

The Curtain *Never Closes* in the Triangle

*Broadway hits, world-class symphonies, intimate live music, and everything in between
— your complete guide to arts & entertainment venues across Raleigh, Durham &
beyond*



One of the most wonderful surprises about moving to the Triangle is discovering just how rich and alive the arts scene is here. We are talking Broadway touring productions, a world-class symphony, nationally recognized opera and ballet, legendary concert amphitheaters, intimate jazz clubs, and historic theaters that have hosted everyone from Frank Sinatra to Beyoncé. From a quiet evening at the symphony to dancing in a lawn seat under the stars, this is a region that takes its arts seriously — and joyfully. If you love the performing arts, you are going to love calling this place home.



— Whitney, House in Bloom Realty · Arts Lover & Longtime Triangle Local

What You'll Find Here

-  MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS
-  THEATER COMPANIES
-  CONCERT & MUSIC VENUES
-  INTIMATE & SPECIALTY VENUES

Major Performing Arts Centers

★ FLAGSHIP VENUE

DURHAM



DPAC — Durham Performing Arts Center

The Crown Jewel of Triangle Arts — Ranked Top 5 in America

- 📍 123 Vivian St., Durham, NC 27701 · dpacnc.com
- 🏆 Consistently ranked **top 5 theaters in America** by Pollstar, Billboard, and Venues Today — including #1 U.S. theater under 4,000 seats
- 🎭 200+ performances a year — touring Broadway, major concerts, comedy, family shows & the American Dance Festival
- 🌟 Over 500,000 guests annually. Harry Potter, Hamilton, Chicago, Alison Krauss, Alice Cooper — all on this stage

2,712 SEATS	200+ SHOWS/YEAR	Est. 2008 OPENED	Top 5 U.S. RANKED
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Broadway Touring Productions

Top 5 in America

Major Concert Acts

American Dance Festival

Comedy & Family Shows

🎭 *Whitney's Note: DPAC is genuinely world-class — and it is right in our backyard. The intimate sightlines mean every seat feels close to the stage. Getting tickets for the Broadway season here is one of the great pleasures of Triangle life. Plan ahead, because it sells out. 🌟*

★ FLAGSHIP VENUE

RALEIGH



Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts

Raleigh's Cultural Heart — Four Venues Under One Roof

📍 2 E. South St., Downtown Raleigh, NC 27601 · martinmariettacenter.com



Four distinct venues: **Raleigh Memorial Auditorium** (2,354 seats), **Meymandi Concert Hall** (1,587 seats), **Fletcher Opera Theater** (600 seats), **Kennedy Theatre** (144 seats)



600+ events per year welcoming 400,000+ guests — 2025 Venue Excellence Award winner



Home to NC Symphony, Carolina Ballet, NC Opera & PineCone. Has hosted Frank Sinatra, Les Misérables, The Lion King & more

4,770

TOTAL CAPACITY

4

VENUES

600+

EVENTS/YEAR

Est. 1932

FOUNDED

NC Symphony Home

Carolina Ballet Home

Broadway Series

NC Opera Home

4 Distinct Venues

2025 Venue Excellence Award

🎧 *Whitney's Note: The Meymandi Concert Hall's acoustics are breathtaking — designed so that every single seat in the house hears the music perfectly. A symphony evening here is one of life's genuine pleasures. And at Christmas, the building itself becomes a spectacle. ✨*

CHAPEL HILL



Carolina Performing Arts

World-Class Performances on the UNC Campus

📍 Memorial Hall, UNC Chapel Hill Campus, Chapel Hill, NC 27599



UNC's premier performing arts presenter — brings internationally renowned artists, orchestras, dance companies and innovators to Chapel Hill



A truly global stage — world music, contemporary dance, classical music and boundary-pushing performances that draw audiences from across the Triangle

Memorial Hall

VENUE

UNC Campus

LOCATION

World-Class

PROGRAMMING

World Music

Contemporary Dance

International Artists

Chapel Hill

Classical & Orchestral

🎧 *Whitney's Note: If you love discovering new artists and boundary-pushing performances alongside the classics, Carolina Performing Arts consistently surprises and delights. A wonderful reason to spend an evening in Chapel Hill. 🌍*

Theater Companies & Playhouses




★ FLAGSHIP VENUE

RALEIGH



North Carolina Theatre

Raleigh's Premier Broadway-Style Theater Company


-  Performs at Martin Marietta Center, 2 E. South St., Raleigh, NC
-  NC's flagship professional theater company — produces full-scale Broadway-caliber musicals and plays right here in Raleigh
-  Beloved productions ranging from classic American musicals to contemporary favorites — always a highlight of the Raleigh arts season

Broadway-Style Productions

Professional Cast

Full-Scale Musicals

Seasonal Schedule




 *Whitney's Note: NC Theatre brings the full Broadway experience to Raleigh — professional casts, stunning sets, and productions that rival what you'd see in a major city. Date night, girls' night, family night — it works for all of it.* 🎭

RALEIGH



Raleigh Little Theatre

The South's Oldest Operating Community Theater · Est. 1936

-  301 Pogue St., Raleigh, NC 27607 · raleighlittletheatre.org
-  Operating continuously since 1936 — one of the oldest and most beloved community theaters in the entire South
-  Full season of plays and musicals, youth education programs, workshops and a gorgeous amphitheater setting

Est. 1936
FOUNDED

Year-Round
SEASON

Community
THEATER


Est. 1936

Community Theater

Youth Programs

Amphitheater Setting

Full Season

 *Whitney's Note: There is something so special about walking into RLT — the history, the community spirit, the quality of the performances. This is where Raleigh's love of theater has its roots. A true institution.* 🌿

CHAPEL HILL



PlayMakers Repertory Company

UNC's Professional Equity Theater Company

- Center for Dramatic Art, 250 Country Club Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27599
- One of the Southeast's leading professional theater companies — operates under Equity union and produces classics alongside new American works
- Nationally acclaimed productions in the Paul Green Theatre on the UNC campus — consistently challenging, beautifully produced work

Professional Equity Theater

Classics & New Works

UNC Campus

Paul Green Theatre

Whitney's Note: PlayMakers does serious, beautiful work — the kind of theater that stays with you. If you appreciate challenging, professionally produced plays, this company belongs on your must-see list.

DURHAM



Carolina Theatre of Durham

Historic 1926 Gem — Live Concerts, Comedy & Classic Film

- 309 W. Morgan St., Durham, NC 27701 · carolinatheatre.org
- A stunning **1926 historic theater** in the heart of downtown Durham — fully restored and beautifully maintained
- Live concerts across all genres, comedy acts, film screenings, and special events — an intimate 1,000-seat jewel box venue

~1,000
CAPACITY

Est. 1926
BUILT

Historic
LANDMARK

Historic 1926 Theater

Live Music

Comedy Acts

Classic Film

Downtown Durham




Whitney's Note: Walking into the Carolina Theatre is like stepping back in time — in the absolute best way. The architecture alone is worth the trip. Intimate, historic, and full of character. Some of my favorite Triangle memories have been made in this building.

RALEIGH · PULLEN PARK



Theatre In The Park

Outdoor & Indoor Theater at Beautiful Pullen Park



-  107 Pullen Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607 · theatreinthepark.com
-  Beloved Raleigh institution performing at historic Pullen Park — both indoor theater and magical outdoor summer productions
-  Full season of classic plays, musicals and beloved family productions including a cherished A Christmas Carol tradition

Pullen Park Setting

Outdoor Summer Shows

Family Friendly

A Christmas Carol Tradition




 *Whitney's Note: An outdoor summer performance at Theatre in the Park — with Pullen Park as your backdrop — is one of those perfectly Raleigh experiences. Pack a picnic blanket and arrive early for the best spot.* 

RALEIGH



Burning Coal Theatre Company

Raleigh's Bold, Adventurous Professional Theater



-  Historic Murphey School Auditorium, 224 Polk St., Raleigh, NC 27604
-  Raleigh's most daring professional theater company — challenging works, world premieres, and a fearless artistic vision
-  Committed to producing theater that provokes thought and stirs conversation — a cultural cornerstone of Raleigh's arts scene

Bold Professional Theater

World Premieres

Challenging Works

Historic Venue

 *Whitney's Note: Burning Coal keeps Raleigh's theater scene honest and adventurous. If you want work that challenges and surprises, this company delivers year after year. Not every night is easy — but it's always worthwhile.* 

Big Concert Venues





★ FLAGSHIP VENUE

RALEIGH



Lenovo Center

Raleigh's Premier Arena — Home of the Canes & the Biggest Shows

-  1400 Edwards Mill Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607 · lenovocenter.com
-  Home of the **Carolina Hurricanes** (NHL) — and when hockey's not on, the biggest concert and entertainment acts in the world take the ice
-  61 luxury suites, 13 luxury boxes, 300-seat restaurant — currently undergoing a landmark **\$300M renovation** to transform the entire complex
-  Formerly PNC Arena — **renamed Lenovo Center in September 2024** under a 10-year deal with Lenovo, whose U.S. headquarters are in nearby Morrisville, NC

19,367
CAPACITY

NHL Home
HURRICANES

61
LUXURY SUITES

\$300M
RENOVATION


19,367 Capacity

Major Concert Acts

Carolina Hurricanes Home

World-Class Production

West Raleigh

 *Whitney's Note: When the biggest touring acts come through North Carolina, they play Lenovo Center. Renamed from PNC Arena in September 2024, with a massive \$300M renovation now underway — this venue is only getting better. Check the calendar regularly; the lineup never disappoints. ✨*

RALEIGH · WALNUT CREEK



Coastal Credit Union Music Park

Walnut Creek Amphitheater — Lawn Seats Under the Carolina Sky

 3801 Rock Quarry Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610



The beloved outdoor summer concert destination — ~6,847 covered seats plus a lawn that fits 13,653 more



Operated by Live Nation — hosts country, rock, pop and R&B legends every summer season. The lawn experience is iconic Raleigh.

20,600 | **6,847** | **Outdoor**
TOTAL CAPACITY | COVERED SEATS | SETTING



20,600 Total Capacity

Live Nation Venue

Lawn Seating

Summer Season

All Major Genres

 *Whitney's Note: A summer night on the Walnut Creek lawn is a quintessential Raleigh experience. Bring your chairs, bring your friends, and let the music carry you. It doesn't get more fun than this.* 

DOWNTOWN RALEIGH



Red Hat Amphitheater

Intimate Outdoor Stage in the Heart of Downtown Raleigh

 500 S. McDowell St., Downtown Raleigh, NC 27601 · redhatamphitheater.com



Downtown Raleigh's premier outdoor concert venue — stunning city skyline views surround every performance



Mid-sized acts, up-and-coming stars, festivals and community events — the perfect intimate outdoor concert experience

5,990 | **Outdoor** | **Downtown**
CAPACITY | SETTING | SKYLINE VIEWS



Downtown Skyline Views

Outdoor Summer Shows

Mid-Size Acts

Walk to Dining & Bars

All Genres

 *Whitney's Note: The skyline backdrop at Red Hat makes every show feel special. It's walkable to all of downtown Raleigh's restaurants and bars — dinner before, drinks after. The perfect evening built right in.* 


CARY




Koka Booth Amphitheatre

Symphony Lake · The Most Beautiful Outdoor Venue in the Triangle

 8003 Regency Pkwy., Cary, NC 27518 · boothamphitheatre.com

 Nestled in 14 acres of pine woodland alongside gorgeous **Symphony Lake** — one of the most scenic outdoor concert settings in the Southeast

 NC Symphony summer series, major concerts, film screenings, festivals & community events — a true Cary landmark

7,000
CAPACITY

14 Acres
PINE WOODLAND

Symphony Lake
SETTING



Symphony Lake Setting

NC Symphony Summer Series

Film Screenings

Community Festivals

14-Acre Woodland

 *Whitney's Note: There is nowhere more beautiful in the Triangle to hear live music than Koka Booth at sunset with Symphony Lake shimmering behind the stage. Lay out a blanket, pour something cold, and let the music float over the water. Pure magic.* 



UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Intimate Venues & Hidden Gems


RALEIGH · DOWNTOWN




Lincoln Theatre

Raleigh's Beloved Mid-Size Music Club

 126 E. Cabarrus St., Raleigh, NC 27601

 Intimate two-level venue hosting all genres — indie, rock, R&B, electronic, hip-hop and beyond. Hopscotch Music Festival favorite.

 The kind of venue where you can be 20 feet from the artist — an unbeatable connection to live music

~1,000 | **2 Levels** | **All Genres**
CAPACITY | LAYOUT | MUSIC



~1,000 Capacity

Hopscotch Festival Venue

All Genres

Two-Level Venue

Downtown Raleigh

 *Whitney's Note: Lincoln Theatre is where you catch an artist right before they blow up — or where legends come back for an intimate show. That closeness to the stage is irreplaceable. Check the calendar weekly.* 

RALEIGH



The Ritz

Raleigh's Go-To Mid-Size Concert Club

- 2820 Industrial Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609
- One of Raleigh's most active music venues — R&B, pop, hip-hop and everything in between. Known for great sound and electric atmospheres.
- State-of-the-art sound system, great sightlines, and a crowd that knows how to have a good time

1,400 CAPACITY | **All Genres** MUSIC | **Raleigh** LOCATION

1,400 Capacity

R&B · Hip-Hop · Pop

Great Sound System

Active Calendar

Whitney's Note: The Ritz consistently brings in acts that are trending right now — and the energy inside is always electric. If your music taste leans toward R&B and hip-hop, this is your room. 🎵

RALEIGH



Meymandi Concert Hall

Home of the NC Symphony — Flawless Acoustics

- Inside Martin Marietta Center, 2 E. South St., Raleigh, NC
- Shoebox-design concert hall — every seat engineered for perfect acoustics. 65-foot ceilings, shallow balconies, unrivaled sound.
- Home to the **North Carolina Symphony** and host to international soloists, chamber music, and crossover concerts

1,587 SEATS | **65 ft** CEILING | **NC Symphony** HOME

NC Symphony Home

Shoebox Acoustics

International Soloists

Chamber Music

Perfect Sound


Whitney's Note: The acoustics in Meymandi are genuinely extraordinary — designed so that the music wraps around you from every direction. A symphony concert here is not just entertainment; it's a full sensory experience. 🎻 ✨

CARRBORO / CHAPEL HILL



Cat's Cradle

The Indie Rock Institution of the Triangle Since 1969

 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510 · catscradle.com



One of the most beloved and storied independent music venues in America — iconic indie, folk, alternative and rock acts for over 55 years



The venue where legends played before they were legends — intimate, authentic, and irreplaceable in the Triangle music scene

~700

CAPACITY

Est. 1969

FOUNDED

Legendary

STATUS




Est. 1969 — Legendary

Indie & Alternative

Folk & Rock

Intimate Setting

Carrboro

 *Whitney's Note: Cat's Cradle has the kind of soul you cannot manufacture. It is worn beautifully into every corner of that room. Some of the most magical live music moments in Triangle history have happened on this stage. A true treasure.*  

RALEIGH · SMOKY HOLLOW



The Moon Room

Raleigh's Premier Intimate Jazz Club

 Smoky Hollow development, Raleigh, NC



Tucked behind red drapes — dim lighting, smooth cocktails, and an evolving lineup of exceptional jazz musicians in an old-school club setting



From classic jazz standards to avant-garde improvisations — a soulful escape and one of Raleigh's most distinctive nights out



Intimate Jazz Club

Live Jazz Nightly

Craft Cocktails

Smoky Hollow

All Jazz Styles

 *Whitney's Note: The Moon Room is romantic, sophisticated, and completely one of a kind. Dress up a little, order something beautiful from the bar, and let the jazz take you somewhere else entirely. A perfect date night in Raleigh.* 





NC Symphony

One of the Southeast's finest orchestras — performing at Meymandi Concert Hall, Koka Booth & venues across NC.



Carolina Ballet

Nationally acclaimed professional ballet company based in Raleigh — breathtaking productions year-round at the Martin Marietta Center.



NC Opera

Full-scale opera productions performed at the Fletcher Opera Theater — bringing Verdi, Puccini and more to downtown Raleigh.



American Dance Festival

One of the world's most important modern dance festivals — held every summer at DPAC and Duke University in Durham.



PineCone

The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music — celebrating bluegrass, folk and roots music throughout the Triangle year-round.



Hopscotch Music Festival

Raleigh's acclaimed multi-venue indie music festival every September — taking over downtown stages, theaters and clubs for one unforgettable weekend.



In the Triangle, *the Arts Are Always in Season*

From a sold-out Broadway show at DPAC to a quiet jazz evening at the Moon Room, from a moonlit symphony at Koka Booth to discovering your new favorite band at Cat's Cradle — this region offers a cultural life that rivals any major city. And it's all right here, waiting for you to explore it. Welcome home to a place where the curtain never closes. 🎭🌿

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Performance schedules, venues and events change seasonally — always check each venue's website directly for current programming, tickets and hours. This guide is lovingly curated for arts lovers exploring the Triangle by your House in Bloom Realty team. 🎭🌿

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