

# 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.

**West Nebraska Arts Center (WNAC)** serves as the only arts organization which has a full time staff and permanent facility. It serves other arts organizations by helping to organize and promote the arts, aid in grant applications, support planning committees, organize block booking, schedule programming and assist in program production.

**WNAC** is a year-round art gallery that hosts local and national artists throughout the year and a professional children's theatre wing called the Monument Children's Theatre. This year, they are pleased to present the 25th Annual *VISIONARIES 2010 Student Art Exhibit*. This exhibit showcases original artwork completed by regional students. This serves as an opportunity for the young artists of the North Platte Valley region to have their artwork displayed in a professional gallery setting.



Fowler at WNAC

They also offer summer day camps, concerts and workshop / classes in visual and performing arts.

**W N A C**  
together with



Midwest Theater

Theatre West, **Western Nebraska Community College**, and the Historic **Midwest Theater** bring nationally acclaimed performances to our community.

The **Midwest Theater** is a renovated historical theater that originally opened in 1946. All duties in the theater from concession work, to fundraising and marketing are covered by volunteers. The theater shows classic and second run movies, concerts, live performances and is used as a stage for the communities visual and performing arts. It is truly an asset to the community.

A theatre located at **Western Nebraska Community College** produces three plays during the summer and hosts an area "Garden Walk". They complete the year with a holiday presentation followed by an annual fundraiser in January. They also engage the younger generation with their *TOFY Childrens Theater*.

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



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