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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) (<https://www.facebook.com/quotaartpopup>) and [Wild Hand Workspace](http://www.wildhandworkspace.com/) (<http://www.wildhandworkspace.com/>), and check [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/) (<https://www.eventbrite.com/>) for other possibilities. Other artsy scenes include [Pleasant Plains Workshop](https://pleasantplainsworkshop.com/), (<https://pleasantplainsworkshop.com/>) a self-proclaimed arts incubator that showcases the work of local artists; [Hole in the Sky](http://holeintheskydc.com/) (<http://holeintheskydc.com/>), a DIY space; [District of Columbia Arts Center](http://www.dcartcenter.org/) (<http://www.dcartcenter.org/>), devoted to helping fledgling artists gain a foothold; and [Hillier Art Space](http://hillierartspace.org/) (<http://hillierartspace.org/>), a Dupont Circle art gallery that hosts First Fridays, a gallery crawl including live music and wine.

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