Art Lover's Guide to Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C., has its own style. Against a backdrop of classical giants like the National Gallery of Art, the nation's capital boasts a fresh, dynamic, experiential scene that continues to morph and transform in exciting new ways. Here are some must-see artistic hot spots to keep an eye on.

The Hip: Roving Curatorial Programs

In a city of rising rents, the traditional brick-and-mortar display space is becoming an endangered species. One solution? Pop-up art shows that rove around the city. Keep an eye out for Quota (https://www.facebook.com/quotaartpopup), and Wild Hand Workspace (http://www.wildhandworkspace.com/), and check Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/) for other possibilities. Other artsy scenes include Pleasant Plains Workshop (https://pleasantsplainsworkshop.com/) a self-proclaimed arts incubator that showcases the work of local artists; Hois in the Sky (http://hoisinflydc.com/), a DIY space; District of Columbia Arts Center (http://www.dcartscen.org), devoted to helping fledgling artists gain a foothold; and Hillyer Art Space (http://hillyerartspace.org/), a Du Pont Circle art gallery that hosts First Fridays, a gallery crawl including live music and wine.

The Classic: D.C.’s Answers to the Frick Museum


