

# experience COLUMBUS

## ADVENTURES IN ART

*Experience Columbus' nationally acclaimed arts scene for yourself. Go behind the scenes to meet jazz greats, learn to play the fiddle and create glass art.*

### DAY ONE

See works by the masters at the **Columbus Museum of Art**, including Monet, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir and O'Keeffe. Children (and adults too) can get hands-on in the Center for Creativity, opening in fall 2010.

Hit the art galleries, boutiques and eclectic specialty stores in the **Short North Arts District**, which houses one of the best collections of art galleries between New York and Chicago. Dinner choices include fine and casual dining and cuisines ranging from Pan-Asian to All American.

Get VIP treatment at one of two evening options. Enjoy live jazz from one of the world's finest big bands, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra**. Start the evening with an all-access tour of the historic Southern Theatre and meet Byron Stripling, the former lead trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra. After the concert, go on stage for an exclusive opportunity to meet the 17-member band. Or go behind the curtain at Broadway's biggest hits, courtesy of **Broadway Across**

**America-Columbus**. After the show, you'll be treated to an exclusive meet-and-greet with members of the cast and crew who will provide you with an "insider's view."



*Go on stage to meet jazz greats*

### DAY TWO

Step inside a painting at the **Topiary Park**, a re-creation in topiary of Georges Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte"—complete with 54 topiary people, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey and a cat.

Go back stage at the Spanish Baroque-style **Ohio Theatre**. See a light show, hear tunes on the Mighty Morton Theatre Organ and learn about its 80-year history.

Enjoy a taste of Old Ireland during a gourmet cooking demonstration in **Dublin**. Learn a few traditional Irish steps from an instructor at the Richens-Timm Academy of Irish Dance—one of the foremost Irish dance schools in North America.



*Learning Irish dance steps in Dublin*

Learn about cutting-edge modern art at the internationally acclaimed **Wexner Center for the Arts**. Even the building is a work of art: It was designed by Peter Eisenman and is known as a landmark of postmodern architecture.

Enjoy dinner at **The Bexley Monk**, a Central Ohio favorite since it opened in 1984.

### DAY THREE

Watch glassblowers at work, then create your own glass paperweight at **Glass Axis**.



*Watch glassblowers at work at Glass Axis*

Eat lunch amid works by Dale Chihuly and other preeminent glass artists at **Hawk Galleries**.

### Time your visit with one of these 2010 events:

- Columbus Arts Festival, June 4-6
- Easton Art Affair, June 25-27
- Short North Gallery Hop, held the first Saturday of every month

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