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ARTS EXPRESS and ARTIST STOREFRONT PROJECT

Location:

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In 2008, Fall River enacted a new zoning ordinance affecting the Downtown and the Waterfront known as the Arts Overlay District. This newly established district provides for artist lofts, studios, and workshops and a welcoming environment for artists in which to work and live. Among the many projects is an Storefront Artists Project where artists can work and establish studios in vacant storefronts rent-free (excluding utilities) and upon certain other conditions relating to occupancy. Artists are thus encouraged to come to Fall River to work, sell their creations, and thereby contribute to the burgeoning "Creative Economy" beginning to develop in the Downtown and the Waterfront areas. The Storefront Artists Project along with other arts-related initiative is managed by Patrice Cloutier of Arts Express. Patrice can be reached at 508-667-8929 or by contacting her via email at [simply Patrice@msn.com](mailto:simplyPatrice@msn.com) or P.Cloutier@ArtsExpressFallRiver.com for more information about the Storefront Artists Project and other arts-related activities and events

ARTS UNITED

Location:

Voice:

Website: www.artsunitedfallriver.org

Arts United is a growing organization of artists and patrons of the arts in Fall River dedicated to promoting visual and performing arts in the City. A wonderfully informative website contains a "Bulletin Board" and calendar of cultural events including Music, History, Literature, Architecture, Film, and Crafts as well as events relating to the Visual and Performing Arts.

NARROWS CENTER FOR THE ARTS (Waterfront)

Location: 70 Water Street

Voice: 508-674-3533

Website: www.ndfta.org

This 280-seat facility housed in one of Fall River's historic waterfront-area mill structures hosts nationally known as well as and local artists, musicians, and performers. Featured are artists' workshops, frequent exhibits, and an annual festival with fascinating art, live music, and fine food! Visit the web site for frequent updates and a schedule of live performances and exhibits.

SPINDLE CITY BALLET

Location:

Voice: 508.536.6073

Website: www.spindlecityballet.org

The Spindle City Ballet develops dancers both artistically and technically through professional performances staged at various theatrical venues such as the Margaret Jackson Center for the

Performing Arts at Bristol Community College in Fall River. There is an annual program of well-known ballets including the Christmas season favorite, *The Nutcracker*.

THE LUSO-AMERICAN GALLERY OF THE ANTIQUITIES (L.A.G.O.A)

Location:

Voice: 508.673.6624

Website: www.logoagallery.org

The creation of its founder and curator, Dr. Stephen Cabral, the LAGOA Gallery is a non-profit organization and museum dedicated to the preservation of the Portuguese-American culture. Its exhibits feature an unusual and interesting collection of artifacts and art associated with the Portuguese culture. An annual "Kale Fest" at which local Portuguese restaurants participate with their prized and highly-coveted Kale Soup creations to raise community awareness and ethnic pride in the contributions of Kale Soup to the local food customs and restaurant industry. Consult the web site for hours of operation and new location soon to be established.

FALL RIVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Location:

Voice: 401.635.2401

Website: www.fallriversymphonyorchestra.org

Tracing its origins to 1925 and the formation of the Fall River Orchestral Club, the Fall River Symphony Orchestra makes a significant cultural and musical contribution to community life in the city. The Symphony is comprised of professional musicians, excellent musicians who have other professions, and students who excel in music. Under the direction of Ann Danis, Music Director and Conductor, the symphony's performances are varied and include a Holiday Pops Concert. Consult the web site for the schedule and further details.

CHERRY & WEBB GALLERY (Downtown)

Location: 139 South Main Street, Fall River, MA 02721

Voice: 508.679.8419

Website: www.candwgallery.org

This art gallery located in the magnificently restored Cherry & Webb Building, a Grand Dame of Fall River Department Stores in the bustling days of textile commerce in the City, features art exhibits and the Children's Film Festival held every Spring. The gallery is situated in the foyer of the building which also houses the Café Arpeggio and the University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth) Professional and Continuing Education campus. The Cherry & Webb Gallery also hosts the Arts on Main public art project featuring the work of professional and amateur artists and the installation of banners, sculpture, murals and banners in the immediate vicinity of the Downtown area. Consult the web site for current exhibits and further information.

THE LITTLE THEATER OF FALL RIVER (Downtown-Lower Highlands Historic area)

Location: 340 Prospect St. Fall River, MA 02720

Voice: 508.676.1077

Website: www.littletheater.net

Located in the Prospect Street Fire Engine House, (itself a splendid example of Victorian-era architecture) in the Lower Highlands section adjacent to the Downtown area, this dedicated community theater group has staged various productions, including musicals, such as *My Fair Lady*, *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, *the Odd Couple*, and many others since its beginnings in 1936. Consult web site for current productions of the offerings of this fine community theater.

MARGARET L. JACKSON ARTS CENTER AT BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(Bristol Community College Campus)

Location: 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720

Voice: 508.678.2811 ext. 2631

Website: www.bristolcc.edu/gallery

While not located in the Downtown or Waterfront areas directly, the Margaret L. Jackson Arts Center located on the campus of Bristol Community College is just a few minutes' drive from the Downtown area. This spacious theater and gallery features arts exhibits and also serves as a comfortable theater venue for the performing arts.

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One of many concerts held on the waterfront throughout the year at the Narrows Arts Center, Fall River, MA