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER*** is the 5th most visited science center in the nation and the 8th most visited in the world. It aspires to be a bridge between the scientist and layperson.

■ **THE SCOTT JOPLIN HOUSE**, ca. 1860s, is a national historic landmark which houses the collections of the Scott Joplin Museum. Scott Joplin, composer of "The Entertainer" and the "Maple Leaf Rag," came to St. Louis in the 1880s and lived and worked in the house, now restored as a museum about his life and music.

■ **TOWER GROVE HOUSE** is an Italianate home built in 1849 for Henry Shaw, founder of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The house is located on the garden grounds and is open for tours from April through December.

■ **THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AT SIUE** offers an encyclopedic collection displayed throughout the campus.

■ **WILLIAM AND FLORENCE SCHMIDT ARTS CENTER** showcases an extensive college and foundation collections and provides unique opportunities to experience art.



Missouri History Museum

OTHER ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

Given its diverse history, St. Louis has numerous regional attractions and events to enjoy.

■ **ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY***: Tours of AB's headquarters take visitors on a memorable journey through an important part of America's brewing heritage. The brewery is also home to one of the three traveling Budweiser Clydesdales teams.

■ **THE BIG MUDDY BLUES FESTIVAL** is an annual blues music festival in downtown St. Louis featuring local and national artists and celebrating St. Louis blues heritage.

■ **THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE** is a glass enclosure with more than 100 species of butterflies from around the world located in Faust Park in Chesterfield. A division of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the center is filled with lush flowering tropical plants.

■ **CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE PARK***, the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in the midwest, preserves the remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico, the Mississippians, within a 2,200-acre tract.

■ **FAIR ST. LOUIS & CELEBRATE ST. LOUIS** combined for the first time in the summer of 2006 to bring more entertainment and fireworks to downtown. Since 1981, this annual free event has included live music and entertainment, thrilling air shows, educational activities, delicious food and magnificent fireworks.

■ **FAUST VILLAGE*** is a historical village including ten structures, built between 1840 to 1888, representing a range of regional building and architectural styles. The village is located at Faust Park in Chesterfield.

■ **FIRST NIGHT** is the Grand Center Arts District's celebration of New Years expressed through the arts. First held in 1992, it is a major visual and performing arts event meant to help the area ring in the New Year.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS



JOHN STORICHANN, SAINT LOUIS ZOO

California Sea Lions at the Saint Louis Zoo.

■ **GATEWAY ARCH***, on the banks of the Mississippi River, is a dramatic monument to Thomas Jefferson's purchase of what is now much of the American west. The stainless steel structure soars 630 feet. Take a tram to the top or visit the Museum of Westward Expansion.

■ **GRANT'S FARM & NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE***: is a 281-acre attraction with over 1,000 animals. It is the ancestral home of the Busch family and also part of President Grant's farm. It is next to the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.

■ **GREAT RIVER ROAD** has been designated part of a 50-mile National Scenic Byway. Only 20 other roadways in America have received the scenic byway designation.

■ **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE'S FESTIVAL OF NATIONS** is an annual multi-cultural event held in Tower Grove Park. The festival includes ethnic dance, music, food, and art.

■ **JUNETEENTH HERITAGE AND JAZZ FESTIVAL** feature jazz and blues greats.

■ **LACLEDE'S LANDING***, a restored, nine-block, nineteenth century industrial area, features unique restaurants and sidewalk cafes. At night, horse-drawn carriages and live music add to the atmosphere.

■ **LAUMEIER SCULPTURE PARK*** is one of the major sculpture parks in the nation.

■ **MAEYSTOWN, ILL.** is a colonial-era village that offers tours and holds many festivals throughout the year. The town, in its entirety, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978—one of only a few villages in the State of Illinois to be so honored.

■ **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN** is a major cultural institution, an historic landmark and a world-renowned scientific research center. Its 79-acres include a formal English garden, a traditional Japanese garden, a Chinese garden, the Flower Trail garden; and the Climatron, the first geodesic-domed green house in North America.

■ **MISSOURI WINERIES***: Visitors can taste award-winning wines, enjoy tours, specialty shops, bakeries, bed and breakfasts, fine restaurants and live entertainment.

■ **RAGING RIVERS WATER PARK**, one of the Metro East's top attractions, offers a gigantic wave pool, water slides and a kid's play area.

■ **SAINT LOUIS ART FAIR*** is a large national event held annually on several blocks in Clayton. Artists bring their creations for display, food is served by some of St. Louis' finest eateries, and several music stages are set up. The fair was ranked 5th on the Harris List of the Nation's Best Fine Arts and Crafts Shows in 2007.

■ **SAINT LOUIS ZOO***: One of only three free zoos in the nation and one of America's top ten zoos, (according to *Travel & Leisure Magazine*) the Saint Louis Zoo is home to over 3,500 animals. It hosted nearly three million visitors in 2003. Featured exhibits include the River's Edge, with elephants, hippos, and cheetahs, and the \$2 Million Penguin and Puffin Coast, which includes the only walk-through sub-Antarctic penguin exhibit in North America.

■ **SCHLAFLY'S ART OUTSIDE*** started in 2004 as an alternative art fair focusing on local artists. Located in Maplewood at the Schlafly Bottleworks, this free event includes a wide range of artists and media as well as musical performances.

■ **SIX FLAGS ST. LOUIS**: 1.56 million visitors a year enjoy eight themed lands of exciting adventure, thrilling rides, spectacular shows and a host of other fun attractions.

■ **ST. CHARLES NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT*** is a ten-block Nationally Registered Historic District that preserves early St. Charles. It has brick streets, gas lights, lovingly restored buildings and Missouri's First State Capitol. The Frenchtown District has unique antique and collectible shops, fine restaurants, tea rooms, several wineries and a micro brewery.

■ **ST. LOUIS CAROUSEL** is an original carousel built by the Dentzel Company of Philadelphia in the 1920's. This historical carousel is refurbished for rides and housed in the carousel building at Faust Park in Chesterfield.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

■ **ST. LOUIS FOREST PARK*** is at the center of the urban area and encompasses over 1,300 acres, with over six miles of biking trails, 20 lakes and ponds, 30 athletic fields and two golf courses. The park is home to the St. Louis Art Museum, History Museum, Muny Opera, Science Center, and Zoo, all free.

■ **ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** is an annual event of Cinema St. Louis. Since 1992 the festival has grown in size with over 260 films shown in 2007 as well as 112 programs, 66 features, 24 documentaries, and 171 short films. Films are grouped into several themes including St. Louis filmmakers and shown at several area venues.

■ **ST. LOUIS JAZZ FESTIVAL** is a two-day event that combines top-flight national and local acts in Clayton's Shaw Park.

■ **ST. LOUIS UNION STATION***: This restored National Historic Landmark covering 11.5 acres, features a hotel, a unique marketplace of shops, assortments of fine restaurants and faces, live entertainment and a lake for paddle boating.

■ **THE WEBSTER UNIVERSITY FILM SERIES** is a year-round program that prides itself as the most comprehensive alternative film series in the St. Louis area.



COCA (Center of Creative Arts)

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATION

There has been a strong push in recent years by area organizations to encourage education in fine arts. The following groups are leading the way.

■ **ART EAST** was initiated in an effort to encourage creative exchange on the "east side." Artists participate by opening their studios to the public or through exhibits organized in alternative spaces & galleries. The EAST in Arts East is an acronym for "Edwardsville Alton Studio Tour."

■ **ART ON THE SQUARE** is a premier event in the metro-east region that fosters the appreciation of the visual and performing arts to a diverse public by presenting an exhibit and sale of fine art, providing educational and enjoyable workshops for children and promoting the importance of the creative process.

■ **ART SAINT LOUIS** is a not-for-profit visual arts co-op gallery, organization and advocate exhibiting work by established and emerging artists from the St. Louis region.

■ **ARTS & EDUCATION COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS** is a non-profit organization founded in 1963, which has raised over \$95 million in funds from the private sector to support the arts and arts education activities in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



Art on the Square

■ **ARTS IN TRANSIT (AIT)** is a community partnership program of Metro. AIT integrates public art and urban design with community and enhancement initiatives.

■ **CHESTERFIELD ARTS** works to foster the growth of the visual, performing and literary arts in the Chesterfield area by acting as a presenter of quality artists from around the region and as a catalyst for arts activity.

■ **CLASSIC 99 KFUD FM 99.1** is tuned into classical music and the arts in St. Louis.

■ **COCA (CENTER OF CREATIVE ARTS)** multidisciplinary and multicultural arts programs include performances in its theatre; educational classes, camps, and workshops serving individuals ages six months through adult; artists' residencies; exhibits of contemporary art in the Millstone Gallery at COCA; and an extensive outreach program offered to low-income youth through its nationally recognized Urban Arts Program.

■ **COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF WEBSTER UNIVERSITY** provides the finest educational programs in music as well as outstanding performance opportunities and performances.

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATION



Springboard to Learning & Young Audiences of St. Louis dance festival.

■ **CRAFT ALLIANCE** is a nationally respected non-profit visual arts center providing inspiration and education to the entire community through exhibitions, instruction and a gallery shop. Located in the Delmar Loop, with a new location open in the Grand Center arts district, the organization offers classes, gallery talks and a community outreach program to continually expose new audiences to the unique qualities of contemporary craft.

■ **THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATER AND DANCE-SIUE** provides instruction and practical performance experience in all phases of theater and dance production for the stage.

■ **THE FOUNDRY ART CENTRE** is an educational, visual and performing arts center housed in a 37,000-square-foot, former railcar factory in the historic riverfront district of St. Charles.

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATION

■ **FREEBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is a very active historical and genealogical organization.

■ **GITANA PRODUCTIONS INC.** is a local arts and education organization.

■ **THE KATHERINE DUNHAM CENTERS FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES** are a non-profit, multi-disciplinary arts organization founded by, and currently operated under the artistic direction and leadership of dance legend Katherine Dunham. The Centers operate the Katherine Dunham Dynamic Museum, East St. Louis' only cultural center.

■ **KETC CHANNEL 9** brings quality, educational programming to the community.

■ **KMWU 90.7 FM** provides in-depth news and intelligent talk radio.

■ **MADISON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL** is a community based nonprofit cultural organization that provides services and resources to artists and organizations and presents and produces culturally diverse programming for the public.

■ **METRO SOUTH ARTS COUNCIL** act as facilitators to enrich and promote the arts offered in our community.

■ **NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTS AND LETTERS** is a member organization that is dedicated to assisting young Americans aspiring to careers in one of the five visual, performing arts.

■ **RIVERWIND STORYTELLERS COMPANY** is a non-profit organization of story loving folk, of all ages and backgrounds.

■ **SPRINGBOARD TO LEARNING** provides in-school programs to break down stereotypes and broaden children's world view.

■ **ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE** offers Center Stage Theatre, a theatre arts program for college students and community residents produced by the faculty of the SCC Arts and Humanities Division.

■ **ST. LOUIS ART WORKS** is a unique summer employment program for St. Louis area youth.

■ **THE ST. LOUIS ARTISTS' GUILD** is a resource and advocate for creative expression, serving the Midwest as a center that exhibits, supports, and promotes the visual arts.

■ **ST. LOUIS IRISH ARTS** is the local Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, (Translated: "A Gathering of Irish Musicians"), based in Dublin, Ireland.

■ **ST. LOUIS MID-SIZED ARTS COOPERATIVE** bring art into schools and communities with residencies, classes, teacher's workshops, internships, and performances utilized as means of reaching their audiences.

■ **ST. LOUIS REGIONAL ARTS COMMISSION** is a granting organization located in St. Louis distributing over \$3,000,000 to the arts and organizations in St. Louis City and County.

■ **WARREN COUNTY FINE ARTS COUNCIL** mounts a variety of exhibits on an annual and biannual basis.

GAMING

St. Louisans can try their luck at **Fairmount Park Race Track** or at any of these casinos: **Alton Belle, Casino Queen, Harrah's Casino, The President Casino on the Admiral, Ameristar Casino St. Charles,** and the new **Lumière Place**.

Pinnacle Entertainment's Lumière Place opened in December 2007. The project includes a 90,000-square-foot casino, a 200-room luxury hotel, business center, restaurants and 12,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. In addition, Pinnacle has announced a second phase of development that will include 375 condos, retail space, a grocery store, and more.

Pinnacle has also started construction of the \$375 million River City Casino & Hotel in south St. Louis County which is scheduled to open in late 2009 to early 2010. The casino project will include a 100-room hotel, spa, restaurants, a bowling alley, a multiplex movie theatre, an indoor ice rink, a public park with athletic fields, and a music venue.



Lumière Place

* General Admission Free