



Danville Area Arts...

Everything But Ordinary

Symphony songs. Riveting theater. Restored venues. Public art spaces. Arts festivals.
All of this and more...Arts in Danville and Vermilion County

Culture
Danville Area Visitors Bureau

We are pleased to share this guide to help you find the many ways you can enjoy the surprising and delightful arts and culture that permeate our community.

It only takes one visit to recognize there is something incredibly special about Danville/Vermilion County. We invite you to contact our office at the Danville Area Visitors' Bureau for further information about our venues and scheduled events. Our staff will be happy to help assist you in planning your visit. Feel free to contact us at (800) 383-4386, (217) 442-2096, or visitdanvillearea.com

The best art grows from deep roots and bears witness to the joy, passion, hope, struggle, beauty and creative human spirit of a place and its people. For generations, Vermilion County has inspired artists and performers, creating a vibrant culture where art thrives.

These are the life-affirming arts of Vermilion County.



Performing Arts

"Music is a piece of art that goes in the ears and straight to the heart." Unknown

Music

Rich, ongoing harmony fills the air from the acclaimed Danville Symphony Orchestra, Vermilion Festival Chorus, Danville Municipal Band, Danville Sweet Adelines, Danville Barbershop Chorus, Danville Light Opera and on warm summer evenings with popular musicians at Fridays Nights and Summer Sounds Concert Series.

Want a casual evening? Our talented, local musicians perform year-round in local pubs, parks, wineries, charming restaurants and our many places of worship.

Emerging Artists

We continue to invest in the next generation of young artists. Exceptional programs and performances abound at Danville Area Community College and area high schools including theater productions, show choir performances, band concerts, art expositions and much more. The annual Danville High School Madrigal Dinner is a holiday favorite.

Performing
Arts





I'm so grateful to have grown up in Danville. So much of who I am today can be traced back to my early days. The spirit and resilience there are pure magic!

– Dick Van Dyke

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"It was only in the theater that I lived." C



ving Performances

Theater

DLO Musical Theatre

The area's oldest musical theater group performs regular season musicals, including mainstage productions, and youth/teen musicals each year. DLO offers modern Broadway musicals, old-fashioned operettas, familiar and lesser-known shows

Red Mask Players

With roots going back to the 1930's, this group presents adult and children's shows, the much-anticipated Christmas show, and the occasional summer season of one-acts or benefit shows. Performances range from youth shows designed to introduce the newest generations to the joys of live theater, to family-friendly classics, to newer, cutting-edge dramas.

Newer, emergent groups take theater to yet another level.

Dark Horse Theatre Company provides well-crafted, diverse productions at locally treasured venues. Lincoln Park Theatre Company pulls in new and seasoned theater lovers by offering free, outdoor productions in beautiful Lincoln Park.

The area continues to foster new talent through the DACC Players, Danville Area Community College's theater group, and our proudest new addition - the Teen Theatre Company of Danville - founded, directed, and featured by and for teens.

Oscar Wilde



Performing
Arts

"All the world's a stage." William Shakespeare



Venues

Local venues offer memorable spaces for performances of all kinds. The newly restored, century-old **Fischer Theatre** invites visitors into a performance space that must be experienced to be believed. The **Kathryn Randolph Theater**, that houses the Red Mask Players, is a local treasure that shouldn't be missed. **The Palmer Arena** draws national performers of every genre to its 2,500-seat facility and is the location for the popular First Gig Rock Camp each summer. A myriad of entertainment options are available at the **Lincoln Park Band Shelter**. Residents and guests feel the charm of Hoopeson's **Lorraine Theatre**, the majesty of performances at the restored **St. James Methodist Church**, the beauty of the **Dick Van Dyke Auditorium** at Danville High School, or the comfort of the renovated **Bremer Center** at Danville Area Community College to name a few.

Visitors travel hundreds of miles to visit **Sleepy Creek Vineyards** to sample local wines and enjoy live music, comedy, theater, murder mysteries and much more – no matter the season.

With Illinois' highest number of park acres per capita, our city, county and state parks are vibrant with music, festivals and events. Residents and visitors can be found at **Kickapoo State Park's Park Bistro** setting on the water, **Kennekuk and Forest Glen's** historic festivals, and at community parks enjoying eclectic performances.

The historic **Danville Stadium** (Est. 1946) not only hosts summer baseball but also doubles as a concert venue and movie backdrop, notably for the baseball biopic *The Babe*.



Visual Arts



“Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire, and motivate.” Harvey Fierstein

Visual Arts

Art Festivals

Vermilion County's fairs and festivals present live music, the works of artisans from across the country, and performances of every kind. For over 30 years, Arts in the Park has been recognized as a premier artist destination and includes the Artist Promenade, music and theater, children's activities, and creative demonstrations.

Fine Arts

The vibrant Danville Art League stimulates and celebrates creativity and art appreciation through classes and exhibits at their studio and in the community. Danville's Public Library showcases fascinating fine art and hosts readings by local and guest authors. Danville Area Community College, as well as, many other locations also boast memorable works by well-known artists.

Public Art & Sculpture

Visitors experience the vivid heritage and unmistakable charm of colorful murals, that span throughout Vermilion County. Highly skilled painters and mural artists from around the world painted sky-high murals on walls, buildings and other structures that depict the rich history of arts in Vermilion County.

Often hidden-in-plain sight, captivating sculptures appear in unexpected places. Everywhere from - Main and Gilbert's Victory Monument, created by Lorado Taft, known as the godfather of bronze sculpture - to the Danville Public Library's moving statue- to the acclaimed "Danville, U.S.A." brick sculpture wall depicting Danville's history and future - to the Daniel French "Minute Man" sculpture at the Vermilion County building - art and history come alive.

A quiet Sunday afternoon begs for a drive through the late Gothic/Colonial/Classical Revival architecture at Danville Area Community College and the VA Illiana Health Care System, offering the deeply moving view of row-upon-row of white markers at the Danville National Cemetery.



ARTS

Danville Art League

320 N. Franklin Street
Danville, IL
217-442-9264

www.danvilleartleague.com

Offers a variety of classes for all ages in many different media. Call or visit their website for classes, special events and art shows!

- Paul Brumaghim Gallery

Alley Gallery

113 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
217-497-2286

Featured exhibits

PERFORMING ARTS

Music

Danville Barbershop Chorus

Danville, IL
Director: Marty Lindvahl 217-260-0272
Comprised of over 50 talented men

DLO Musical Theatre

P.O. Box 264
Danville, IL 61834
217-431-1660
www.dlomusicaltheatre.com
• *Community theatre group formed in 1956*

Danville Municipal Band

Lincoln Park Bandshell
1000 Logan Avenue
Danville, IL
Dave Shroeder 217-597-1955
• *Free Summer Sunday performances at Lincoln Park*
• *December – Holiday concert @ St. James UMC*

Danville Sweet Adelines

Danville, IL
217-431-0454
www.danvillesweetadelines.com
• *Comprised of talented women*
• *Annual fall show and various community events*

Danville Symphony Orchestra

715 W. Fairchild Street
Danville, IL
217-443-5300
www.danvillesymphony.org
• *Founded in 1967*
• *Comprised of over 60 talented musicians*
• *4 concerts per year*
• *Annual educational concerts for children*
• *Maestro, Jeremy Swerling*

Hoopeston Community Children's Choir

First Christian Church
502 E. Main St.
Hoopeston, IL
217-283-6691

Vermilion Festival Chorus

St. James United Methodist Church
Danville, IL
Dave Shroeder 217-597-1955
Email: bandguy59@comcast.net
• *Open to anyone high school and older*
• *Performs at various events throughout the year*

*Many other performances by
Danville/Vermilion County Schools*

Theater

DACC Players

Danville Area Community College
2000 E. Main Street
Danville, IL
217-443-DACC

DLO Musical Theatre

P.O. Box 264
Danville, IL 61834
217-431-1660
www.dlomusicaltheatre.com
• *Community theatre group formed in 1956*

Darkhorse Theatre Company

765-201-0053
Performs at various venues in the area.
darkhorsetheatreco@gmail.com
www.darkhorsetheatreco.com

Gregory's Academy of Arts

Gregory Duckett
Danville, IL
217-443-0235
Email: gregorysacademy@gmail.com

Lincoln Park Theatre Company

Lincoln Park Bandshell
1000 Logan Avenue
Danville, IL
217-516-8860
• *Free outdoor production each summer*

Red Mask Children's Theatre

Kathryn Randolph Theatre
601 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
217-442-5858
www.redmaskplayers.com

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601 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
217-442-5858
www.redmaskplayers.com
• *Community theatre group established in 1936*

TTCD – Teen Theatre Company of Danville

Danville, IL
ttcd2017@gmail.com
• *Performed, directed, and
upheld entirely by teens.*



Entertainment

Venues

AMC Village Mall 6

2917 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
217-443-1916
www.amctheatres.com

Bremer Center

Danville Area Community College
2000 E. Main Street
Danville, IL
217-443-3222

Danville Stadium (Est. 1946)

610 Highland Blvd
Danville, IL
217-918-3401

Dick Van Dyke Auditorium

Danville High School
202 E. Fairchild
Danville, IL
217-444-1500

Fischer Theatre (Est. 1884)

160 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
800-383-4386
www.fischertheatre.com
• Stage Presents Gift Shop

Kathryn Randolph Theater

Red Mask Players
601 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL
217-442-5858

Lincoln Park Bandshell

Historic Lincoln Park
1000 N. Logan Avenue
Danville, IL
217-431-3452 (Danville Public Works)
217-554-9003 Weekend/After Hours
(Park Emergency)

Little Lorraine

214 E. Main Street
Hoopeston, IL 60942
www.thelorrainetheatre.com

Lorraine Theatre (Est. 1922)

324 E. Main Street
Hoopeston, IL 60942
www.thelorrainetheatre.com

Palmer Arena

100 W. Main Street
Danville, IL
217-431-2424
www.palmerarena.com

Temple Plaza Stage

100 N. Vermilion
(corner of North & Vermilion Streets)
Danville, IL
217-431-3452 (Danville Public Works)
217-554-9003 Weekend/After Hours
(Park Emergency)
• Picnic area
• Stage/shelter

Annual Events

ArtBeat Music Week

JUNE
*Free annual music and art festival in
Downtown Danville*

Arts in the Park

JUNE
*Over 60 artist's booths on display in a juried art
show at Lincoln Park along with performing arts
on stage and an antique car show on Saturday
morning.*

First Gig: Rock N' Roll Camp

JUNE/JULY
*Camp for Kids who love music and are ready
for band experience, including the thrill of
performing live in front of an audience.*

Sleepy Creek Vineyards Art & Music Festival

SEPTEMBER
*Great event with music, art and wine
at a fantastic local winery.*

Live Music Events

- Danville Municipal Band Summer Concerts,
Historic Lincoln Park or St. James United
Methodist Church
- Summer Sounds Concert Series
(Temple Plaza, Downtown Danville)
MAY thru AUGUST
- AMBUCS Friday Nights Concert Series
(Turtle Run) – JUNE thru AUGUST
- Café Bistro at Kickapoo
MAY thru SEPTEMBER
- Sleepy Creek Vineyards
- Other area businesses (i.e. Exit 210)



For complete information visit: www.visitdanvilleareainfo.com.

Danville

For a complete list of scheduled events or group reservations contact:

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