



Beauty of the Arts

Art adds something special to life. Whether it's music or drama, painting or sculpture, we are enriched by its presence. In the Mid-Ohio Valley, art is more than an attraction. It's a vital part of our culture.

The West Virginia Symphony calls Parkersburg its second home. The Parkersburg Art Center always has something new to offer aficionados of the visual arts. Our Actor's Guild performs local productions of critically-acclaimed shows year-round. The historic Smoot Theatre hosts some of the finest performances you'll enjoy anywhere, from nationally-touring companies to local concerts. Add a broad array of youth activities like the Shrader Youth Ballet, the Art Center's "Camp Creativity," the Actor's Guild's "Guild Builders," and dozens of adult learning programs, and you'll see why we have such a vibrant arts community.

Does art imitate life or does life imitate art? We give you plenty of ways to explore the answers for yourself.



The lights come up. The curtain rises. Strings and woodwinds sing together. Drums and brass join the chorus. The conductor's wand dances in his hand, at once leading and following the music as it swells to fill the hall.

