

# Arts, Film & Theater

Nebraska is one of America's most rural states. Over one 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 has 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*. They also offer summer day camps, concerts, workshops and classes in visual and performing arts.

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

The **Midwest Theater** is a renovated historical theater that originally opened in 1946. All duties in the theater are covered by volunteers, from concession work, to fundraising and marketing. 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. They complete the holidays with a holiday presentation and they have an annual fundraiser in January. They also engage the younger generation with their *TOFY Childrens Theater*.

In addition to theatre and arts, **Carmike Cinemas 6** is a first-run, all digital cinema with six screens.

