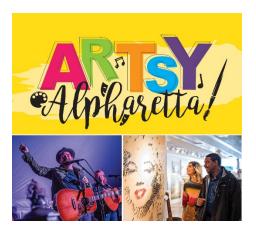


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# Visitors Are Invited To Explore Alpharetta's Artsy Side This Summer

City's thriving arts scene entices travelers to study, make, hear, watch and buy art

ALPHARETTA, GA - (June 2, 2021) – Alpharetta's art scene is abuzz with something to offer every artistic mind and spirit. From culture-infused theatre acts and live music to galleries galore and sculptures to explore, the vibrant arts landscape in the city is simply waiting to be discovered for travelers' next getaway or road trip. With so many fantastic art-filled activities to try, Alpharetta invites visitors to plan an "Artsy Alpharetta" adventure this summer.



"Summer is the perfect time to travel to Alpharetta to soak up the city's vibrant art scene," said Janet Rodgers, President and CEO of the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau. "With several performing arts venues, galleries and shops, immersive arts classes, and incredible cultural events - Alpharetta has something for every art lover. I invite everyone to visit and explore all of the awesome and unique experiences that can be had with an art-filled escape to Alpharetta."

# STUDY ART

An artful getaway to Alpharetta can start at the **Alpharetta Arts Center** to see the current rotating gallery exhibit. Many of the Arts Center exhibits also have art pieces up for purchase. Additionally, the center features a black-box theater space, working studios, special art events and Play Me Again Piano's first (and

currently, the only) upcycled Baby Grand Piano on its porch. Tickle the ivories of this restored piece that celebrates Alpharetta's beloved arts and music scene.

Visitors can get their steps in while appreciating the arts by taking the **Downtown Alpharetta Arts Walking Tour** – a self-guided tour through the city's growing collection of public art. This experience takes art lovers past beautiful sculptures like "Nucleus," a steel statue inspired by curves in life and nature; "Modern Saxophone," which celebrates the city's musical heritage; and the "The Visitor" installation, featuring a bear with the word "hello" written in many languages, personifying the welcoming nature of Alpharetta.

## MAKE ART

Creative spirits soar in Alpharetta through multiple canvas and pottery painting experiences. **Painting With a Twist** allows guests to enjoy cocktails as they follow an expert painter's step by step instructions to paint their own masterpiece. Pottery painting is offered at **All Fired Up** or **Artrageous Potter** for a fun night out with friends or family. Or the **Treehouse at Sis + Moon's** welcomes groups to reserve the studio for a private art party or sign up for the Canvas + Cocktails classes. In the back of the Treehouse, find studios of local artists whose artwork is sold in **Sis + Moon's** storefront.

## **HEAR ART**

Live music is back! Alpharetta is humming with the sounds of steel drums, guitars, and amazing vocals. From every corner of the city, find an acoustic artist crooning, a band jamming or a unique musical experience waiting. As the weather warms up and the days get longer, the city is turning up the heat on live music at **Ameris Bank Amphitheatre**, **Matilda's Music Under the Pines** and **The Velvet Note**. Alpharetta also has seasonal music series like **Home by Dark at Brooke Street Park**, **Music Match** and **Avalon Nights Live** to get everyone's live music fix for free.

# WATCH ART

Theater buffs will enjoy catching a live performance at **ACT1 Theatre** during their upcoming 2021 season. ACT1 is an award-winning community theatre with a focus on wholesome entertainment for the family. Their 2021-2022 season includes crowd favorites such as Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, The Tempest, White Christmas, Maytag Virgin, A Higher Place in Heaven and Little Shop of Horrors.

## **BUY ART**

Art aficionados can find art to take home at one of the city's art galleries. **Chic Evolution in Art** is a creatively driven gallery showcasing emerging talent from around the world with paintings, blown glass, sculptures and different mediums. **Othel's Art** features modern/contemporary original and custom artwork from their student portfolios. Alpharetta's newest gallery, **Oya Art Gallery**, focuses on American modern and contemporary art while having roots in Western Europe.

## Upcoming Alpharetta Summer Events (June - July 2021)

There is always something fun happening in Alpharetta. Check out some of these events happening all around the city this June through July:

- <u>Alpharetta Farmers Market</u>, Saturday mornings: June 5, 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021 Discover local farmers with fruits, vegetables and natural meats, gardeners with fresh flowers and herbs, bakers of delicious breads and desserts, and makers of local raw honey, jellies and soaps. The Alpharetta Farmers Market schedule continues Saturday mornings through Dec. 11, 2021. Free admission.
- Alpharetta Food Truck Alley Summer Pop-Up, June 3 & July 1, 2021

Kick off the weekend a little early at Alpharetta's Food Truck Alley Summer Pop-Up. Food Truck Alley returns to Old Roswell Street in Downtown Alpharetta for a limited summer pop-up series on the first Thursday of the month in June, July, and August. Culinary options include more than 10 food trucks each month, offering a diverse range of cuisine types. Free admission.

- From The Artist's Studio: Michael Dillon, June 11 July 23, 2021
   Michael Dillon has more than twenty years' experience in producing nationally recognized
   functional and non-representational metal sculptures. His exhibit at the Alpharetta Arts Center
   will include several of his sculptures, examples of his intricate railings, maquettes from previous
   works featuring hands-on interactivity, and images that tell the story of his production
   process. Free admission.
- Home by Dark at Brooke Street Park Concert Series, June 12, 19 & July 10, 24, 2021
   The Home by Dark at Brooke Street Park Concert Series brings music and fun to life, select
   Saturdays June August 2021. Bring a blanket and a picnic, and enjoy free, live, family-friendly
   performances by different Alpharetta based entertainment groups. Brooke Street Park is located
   directly behind Alpharetta City Hall and concerts start at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.
- <u>Trails & Ales</u>, June 17 & July 15, 2021 (one Thursday each month) Get some fresh air and tour some of Alpharetta's scenic trails and parks. Choose between a 1.5 or 3-mile guided walk that concludes with a post-walk social at Jekyll Brewing in Downtown Alpharetta. The Trails & Ales schedule runs through August 2021. Admission ticket required.
- <u>Alpharetta Art in the Park at Brooke Street Park</u>, June 26 27 & July 24 25, 2021 This Downtown Alpharetta outdoor artist's market features handcrafted work by local artists who create masterpieces right before your eyes. Attendees will enjoy the pottery, woodwork, metal work, jewelry creations, handmade children's clothing, photography, watercolor, oil, mosaic art and much more. Free admission.

Please visit <u>https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/</u> for the full list of Alpharetta events.

With so much to do, travelers are invited to stay overnight for an art-filled getaway. Visitors can book an overnight stay at one of Alpharetta 29 modern and upscale hotels directly at **awesomealpharetta.com**.

# Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau serves as the official Destination Marketing Organization for the city of Alpharetta, Ga. With so much to do, why not stay the weekend? Book a hotel stay at one of the Alpharetta's 29 modern and upscale hotels directly at www.awesomealpharetta.com. Alpharetta was recently named "One of the South's Friendliest Cities" by Southern Living Magazine and "One of the Best Places to Visit in Georgia" by Vacationidea.com.

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