



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Student-to-Student Information Guide

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSEUMS

St. Louis Art Museum

One Fine Arts Dr., Forest Park
St. Louis, MO 63110-1380
(314) 721-0072
www.stlouis.art.museum

The St. Louis Art Museum, founded in 1879, relocated to its current location in Forest Park after the 1904 World's Fair. The Art Museum and the neighboring St. Louis Zoo are two rare, always-free jewels in a country filled with high-admission destinations. The Museum has collections of Asian, African, Indian, American Indian, Early European, and modern works. Special exhibitions range from blown glassworks to architecture, textiles to Van Gogh. Tickets to special exhibits are usually up to \$10, but free on Fridays. Students, take note: admission to the Museum is always FREE. Admission to special exhibitions is FREE on Fridays. If you can't make it on Friday, the Museum offers a STUDENT DISCOUNT on other days.

St. Louis Science Center

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Cathedral Basilica

4430 Maryland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 531-3375
www.cathedralstl.org
See section on Religious Whatnot

The Cathedral is home to the world's largest collection of mosaics! If you go to see them, please remember that the Cathedral is still a place of worship, and respect it as such. Free admission.

Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts

3716 Washington Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 754-1850
www.pulitzerarts.org
www.grandcenter.org

The Pulitzer Foundation, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning

architect Tadao Ando, is home to a variety of visual, literary, and performing arts. The current featured exhibition is an examination of the ways in which modern and contemporary artists illustrate individuals and groups of people in their portraits. Running through October is a photography exhibit called Joe. The photos feature the spiral sculpture that is in the Pulitzer Foundation's courtyard in varying kinds of light and through different lenses. Admission is free. Normal museum hours are Wednesday afternoon and midday on Saturday. Students, take note: the Pulitzer Foundation is just blocks from school. With free admission, it's a great location for a mid-week, mid-afternoon study break.

Missouri History Museum

Lindell Blvd. and De Baliviere Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 454-3150
www.mohistory.org

Anyone who has been in St. Louis for even a little while has probably driven past the Missouri History Museum, which is run by the Missouri Historical Society. It occupies a lovely piece of Forest Park, facing north up DeBaliviere from the south side of Lindell. Much in the manner of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, a large, seated, stone statute of Thomas Jefferson occupies the central hall of the museum. Surrounding him are the exhibition halls. Admission to the museum (including permanent and semi-permanent exhibitions) is free. Admission fees to special exhibitions vary, but is usually less than \$10. Special exhibitions are usually free one day a week. Check the website for details. Students, take note: the Missouri Historical Society offers student discounts for some special exhibitions. Additionally, keep an eye out for interesting promos (for example, free admission to the special exhibitions if you show up wearing green on St. Patrick's Day.)

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial – Museum of Westward Expansion

11 N. 4th St.
St. Louis, MO 63102
(314) 655-1700
www.nps.gov/jeff

Run by the National Park Service, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial is often overlooked as a whole for just one of its parts – the famous St. Louis Arch. The Memorial also includes the Museum of Westward Expansion, which is at the

base of the Arch and includes an extensive exhibit on Lewis and Clark's explorations, and the Old Courthouse, located across the street from the museum. The Old Courthouse is famous in its own right as the setting of the first two Dred Scott trials, but it's less well-known outside St. Louis than its more iconic, catenary curve-shaped brother. Tickets: \$10 to go up in the Arch. Additional fees for riverboat cruises and the making-of-the-Arch video (which is very interesting). Admission to the Old Courthouse is free.

Cahokia Mounds

30 Ramey St.
Collinsville, IL 62234
(618) 346-5160
www.cahokiamounds.com

It takes a true pleasure in history for one to appreciate the Cahokia Mounds in and of themselves. To most people today, they're just big piles of dirt. And when you're halfway up the side of the largest mound, you'll probably wonder why you thought it was so important to climb that pile. A trip to the Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center, though, will answer your questions. The Cahokia Mounds are last remnants of an ancient civilization which settled on the Mississippi. Check their website for special events that happen a few times a year, including Kids' Day and the Indian Pow Wow. Admission is free, but a small donation is requested.

The Magic House

516 S. Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 822-8900
www.magichouse.com

Though the Magic House was designed for kids, it's fun for everyone. You can trick your eyes with illusions, test your strength as you try to lift yourself with pulleys, have your picture taken while your hair stands on end because you have your hand on a giant electrostatic ball, or take a quick trip down the three-story spiral slide. If you have kids, or your neighbors have kids they want to get rid of for a while, take them to the Magic House. It's fun just to watch them have fun. But even if you live in a kid-free zone, go anyway. You'll get a chance to be a kid yourself, and have all kinds of fun. Admission is \$7.50 for kids and adults.

Holocaust Museum and Learning Center

12 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146
(314) 432-0020

St. Louis' Holocaust Museum is small and about a 20-minute drive from campus, but it's worth a visit. While you're there, don't be afraid to ask questions of the friendly staff – they're always happy to offer any information they can. If you're really lucky, you might happen upon a talk given by a Holocaust survivor. Admission is free, but a donation is requested.

Contemporary Art Museum

3750 Washington Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 535-4660
www.contemporarystl.org

The Contemporary Art Museum is unknown even to many people who live in St. Louis. Just a block or two from campus, though, it's a must for SLU students. Current exhibitions include two video works, one focusing on obsession and another on coming-of-age, and a collection of works by Andy Warhol and Jim Hodges. Coming soon and running through the summer are a site-specific creation of an Irish artist focusing on global ecology and social gestures, as well as a multi-media examination of contemporary domestic life. Running from September to the end of 2007, Maya Lin's Systematic Landscapes is a study of how we understand the world around us. Admission is always free for students and children. Adults: \$5. Students, take note: admission is always FREE with your student ID. Your non-student friends can get in for free on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Thursday evenings.

Museum of Transportation

3015 Barrett Station Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 965-7998
www.museumoftransport.org

Like the Magic House, the Transportation Museum is a great place to take kids. They might be bored by the indoor exhibits about cars (though the adults will like them), but they'll love the trains. The museum has over 70 real locomotives, many of which are open for visitors to walk through. There are diesel, steam, and electric locomotives, as well as passenger and freight cars

and other vehicles of mass transit. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for kids ages 5-12.

Saint Louis University Museum of Art

3663 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 977-3399
<http://sluma.slu.edu>

Located right on SLU's own campus is a hidden jewel of art in St. Louis. The museum is currently home to a retrospective called *Elusive Light*, which runs through mid-summer. It features the photographs of St. Louis native Thomas Eastman, whose works are also housed in the Art Institute of Chicago, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Boston Museum of Fine Art. Upcoming exhibitions include: *Keen Vision: The Gary C. Werths Collection* (Spring/Summer 2006) and *Legacy: Abraham Lincoln in the Presidential Years* (Fall 2006). Admission is always free for everyone.

Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum

Washington University
Southeast corner of Skinker Blvd. and Forsyth Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 935-4523
<http://kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu>

Across the park is another university art museum. The Kemper Museum at Washington University is a great destination if you need a break from the SLU campus. As part of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, the museum got a new home in 2006 in a building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Fumihiko Maki. The Kemper Museum focuses strongly on contemporary art. The current exhibition, for example, features avant-garde work from post-Wall Germany. As with the SLU Museum of Art, admission is always free for everyone.

Laumeier Sculpture Park

12580 Rott Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63127
(314) 821-1209
www.laumeier.com

There are few better destinations on a beautiful spring day than Laumeier. Located in the southwest suburbs of St. Louis, the 98-acre park is really an outdoor museum (though there are some indoor galleries). Scattered throughout its greenery are

site-specific outdoor sculptures of all sizes. The park focuses on contemporary work. If you're feeling adventurous or are handy with a camera, visit the park just before sunset or after a fresh snowfall for unique views of the works. Admission to the park is always free, as are the occasional docent-led tours.

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art

3700 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 977-7170
<http://mocra.slu.edu>

Along with the Museum of Art, this little-known attraction on SLU's campus is a thoughtful and peaceful escape from the rigors of academic life. MOCRA focuses on the dialogue between contemporary artists and the world's faith traditions. MOCRA is located in an old chapel, which gives it a special sense of authenticity that escapes many exhibitions of religious works located in traditional museums. Admission is always free, though donations are requested.

St. Louis Toy Museum

634 S. Broadway
St. Louis, Mo. 63102
(314) 421-4689
www.eugenefieldhouse.org

In 1829, Auguste Chouteau deeded a piece of property to the City of St. Louis with revenues from the lease of the land to support of the city schools. In 1845, 12 row houses were built on the property, one of which was eventually leased to Roswell Martin Field and his family. Eugene, born in the house in 1850, went on to become a well-known poet and newspaper columnist. During the Depression, Walsh's Row, as the houses were known, was scheduled for demolition. St. Louis schoolchildren raised almost \$2,000 to save the Field House from destruction. In 1936, the house was restored as a museum, and groups from St. Louis City schools are still admitted free of charge as thanks for the work they did in saving the property. The Victorian building is home to a collection of the Fields' personal belongings, as well as various special exhibitions. The current feature, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Dred Scott case, includes three sections: *Advocates for Freedom: the Dred and Roswell Story*, *Free and Slave Children – Contrasts and Comparisons*, and *Narrative Voices, a Dred Scott Multimedia Experience*. Roswell Martin, Eugene's father, served as the attorney for Dred and Harriet Scott, as well as their daughters

Eliza and Lizzy, during their federal trial in which they sought their freedom. Admission to the museum is \$4 for adults.

International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

111 Stadium Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63102
(314) 231-6340
www.bowlingmuseum.com

Odd though it may seem, this quirky museum is secretly loved by many St. Louisans. The museum features information on the history of bowling beginning in Ancient Egypt, as well as access to both the Bowling and the St. Louis Cardinals' Halls of Fame. Admission: \$7.50 per adult.

City Museum

701 N. 15th St., Box 29
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 231-CITY
www.citymuseum.org

If you don't want to make the trek to Kirkwood to go to the Magic House but want something fun, check out the City Museum. The City Museum occupies over half a million square feet in the old International Shoe building, and is a playground for the mind and the body. The designer wanted to keep the museum focused on the city, so he scoured the streets for all sorts of his materials. Thanks to his hard work, the City Museum boasts features such as old chimneys, salvaged bridges, construction cranes, miles of tile, and even two abandoned planes. Some of the museum's exhibits include the following: Art City, a do-it-yourself workshop for visitors which also displays work by professionals; World Aquarium, housing over 10,000 creatures; Tiny Train Town Model Railroad, one of the biggest little places you'll ever see; the Shoelace Factory, which makes shoelaces you can buy from vintage machines used by a local manufacturer; everydaycircus, which has interactive activities to bring back all your great childhood circus memories; and of course, a ball pit or two in case you have any energy left at the end of the day. Admission is \$12 generally, but \$8 after 5pm and on Saturday.

The Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park

120 North Ballas Rd.
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122
(314) 822-8359
www.ebsworthpark.org

The Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park is another St. Louis attraction unknown to many locals. The 1,900-square foot house still contains many of its original Wright-designed fabrics and furnishings. Tours are available only by appointment, and are \$10 per person.

The Historic Samuel Cupples House

Saint Louis University Mall
Next to Pius XII Library
3650 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 977-3575
<http://cupples.slu.edu>

The Cupples house was designed in 1888 for the St. Louis entrepreneur Samuel Cupples. After serving for some time as a family home, a corporate headquarters, a student union, and an office building, the house was renovated into a museum in the 1970's. The beautiful Richardsonian Romanesque architecture built with purple Colorado limestone protects a collection of fine art including American and European paintings and Christian art and iconography, stained glass windows, and a glass collection. Admission is always free for SLU students, and is \$5 for the general public.

See also <http://stlouis.missouri.org/ae/index.html> and <http://www.explorestlouis.com/> for some less-well-known places to visit!

GALLERIES

Laumeier Sculpture Park

12580 Rott Road
laumeier.com

Compenere Gallery of Art and Fashion

6509 Delmar Blvd. in the U. City Loop area
<http://compenere.com>

Art St. Louis

917 Locust St. #300
<http://artstlouis.net>

Craft Alliance

6640 Delmar Blvd.
<http://craftalliance.org>

Mad Art Gallery

2727 S. 12th Street

<http://www.madart.com>

Duane Reed Gallery

7513 Forsyth Blvd.

<http://www.rduanereedgallery.com>

THEATRES, VENUES, AND MAJOR PERFORMANCE GROUPS

The Muny

The Municipal Theater Association of St. Louis

The Muny, Forest Park

St. Louis, MO 63112

(314) 361-1900

www.muny.com

The nation's oldest (it opened in 1916) and largest outdoor theater, the Muny brings live shows to St. Louis' Forest Park every summer. Audiences sit in uncovered chairs to enjoy the show, either basking in the lovely June nights or suffering through the oppressive August heat. (If a show is rained out, the Muny offers rain checks in most situations.) Shows planned for 2007: Oklahoma!, Grease, Hello, Dolly!, Peter Pan, The Pajama Game, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Les Misérables. Single ticket prices range from \$9-\$62 per show. You are allowed to bring small, soft-sided coolers to the show, containing food and non-alcoholic beverages in plastic containers. Casual dress. Students, take note: The Muny reserves 1500 FREE SEATS in the last nine rows of the theater for every performance. They are available on a first come, first served basis. Doors open to the seats at 7:00pm. Arrive in the late afternoon and take a picnic dinner.

Opera Theater of St. Louis

130 Edgar Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63119

(314) 961-0171

www.opera-stl.org

OTSL performs at the Loretto-Hilton Center at Webster University, in the suburbs of St. Louis. There are four shows put on every summer, over the course of about five weeks, running from the middle of May to almost the end of June. At that time in St. Louis, the weather is beautiful, and OTSL sets up an outdoor bar and tables, called the Pavilion, before the show. It's lovely to arrive early, relax outside, and enjoy the fresh air and company. After the show, you can meet with the performers

at the Pavilion! Shows (with composers) planned for 2007: The Mikado (Gilbert and Sullivan), La traviata (Verdi), Anna Karenina (Carlson – world premier performance!), and I Puritani (Bellini). Refreshments also available in the lobby. Ticket prices typically range from \$50-\$110. Performances are in English. Formal to business casual dress. Students, take note: OTSL makes a limited number of \$25 seat vouchers available on their website.

Powell Symphony Hall

Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra

718 N. Grand Blvd.

St. Louis, Mo 63103

(314) 533-2500 or (800) 232-1880

www.slso.org

www.grandcenter.org

The Saint Louis Symphony plays in beautiful Powell Symphony Hall, part of the Grand Center performing arts district, just a few blocks from SLU. Originally called the St. Louis Theater, the building was built in 1925 and had been used as a movie and vaudeville theater before being converted to a concert hall. Powell Hall got its name when Helen Lamb Powell donated \$1 million in memory of her late husband, Walter S. Powell, to assist in the purchase of the Hall by the Saint Louis Symphony. The building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Symphony puts on a variety of shows every season, which runs from September to May. Along with traditional pieces and classical music, the Symphony performs with the Saint Louis Symphony Chorus, the Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, and the IN UNISON Chorus, an African-American choral group. The SLSO also performs special holiday shows. Single ticket prices typically range from \$25-\$110 per show. Formal to business casual dress. Students, take note: SLSO offers 50% STUDENT DISCOUNTS on most tickets. Additionally, the Symphony puts on a number of FREE SHOWS throughout the season.

Fox Theater

527 N. Grand Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63103

(314) 534-1678

www.fabulousfox.com

www.grandcenter.org

"The Fox," designed by famous architect C. Howard Crane, opened in 1929 and is steeped in history. Soon after the Fox's construction, William Fox, the Theater's founder and a Hungarian

Immigrant born Wilhelm Fuchs, purchased Loews Theaters, and an empire was born. The empire was not to belong to Fox, however. The stock market crash of 1929 left him deep in debt, and he lost the company to a hostile takeover bid by 20th Century Productions in 1930. Early in its life, the Fox Theater showed both stage and screen productions, as well as hosted various special events. In the late 1970s, the Fox closed its doors for a massive renovation aimed at restoring the theater to its 1929 splendor. Like its neighbor Powell Symphony Hall, which is just up the street, the Fox is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also part of the Grand Center. Today, the Fox hosts a variety of performances: concerts, dance troupes, plays, and more. A few of the major upcoming events are as follows: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Lord of the Dance, Chicago, Norah Jones, Ron White, and The Lion King. Ticket prices typically range from \$20-\$90. Formal to business casual dress.

Grandel Theater

3610 Grandel Sq.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 533-1884
www.grandcenter.org

The Grandel Theater, another member of the Grand Center, was built as a church in 1884. In 1992, it was renovated and converted into a theater. Unlike many of the theaters in the neighborhood and along Grand Avenue, The Grandel hosts year-round live performances. Regular performers at The Grandel include St. Louis Shakespeare and the St. Louis Black Repertory Company. St. Louis Shakespeare will be putting on Othello at the Grandel in July 2007. Refreshments available in the lobby. Ticket prices? Dress?

Jazz at the Bistro

3536 Washington Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 289-4030
www.jazzstl.org/jatb
www.grandcenter.org

Yet another member of the Grand Center, Jazz at the Bistro has only been around since 1995. During that short time, though, it's made a name for itself as quite a famous little jazz club. Nurtured by founder and "Jazz Mom" Barbara Rose until she died in 1998, Jazz at the Bistro draws world-class jazz performers to the St. Louis area. Ticket prices: \$15-50. Business casual dress. Students, take note: Jazz at the Bistro offers STUDENT DISCOUNTS on tickets.

Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

14141 Riverport Dr.
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
(314) 298-9944
www.riverport.com

You'll often hear people refer to this venue as "Riverport," its name from the 1990s. Around the turn of the century, it became the UMB Bank Pavilion, and now it has a new name. St. Louisans, though, still know and love this outdoor concert venue as Riverport, which is the place to be during the summer for the big-name, big-draw concerts. The 2007 concert series includes Brad Paisley, Fall Out Boy, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, John Mayer, The Fray, and Alan Jackson. Lawn seats usually run \$30-\$40. Depending on the show, reserved seats can run you anywhere from \$40 on up. Sealed, non-alcoholic plastic bottles containing water can be taken to the concert. You can also take a small amount of food in a plastic bag or soft-sided cooler, as well as a low-to-the-ground (9" or less) lawn chair. Avoid taking large bags. It's a good idea to take a blanket and mosquito repellent if you have a lawn seat. Casual dress. Students, take note: OzzFest, a hard rock spectacular named after Ozzy Osbourne, is making St. Louis one of its 25 stops in 2007, and the concert is FREE. You will need a ticket because they have to have to control the number of people in attendance. See the website for forthcoming details, including the concert date.

Scottrade Center

1401 Clark Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 622-5400
www.scottradedecenter.com

You'll probably hear old-school St. Louisans refer to this venue as either Savvis Center or Kiel Center, both former names of the building. What is today called Scottrade is best known as the home of St. Louis Blues hockey and Billikens basketball, but it also hosts other events, including concerts. Throughout the spring and summer of 2007, Billy Joel, Rod Stewart, Keith Urban, and the Police will play there. Scottrade is also hosting a series of Cirque Du Soleil performances and Joel Osteen, author of the best-selling book Your Best Life Now. Depending on the event, ticket prices can be \$10-\$150. Casual dress.

Sheldon Concert Hall

The Sheldon Concert Hall
3648 Washington Blvd.
Saint Louis, MO 63108
(314) 533-9900
www.sheldonconcerthall.org

The Sheldon was built in 1912 as a home for the Ethical Society of St. Louis. The building was designed by Louis C. Spiering, architect of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. When the Ethical Society relocated in 1964, the Sheldon became primarily a music venue. In 1986, the Sheldon refocused its efforts on concerts and community events. Today, the Sheldon hosts musical and performance events in its concert hall, as well as master classes, fundraising events, art exhibits, community meetings, corporate presentations, and receptions in its smaller areas. There is a special series which takes place on weekday nights called Notes From Home, which features local musicians. The concert season usually runs from October to April. Ticket prices can range from \$10-\$60 per ticket, depending on the event. Formal to business casual dress.

The Repertory Theater

130 Edgar Rd.
P.O. Box 191730
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-4925
www.repstl.org

Launched in 1966, the Rep is the largest not-for-profit theater in Missouri. Mainstage performances are at the Loretto-Hilton Center at Webster University. Off-ramp performances are at the Grandel Theater (above). Theater buffs will love the post-performance discussions with the players, which take place after Wednesday matinees and selected Thursday evening performances at the Loretto-Hilton Center, as well as after select performance at the Grandel. There are also performance study guides available on the website. Their current season includes such performances as *Of Mice and Men*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *A Thousand Cranes*, *Woman Before a Glass*, and *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*. Big Sky Café provides appetizer and beverage service in the lobby of the Loretto-Hilton Center beginning one hour prior to performances. Students, take note: The Rep WAIVES all processing fees if you buy your tickets at the box office. If you have kids, nieces, nephews, or any other young ones around, the Rep offers FREE family events called Kids ArtStart. See the website for schedule.

Edison Theater

Washington University
Mallinckrodt Building
6445 Forsyth Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105
(314) 935-6543
<http://edisontheatre.wustl.edu>

The Edison Theater, built in 1972, is part of Washington University. It brings music, dance, and theater performances to the Wash U campus from around the nation and the world through its OVATIONS! series, and also shows performances of Wash U's own Performing Arts Department. There is also a family-friendly, matinee series of shows called ovations! for young people. Early summer performances for 2007 include the St. Louis Ballet and the Gateway Men's Chorus. Ticket Prices from \$18-\$30. Business casual to casual dress. Students, take note: Edison Theater is part of Wash U, so the LOWEST TICKET PRICES go to students!

The Playhouse at Westport Plaza

635 West Port Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63146
(314) 468-7529

Westport Playhouse is a small, cozy venue, with a full bar. The bad news is that drink service isn't offered during performances (so as not to disturb the performers), so make sure you get there early. Westport hosts some small concerts, as well as a lot of comedy and improv. Ticket prices vary. Business casual to casual dress.

The Pageant

6161 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 726-6161
www.thepageant.com

The Pageant takes its name from an old movie theater located about three blocks from its current location. In 2000, long after that theater had disappeared, the new Pageant was built as a live music venue. It's a great place to see less-well-known bands like Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, as well as more popular groups looking for an interesting place to play, like The Roots. The Pageant also brings in a few great Christmas acts in December. At most events, minors are separated from of-age attendees, so bear that in mind if you're going with kids or younger friends.

The Pageant usually arranges concerts with some reserved seating and some general admission seating. Once the doors open, it's a free-for-all to get the best seat you can. However, the Halo Bar opens at 5pm on show nights, and closes its doors once it reaches its limited capacity. Halo Bar patrons are allowed into the theater just a few minutes before the doors are opened for general admission ticketholders. If you have a few pre-show hours to spare, consider spending it at Halo. May 2007 events include Damien Rice and Cowboy Mouth. Tickets range from \$15-\$45. Casual dress.

Blueberry Hill

6504 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 727-4444
www.blueberryhill.com

A local favorite, Blueberry Hill is a restaurant-cum-bar-cum-live music venue. It boasts some of the best burgers in town, a great location in the Loop, and loads of great music. Go early, have dinner, and stay for the show (most start at 9:30, doors open at 8). Tickets are cheap, usually \$10-\$20. Casual dress. Students, take note: You can AVOID PAYING the Metrotix service charge for your tickets if you buy them at Blueberry Hill, so any time you're in the Loop, swing by to see who's coming to town

The Roberts Orpheum Theater

416 N. 9th St.
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 588-0388
www.robertsorpheum.com

Roberts Orpheum was built in 1917 by local self-made millionaire Louis A. Cella. The theater was part of the vaudeville circuit until its demise in the 1930's, when it became a movie house. In the 1960's, Roberts Orpheum was renovated into a performance venue called The American Theater. Over the next decades, the theater hosted concerts, corporate events, weddings, and other gatherings. In 2003, investors purchased the theater from Cella's grandson, rehabbed it, and gave it back its original name. Roberts Orpheum now hosts everything from the Kevin Kline Awards to the Gateway Men's Chorus to the St. Louis Natural Bodybuilding Classic. You just never know what you're going to get. Tickets from \$20-\$150. Dress varies by event.

Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center

1 University Blvd.
St Louis, MO 63121
(314) 516-4949
www.touhill.org

Part of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, the Touhill Center hosts student performers as well as traveling groups. Tickets up to \$45. Business casual to casual dress. Students, take note: Touhill offers FREE student tickets to some performances.

Center of Creative Arts

524 Trinity Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 725-6555
www.cocastl.org

The COCA bumper stickers are unmistakable, and they are all over St. Louis. What COCA is, exactly, is a little bit less clear to most people. COCA's name actually describes it well, although doesn't put too fine a point on what exactly goes on in the COCA building. It's hard to define, though, because there's a little bit of everything. COCA puts on live theater (Huck Finn is on in April 2007), as well as everything from interpretive dance to art shows in a very family-friendly environment. Tickets \$15-\$20. Casual dress. Students, take note: STUDENT DISCOUNTS offered for many performance. COCA also hosts a number of FREE shows.

ArtLoft Theatre

1529 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 241-1517
www.geocities.com/artlofttheatre

The ArtLoft is the home of several performing arts groups including HotCity Theatre, the Washington Avenue Players, and Magic Smoking Monkey Theatre, among others. The ArtLoft is a black box theater, which gives audiences a real sense of being involved in the action. The theater is in the middle of a huge renovation to get the building up to code, and they've been getting donations from all over St. Louis. Recent performance at the ArtLoft have included major productions like Hair and Chicago, as well as many smaller, more independent productions. Tickets vary by show and performing group. Casual dress.

HotCity Theatre

3547 Olive St., Suite #203
St Louis, MO 63103
(314) 289-4063
www.hotcitytheatre.org

Hot City Theatre was created in 2004 after the merger of Hot House and City Theatre. Their mainstage performances are at the ArtLoft Theatre (above), with GreenHouse performances at the Centene Center on Olive St. Tickets: \$12-\$20. Casual dress. Students, take note: HotCity offers STUDENT DISCOUNTS on tickets. Also, tickets to GreenHouse performances are a few dollars CHEAPER.

(Mostly) Harmless Theater

6614 Clayton Rd., #274
St Louis, MO
(314) 614-7411

(Mostly) Harmless Theater is a St. Louis-based performance group which focuses on contemporary American and European plays, world premieres of original scripts, and imaginative productions of your favorite classic shows.

St. Louis Shakespeare

4579 Laclede Ave., #345
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 361-5664
www.stlshakespeare.org

St. Louis Shakespeare was founded in 1984 to perform Shakespeare plays and other classics. They now perform primarily at the Grandel Theater, putting on three Shakespeare compositions and one show by another playwright every season. They perform from July to January. The Shakespeare Company brings the Bard to middle-school and high-school age students by reserving some of their performances only for teenage audiences. A spin-off company, Magic Smoking Monkey Theater, puts on great live comedy performances in St. Louis as well. Tickets \$15-\$25. Business casual to casual dress. Students, take note: STUDENT DISCOUNTS are offered for all shows.

St. Louis Ballet

218 THF Blvd.
Chesterfield, MO 63005
(636) 537-1998
www.stlouisballet.org

With a season running approximately December to June, the Ballet is a great option for an outing over Christmas or Spring Break. The Nutcracker will be showing over Christmas 2007. Many Ballet performances take place at the Edison Theater (above). Tickets from \$25-\$35. Formal to business casual dress. Students, take note: STUDENT DISCOUNTS offered for performances. Student price is typically \$25.

St. Louis Black Repertory Company

1717 Olive St., 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 534-3807
www.theblackrep.org

The Black Rep is the nation's largest, professional African-American theatre company. The group's mission is to heighten the social and cultural awareness of its audiences. The Black Rep puts on their main stage performances at the Grandel Theater, but they host special events at a variety of other venues. Upcoming performances include Gem of the Ocean, The Dance on Widow's Row, and Guys and Dolls. Tickets from \$10-\$40. Business casual dress. Students, take note: STUDENT RUSH TICKETS are available 30 minutes before a performance with a valid ID. All rush tickets are \$10. Rush tickets must be purchased at the Black Rep Box Office.

Stages St. Louis

Stages St. Louis Box Office
110 N. Clay Ave.
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 821-2407
www.stagesstlouis.com

Stages is a not-for-profit theater company which puts on an eclectic collection of performances from May to October at the Robert G. Reim Theatre at the Kirkwood Civic Center. Recent choices included Cabaret, Grease, Footloose, 1776, and The Sound of Music. Tickets \$15-\$46. Dress: business casual to casual. Students, take note: STUDENT DISCOUNTS (for college students under 25) available on the day of performance. Student tickets are \$15.

OFF TO THE MOVIES

ST LOUIS SILVER SCREENS

Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis

462 N. Taylor Ave., Suite 202
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 531-9800
www.sfstl.com

Affectionately known as “Shakespeare in the Park,” the Shakespeare Festival puts on one show a year, which runs from Memorial Day to Father’s Day. The group performs outdoors in Forest Park, and the weather is usually lovely. Take either a blanket or chairs (there are special sections for people sitting on chairs so you don’t block the view of the people sitting behind you), a picnic dinner, a paper fan, and some mosquito repellent, and prepare for a lovely evening. Arrive early, because there are pre-show events put on by other performance groups in the area. The 2007 selection for the Shakespeare Festival is *Much Ado About Nothing*. Recent choices included *As You Like It*, *The Tempest*, and *Julius Caesar*. Performances are free and open to the public. Casual dress. Students, take note: great Shakespeare for FREE! Take all your friends.

Dance St. Louis

Centene Center for Arts & Education
3547 Olive St., #301
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 534-5000
www.dancestlouis.org

Founded in 1966, Dance St. Louis brings all varieties of dance performance to the area. Their season runs from October to April. Spring 2007 brings performances of Shen Wei Dance Arts and the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, as well as special performances of Stomp and Edward Scissorhands. Tickets from \$18-\$65. Dress varies by event. Students, take note: STUDENT DISCOUNTS offered at many performances with valid ID.

See also <http://stlouis.missouri.org/ae/index.html> and <http://www.explorestlouis.com/> for some less-well-known live entertainment venues and performers.

INDIE THEATRES

Hi-Pointe Theatre

1005 McCausland Avenue (at Clayton Road & Skinker Boulevard)
St. Louis, MO 63117
(314) 995-6273
www.landmarktheatres.com

Built in 1922, the Hi-Pointe Theatre is St. Louis’s oldest continuously operating cinema. Unlike many of the other single-screen theatres in the area that were originally built to be vaudeville theatres, the Hi-Pointe was always intended to show film.

The Tivoli Theatre

6350 Delmar in The Loop
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 995-6270
www.landmarktheatres.com

St. Louis’ beloved Tivoli Theatre features the finest in independent film and foreign language cinema. Architecturally and historically, the Tivoli Building is the most prominent edifice in The Loop area of St. Louis and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. On May 24, 1924, the ornate Tivoli Theatre opened to the public. After a renovation costing in excess of \$2 million, the Tivoli reopened on May 19, 1995 as a three-screen theater. The Tivoli Theatre offers beer and wine along with the regular concession items (including Ted Drews Frozen Custard!)

Moolah Theater & Lounge

3821 Lindell Blvd.
Saint Louis, MO 63108
(314) 446 6868
www.stlouiscinemas.com

The Moolah Theatre is truly a unique place to watch a movie. Leather couches and chairs line the floor so that guests can enjoy watching a movie on the big screen and feel like they are at home. The full bar, which stays open till 1am on the weekends, provides a great place to grab a drink before the show or to take it in the theatre with you! (Another great perk of the Moolah is the bowling alley!) Student pricing is available.

Chase Park Plaza Cinemas

212 N. Kingshighway Saint Louis, MO 63108
(314) 367 0101
www.stlouiscinemas.com

Located inside the Chase Park Plaza Hotel and Luxury Living, the Chase Theatre has 5 screens and plays a combination blockbuster hits and smaller indie or art films. You can enjoy beer and wine while you watch the show and then head to Café Eau for dinner, also located in the Chase. Student pricing is available.

POPULAR THEATRES

AMC Movie Theatres

Multiple locations including Olive, the Galleria, and Clayton Road; multiple screens at each location; <http://www.amctheatres.com>

Esquire

Located near the intersection of Clayton Road and Big Bend; multiple screens; many dining options nearby

Chase Park Plaza

Located at the intersection of Lindell and Kingshighway on the entrance level of the hotel; multiple screens; concession stand and bar in lobby area; several parking areas that are low cost or free in close proximity to theater

PUBS & CLUBS

“ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY”

And we wouldn't want that, would we? Let's face it, sometimes we just want to do something mindless after 5 days (usually more) of having your nose in a book. You might find some of the following worth checking out:

McGurks Irish Pub

www.mcgurks.com
1200 Russell Blvd.
St. Louis MO 63104

Located in soulard, with live Irish music, a great beer selection, and a cozy outdoor seating area. Its also in the center of many other bars, so a good point to launch a pub crawl.

Navato Wine Bar

1004 Locust Street
St Louis, MO 63101
(314) 241-wine

Trendy and downtown, it's a nice place to chill with friends or take somebody worth impressing. They have a large selection of wines and other beverages.

Rue 13

www.rue13stl.com
1311 Washington Ave.
St Louis, MO 63101

Very trendy and very contemporary, you can take a break from dancing and enjoy some sushi while you rest. This Lounge style destination captures the hip urban spirit, and sits on Washington Ave, where the pretty people party on the weekends.

Llywelyn's Pub

www.llywelynspub.com

This welsh pub has two locations, one on Euclid in the Central West End, and the other in Soulard. Personally, I prefer the biergarten in the Central West End after a long days work.

In addition to these specific locales, you can give yourself up to serendipity and perhaps explore one of the following areas:

The U-City Loop

The night life here often centers around live music, as the Pageant, Bluberry Hill, and the Delmar Lounge are all hot spots to hear tunes. There's a variety of Ethnic Restaurants that stay open late, and the Delmar Lounge itself stays open until 3am, a bit later than the rest of the spots in the loop.

South Grand

Just a 10 minute drive south of the University is the "Grand South Grand" neighborhood. Mangia Italiano often has music, and the Upstairs Lounge has some pretty reliable DJ's on the weekend. City Diner is a great late night munchies Mecca, where Americana is the well-executed theme of choice.

Laclede's Landing

Pubs, Dancing, Chain Bars & Mega-Clubs, Riverboat Casino Gambling, and the aberration known as "Show-Me's", it doesn't get more mindless than Laclede's Landing. There are usually a lot of tourists in the warmer months, and it can get a bit hectic down there. My advice: take a cab.

Central West End

A bit more refined than some of the other areas, the CWE has night options ranging from franchised “Bar Louie”, to Club Viva! Where you can salsa dance the night away while sipping mojitos.

SPORTS & RECREATION

St Louis is a tremendous baseball city, and the Champoinship Cardinals have obviously settled in nicely to their new stadium. The Cardinals, and other major league sports teams provide St. Louisans with year round entertainment.

St. Louis Cardinals

stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com

The Cardinals play in the new Busch Stadium is located east of Highway 40 in downtown St. Louis.

St. Louis Rams

www.stlouisrams.com

The Rams play at the Edward Jones Dome located at 701 Convention Plaza in downtown St. Louis.

St. Louis Blues

blues.nhl.com

The Blues play in Scottrade Center located at 1401 Clark Avenue in downtown St. Louis.

Gateway International Raceway

www.gatewayraceway.com

700 Raceway Blvd.

P.O. Box 200

Madison, IL 62060

Tickets: 866-35-SPEED

Fairmount Park Racetrack

www.fairmountpark.com

9301 Collinsville Road

Collinsville, IL 62234

(618) 345 - 4300 or (314) 436 - 1516

St. Louis Grizzlies

Frontier League baseball team

www.gatewaygrizzlies.com

2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd.

Sauget, IL 62206

(618) 337-3000

River City Rascals

Frontier League baseball team

www.rivercityrascals.com

900 T.R. Hughes Blvd

O’Fallon, MO 63366

Phone: 636-240-BATS

Saint Louis University Athletics

<http://slubillikens.cstv.com>

Forest Park

Beautiful city park only a few minutes from SLU; baseball fields, running trails, etc.; home to museums, the Zoo, the Jewel Box, the Boathouse, the Muny Opera and the Science Center; great place to take out-of-town visitors, to workout, or just to relax

Special events: Shakespeare Festival (May 25 – June 17); Balloon Glow and Race (September 14-15); Wine Festival (September 29-30)

St. Louis Zoo

FREE attraction for all ages (although some minimal charges for certain exhibits such as the butterfly house); clean, safe, family-friendly environment

Special events: holiday light show at the zoo beginning around Thanksgiving (nighttime; small fee charged)

Botanical Gardens

Acres of trails winding through plant and flower exhibits; special exhibits throughout the year; offer classes in gardening, cooking, etc.

Special events: Japanese Festival (Labor Day Weekend); other events?

Taste of St. Louis

Several days of food and fun in downtown STL; high quality food and drinks from some of the best restaurants in town; minimal expense; entertainment during evening hours

EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY

Each area in St. Louis has some really great restaurants, so these are just a few of my personal favorites that I've discovered. If you're a fan of Mexican you've got to try Chuy's in Dogtown. They've got great margaritas and even better soft tacos. It's a laid back sort of place, and it's fun to go to for a casual night out with friends. ZuZu's in Clayton, and now also downtown, also has great, quick Mexican food. You can get take out from there or just order it to eat in and grab a seat and have a margarita while eating.

Chuy's

6405 Clayton Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139
(314) 644-4430

ZuZu's

31 N. Central Ave.
Clayton, MO 63105
(314) 863-6767
www.zuzuhandmademexicanfood.com
Mon – Sun: 11am – 9pm

As far as Italian goes, anything on The Hill is great. Charlie Gitto's and Rigazzi's are two good ones – Gitto's is pricier and better for special occasions, whereas Rigazzi's is more laid back and a little more affordable. Gitto's has great toasted ravioli - rumor has it that toasted ravs originated there. Rigazzi's has famously humongous "fish bowl" beers. They boast one of St. Louis' favorite pizzas (St. Louis style thin crust with provol cheese). They also have really good toasted ravioli.

Charlie Gitto's

5226 Shaw Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 772-8898
www.charliegittos.com
Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm
Fri & Sat: 8am-Midnight

Rigazzi's

4945 Dagget Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 772-4900
Mon-Thurs 5-10pm
Fri-Sat 5-11pm
Sun 4-10pm

For pizza, head to Blackthorne Pub or Pointer's. Blackthorne is what one might call a "hole in the wall" type of bar – but one that exudes character and has great pizza made with fresh ingredients. You order your pizza at the bar the same way you'd order a drink. The pizzas come in deep dish Chicago style, pan style, or thin crust, the toppings are limited but all are really fresh. Be prepared to wait about an hour for the pizza, but there are tons of bar games to play and people to watch so time will fly. Pointer's is a pizza delivery place – more along the lines of Papa John's. They have a challenge called the Pointersaurus – it's a 28" pizza, with two meat toppings, that must be split between two people at the restaurant, within an hour. It's not clear what you win if you finish it, except the knowledge that you and a friend can eat 10 pounds of pizza. They deliver (including the Pointersaurus) until 2 am – perfect for late night studying!

Blackthorne Pub

3735 Wyoming St. (at S. Spring Ave.)
St. Louis, MO 63139
(314) 776-0534
Mon-Sat 5-1:30am

Pointer's

1023 S. Big Bend Blvd.
Richmond Heights, MO 63117
(314) 644-2000
www.pointersdelivers.com
Delivery 'til 2am

“Copia is a wine bar downtown and has incredible food and even better wine. It has a quiet, calm atmosphere and is a little dressy, so don’t go in your tennis shoes.”

Nicole Comeaux, Lake Tahoe, CA

Copia
1122 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63101
info@copiawine.com
(314) 621-7275

“SubZero is the best place to get sushi that’s close to SLU’s campus. It’s in the Central West End. It’s not very expensive and not usually busy early in the day.”

Mollie Henle, Little Rock, Arkansas

SubZero Vodka Bar
www.subzerovodkabar.com
308 N. Euclid Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 367-1200

“If you come into town with your parents, head to Lucas Park downtown, it’s a little pricy but the food is amazing!”

Nicole Comeaux, Lake Tahoe, CA

Lucas Park Grille & Market

1234 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 241-7770
Bar: Daily - 11 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Market: Daily - 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Lunch: Daily - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner: Daily - 5 to 11 p.m.

“I love Zoe - they have really good pad thai and even better potstickers.”

Amanda Jones, Dallas, TX

Zoe’s Pan Asian Café

4753 McPherson Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 361-0013

“Flannery’s downtown is more of a sports bar with traditional ‘burgers-and-fries’ kind of food, and it’s a great time during baseball season!”

Nicole Comeaux, Lake Tahoe, CA

Flannery’s Irish Pub

1324 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 241-8885

“Saleem’s in The Loop has really good food and belly dancers Friday and Saturday nights. They serve great Middle Eastern food.” Kim Heck, St. Louis, MO

Saleem’s Lebanese Cuisine

6501 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 721-7947

COMMENTS

“I love eating almost anywhere on the Hill. Wasabi Sushi is great too. Bush’s Grove and Tony’s are really great as well, but pretty expensive. My favorite bar is Tin Can Tavern. Also, anywhere in the Central West End is usually a lot of fun.”

Kristen Spath, 2L

“The Central West End’s Bar Louie, located minutes away from campus, is a delicious neighborhood restaurant. Each Tuesday night, Bar Louie features ‘Dollar Burger Night’ beginning at 5pm. The Blue Cheese Crumbles ... and the Cheddar Chipotle are crowd pleasers. As if eating for only \$1 was not enough, all drafts are \$2 until 7pm. If you really want to splurge, add in a slice of their Mile-High Carrot Cake – you will not be disappointed. With contemporary photography, retro light fixtures, and comfy circular booths, this is a great place to relax with friends after a long day of studying. The staff is always friendly and even when Bar Louie is packed, the wait once you place your order is unusually short.”

Christine Campbell, 2L

“Pueblo Solis, on Hampton in South City. I can’t give you a full history of Pueblo Solis, a Mexican restaurant a few miles south of 40 on Hampton, but I know it’s family-owned and -operated. In the five years I’ve lived in St Louis, their turnover has been pretty close to, well,

zero. It's a cozy, okay, a tiny restaurant – this even after they turned half of their six car parking lot into an enclosed patio to expand seating. And it's busy almost every night and sort of loud. But it's busy and loud for the right reasons, namely, good food and good drink. It's a Mexican restaurant run by a Mexican family, so not everything on the menu will resemble the Tex- Mex we tend to think of when we think of Mexican food. But not everything is unfamiliar, and for those not interested in Mexican pork chops (wonderful) or Mexican meatballs (even better) or seafood or other authentic dishes, there are “traditional” tacos, enchiladas, etc. Everything on the menu is tasty, and the chips and salsa are fresh made every day. The guacamole is excellent, if a little overpriced. A meal for two with a couple drinks each will cost \$50-60. Tip: expect a wait and have a drink if you get there after 6:30...oh, and parking can be tough because you often have to find a spot in the adjacent neighborhood.”

Steve Skaff, 2L

“Saleem’s – where Garlic is King (U City). Not only is garlic king, but so is belly dancing. On weekend evenings, the delicious Lebanese food is supplemented by an overly excited belly dancer. The main event, however, remains the food. Saleem’s showcases many traditional Lebanese and other Middle Eastern foods including shwarma, kebab, falafel, hummus, and tabouli. While garlic is king, most of the garlic is in the sauces, so if you only like a hint of garlic but still want the Lebanese experience, just go easy on the sauce.”

Felicia Eshragh, 2L

“King and I (South Grand). This traditional-style Thai restaurant features a very extensive menu and strong drinks. If you have a larger party, you may get a booth that is set into the ground, to simulate sitting on the floor without making your legs fall asleep. The menu offers a wide variety of vegetarian, seafood, and meat options. While the good ole’ standby of Pad Thai is delicious, the other noodle dishes are equally good, if not better. If you like spice, this is the place to go. The “hot” level is enough to best even the biggest spice lover.”

Felicia Eshragh, 2L

“Café Natasha (South Grand). This Persian café showcases most traditional Persian dishes and appetizers while supplementing some more American-friendly items. There are many choices for kebabs either in chicken, beef, or lamb, as well as combination options. In addition to the most popular kebab options, there are a few options for khorosht (a stew over rice). There is an extensive appetizer menu including the Persian variety of eggplant stew. Café Natasha also does take out, so you can experiment at home or at the restaurant.”

Felicia Eshragh, 2L

“Located just off campus on Laclede Avenue near Vandeventer, Laclede Street Bar & Grill offers 2-for-1 Happy Hour specials and is my favorite place to kick the weekend off with friends.”

Hannah Moore, 2L