

That tradition lives on today in the Red Brick District. We invite you to be entertained and surprised, moved and amazed, and inspired and touched by Staunton's arts and culture offerings.

Welcome.

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Photograph by Peter Aaslestad

Explore the Red Brick District to discover world-class theatre, great live music, cool art galleries, and museums that bring the past to life.

As you walk the streets of Staunton's cultural heart, you'll find works of art all around you –

- Hundreds of lovingly restored shops and homes that together make up one of the largest concentrations of Victorian architecture in any small city in America;
- Quirky cafes where actors, artists, and art lovers meet for spirited debates on the meaning of life;
- Galleries and eateries where painters, photographers, sculptors, and craft artisans display their works;
- And of course, in the red bricks found in many of our sidewalks around the district and the cobblestones that pave the Wharf area.

NEARBY THE DISTRICT

15. CenterStage! Founded in 1978, offers a family-friendly series of 5 events each year with highly professional performers ranging from the Russian State Chorus to the New Christy Minstrels. Each year the series also includes an internationally renowned pianist and a talented Virginia artist.

www.centerstagestaunton.org

16. ShenanArts. Offers quality theatrical performances including musicals, dramas, comedies, adaptations of classics and children's theatre for audiences of all ages. Look for us in Verona until February 2010, when we'll be moving to our exciting new venue at Gypsy Hill Place.

☎ 540-248-1868, www.ShenanArts.org

17. Valley Symphonic Concerts. A volunteer organization that provides three annual concerts and music education for the residents of the Staunton-Waynesboro-Augusta County area. These concerts feature the Richmond and Roanoke Symphonies. This series is supported by donations and ticket sales. P.O.Box 112, Staunton, VA 24402.

☎ 540-886-6186, www.valleysymphonic.org



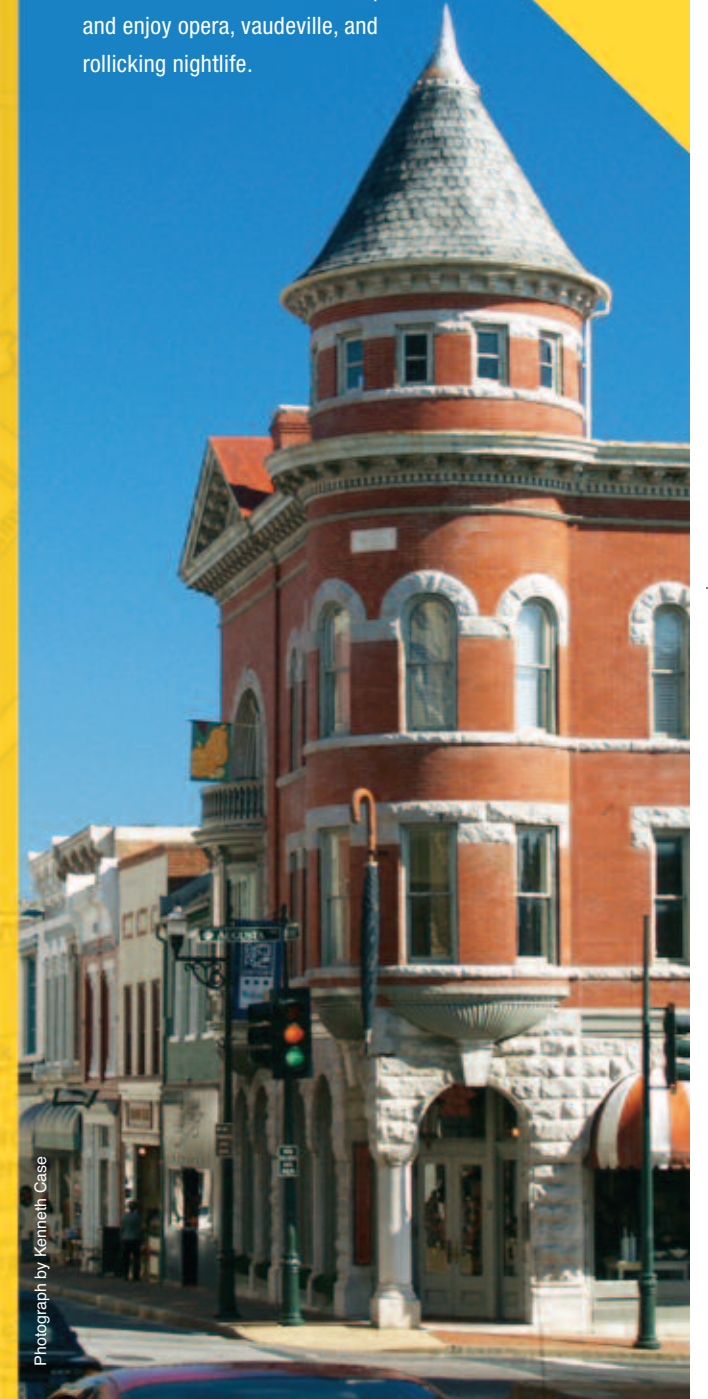
Much Ado about Nothing Blackfriars Playhouse 2009 - Photograph by Tommy Thompson

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Staunton has a rich history of arts and culture going back to its days as a nineteenth-century rail junction and a center for travelers to stop over and enjoy opera, vaudeville, and rollicking nightlife.



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1. American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse.

The world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theatre. Year-round performances of Shakespeare and Renaissance plays called "shamelessly entertaining" by the Washington Post. Box office 9:30 am to 6 pm Mon-Sat, performance and tour hours vary. Adults \$20-\$40, children 7-17 \$14-\$28, seniors \$18-\$37. 10 S. Market Street, ☎ 1-877-MUCH-ADO, 🌐 www.ASCstaunton.com.

2. Augusta County Historical Society.

Offers changing exhibits, history talks, workshops, and a library, manuscript and photograph collection for visitors and researchers. Activities include cemetery programs, history tours, publications, meetings, and banquets. New members welcome. Office and library open Tues-Fri 9-1. P.O. Box 686, Staunton, VA 24402-0686. Located in the RR Smith Center, 20 S. New St., ☎ 540-248-4151, 🌐 www.augustacountyhs.org.

3. Beverley Street Studio School Gallery. Exhibits the work of professional artists from the region, as well as BSSS students. The adjacent School, with over 300 members and 145 active students, provides opportunities for practice, professional instruction and contact with practicing artists. 22-24 W. Beverley St. across from the historic Clock Tower. Open daily, ☎ 540-886-8636, 🌐 www.bssschool.org.

4. Co-Art Gallery. Founded in 1998, the Valley's largest cooperative gallery. It exhibits the work of more than forty award-winning artists from Virginia. Co-Art attracts visitors to its downtown location along with the Beverley Street Studio School Gallery. Both galleries are located in the historic Crowle Building and are open daily. ☎ 540-886-0737, 🌐 www.coartgallery.com.

5. Gallery 234. Located a few blocks from downtown – 234 W. Frederick St. Representing 15 artists – exclusive, original art in paint, pottery, jewelry, sculpture and more. By appointment or chance. Often available on short notice! Check website for receptions, artists' information and special events. ☎ 540-887-2345 or ☎ 540-471-6228, 🌐 www.gallery234.com.

6. Mary Baldwin College Fine Arts. Hunt Gallery presents professional exhibits of contemporary work by professional artists as well as student exhibits. The gallery, located in Hunt Hall, is open 9am-5pm Monday through Friday during the academic year. MBC Theatre presents five productions each year in the Fletcher Collins Theatre, Deming Hall. In addition there are numerous MLitt/MFA productions at the Masonic Building and at the Blackfriars Playhouse. ☎ 540-887-7189. MBC Music hosts two professional concert series, the Carl Broman Concerts and the Sunday Recital Series, and Choir concerts Fall and Spring. ☎ 540-887-7192, 🌐 www.mbc.edu/arts, 🌐 www.mbc.edu/arts/huntgallery.php.

7. Historic Staunton Foundation. Historic preservation organization providing guidance for architectural rehabilitation and neighborhood revitalization. Houses T.J. Collins & Sons Architectural Drawing archive (view by appointment, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F). Located in the RR Smith Center, 20 S. New St., ☎ 540-885-7676, 🌐 www.historicstaunton.org.

8. Staunton Augusta Art Center. Gallery exhibitions and sales with art offerings changing every six weeks. Special events include Art in the Park at Gypsy Hill, a two-day art festival every Memorial Day weekend; Summer Studio, art camp for ages 4-adult; Art for Gifts every November and December. Located in the RR Smith Center, 20 S. New St., ☎ 540-885-2028, 🌐 www.saartcenter.org.



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9. The Staunton Music Festival. Presents classical music events throughout the year with international-caliber musicians, assembled by Artistic Director Carsten Schmidt. 2010 Schedule: February 14 Goldberg-Variations; April 23-25 Springfest: Schubert & Brahms (7 events); August 20-28 Summer Sounds (26 events); October 2-3 International Weekend. Various locations. ☎ 540-569-0267, 🌐 www.Stauntonmusicfestival.com.

10. Staunton Performing Arts Center. Coming soon, a 525-seat Main Stage Theatre and a 125-seat Cabaret Theatre in the Dixie Theatre and Arcadia Building, presenting all forms of music and dance, national touring companies, community productions, lecture series, children's theatre, and movies on the big screen. 🌐 www.stauntonperformingarts.org.

11. Stuart Hall School. The Fine Arts Program offers free performances and exhibitions, including frequent concerts by five different music ensembles, a full theatre season with an emphasis on Shakespeare and his contemporaries, and a wide range of art exhibitions, including painting, printmaking, and three-dimensional work. Corner of Frederick and Filmore Streets. ☎ 540-885-0356, 🌐 www.stuart-hall.org.

12. Sunspots Studios. See live glass blowing daily. Large gift gallery of art glass and copper designs for home and garden made in our building. Also handmade jewelry and accessories made by American artists. Pandora dealer. Virginia's most unique shopping experience. 202 S. Lewis St., near train station, ☎ 540-885-0678, 🌐 www.sunspots.com.

13. Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum. Explore President Wilson's museum featuring fascinating displays highlighting his life. Enjoy engaging tours of Wilson's unique birthplace, discover his restored Pierce-Arrow limousine, and immerse yourself in the interactive Kids' Corner. Visit the beautiful period gardens. 18 North Coalter St., ☎ 540-885-0897, 🌐 www.woodrowwilson.org.

14. wysiwyg gallery. What you see is what you get at wysiwyg gallery, located at 300 West Beverley, just west of downtown, next to Trinity Church. The focus at wysiwyg is fine and functional craft and art by local artisans and artists. Aristotle said: "The hand is the tool of tools..." Visit and see why! ☎ 540-886-1730, 🌐 wysiwyg.gallery@gmail.com.