

Arts, Film & Theater

Nebraska is one of America's most rural states. Over half of all Nebraskans live outside the Lincoln and Omaha metropolitan areas. About one in three Nebraskans live in the country or in rural communities. It is with much pride that our rural community is able to support a wide variety of cultural activities.

The Historic Midwest Theater along with the West Nebraska Arts Center and Theatre West Summer Repertory Theatre, bring nationally acclaimed artists and performances to our community.

The Midwest Theater is a renovated historic theater that originally opened in 1946 and is currently operated by Friends of the Midwest Theater, a 501(c) (3) organization. Arts education

programs for local school children are an integral part of the Midwest Theater's annual program, in addition to classic and second-run movies, concerts and other live performances. While most movies at the Midwest are shown in digital format, the theater still shows films in 35mm as part of their Celluloid Cinema program. As a venue for the community's visual and performing arts, it is truly an asset to the community.

Established in 1967, West Nebraska Arts Center is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization committed to education, awareness, and excellence in the arts. WNAC celebrates artistic achievement and works to inspire and awaken artistic expression in people of all ages. Their goal is to unify our community and cultures through diversified, historical, and educational programming and events, and most importantly offer a venue for promoting appreciation for the arts. The Main Gallery and the Bronson Gallery at WNAC are beautiful spaces that feature local, national, and international artists representing a wide variety of visual art. Educational interaction is at the heart of their mission. Arts professionals offer a variety of studio

art classes and workshops year round for adults and youth as well as a 7-month After School Art Program and two Art Camps each summer.

Formed in 1990, Theatre West Summer Repertory Theatre

is housed within Western Nebraska Community College. Theatre West presents the magic of quality, semi-professional live theatre to western Nebraska. Each season, TWSR hires professional designers and directors to work with collegiate and post graduate actors on stage. Talented and experienced community members have the opportunity to practice their avocations onstage with visiting cast members in the theatre productions. Each summer

they produce 3 live theatre productions during the months of June and July, along with a children's theatre camp.

In addition to these arts venues, there is a six-screen, all-digital cinema located at the Monument Mall.

