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When visitors say Las Vegas has it all, they mean it. Stunning accommodations, world-class restaurants, electrifying nightlife, amazing pools and a burgeoning art scene. Ranging from high-end galleries featuring renowned artists and curated collections that rival some of the world's greatest to Insta-worthy street art and eclectic pop-up exhibits, there is always something new and vibrant to discover.

WHAT'S NEW

Experiential art complex **AREA15**'s latest exhibit to open is **O'KEEFE: One Hundred Flowers**. The multimedia exhibit immerses visitors into the artwork of Georgia O'Keefe, recognized as the Mother of American Modernism. The experience includes a series of evolving visual landscapes, synced with a powerful all-female soundtrack, to celebrate and reimagine the treasured floral stills featured in *Georgia O'Keefe: One Hundred Flowers*, one of the best-selling art books of all time with over one million copies sold worldwide.

PERCEPTION Las Vegas, a new digital art museum, has opened on the north end of the Strip across from Resorts World Las Vegas and Fontainebleau Las Vegas. The 17,000-square-foot space will feature a rotation of immersive digital art installations for guests to enjoy the works of beloved artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, the first to be highlighted at PERCEPTION. The inaugural exhibit, *Leonardo: The Universal Man*, is currently on display.

ART IN LAS VEGAS

AREA15, the world's first experiential art and entertainment complex, opened in Las Vegas in fall 2020. Located minutes from the Las Vegas Strip, the 40,000-square-foot complex offers immersive activations, monumental art installations, activations, unique retail, ground-breaking technology, bars, eateries and much more. Visitors can experience Army of the Dead: Viva Las Vengeance, a virtual reality experience; Birdly, a flight simulator; Brainstorm, an artificial intelligence experience; Dueling Axes, an axe-throwing lounge; Emporium, an arcade and craft cocktail and beer bar; Five Iron Golf an indoor golf experience; Haley's Comet, a zipline; Illuminarium, an immersive sensory experience; Liftoff, an outdoor ride with panoramic views of the Strip; Lost Spirits Distillery; Meow Wolf's Omega Mart, an immersive art installation; Museum Fiasco, an audiovisual installation; O'KEEFE: One Hundred Flowers, an immersive art exhibit; OZ Ride, a virtual reality adventure; Particle Quest, an augmented reality experience; Virtuals VR, a virtual reality experience; and Wink World: Portals Into The Infinite, a psychedelic art house. The complex also features food and beverage outlets, including The Beast by Todd English, Emack & Bolio's ice cream shop, Liftoff Bar, Lumin Café & Kitchen, Makers & Finders coffee shop, the Oddwood cocktail bar, Rocket Fizz candy store and Sanctuary Lounge.

The **ARIA Resort & Casino** Fine Art Collection features work by acclaimed painters, sculptors and installation artists, including Maya Lin, Jenny Holzer, Nancy Rubins, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Frank Stella, Henry Moore, James Turrell, and Richard Long, among others. The ARIA Fine Art Collection encompasses a multitude of styles and media – ranging from sculptures and paintings to large-scale installations – engaging visitors on a visual and intellectual level. Some were existing pieces, carefully chosen for their artistic value and cultural significance; others are site-specific installations for which the artist commanded their vision over the space. Pieces are located all around the ARIA Campus including ARIA Resort & Casino, Vdara Hotel & Spa, The Shops at Crystals and Veer Towers.

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art is Las Vegas' premier exhibition space—where great art goes on vacation. BGFA is committed to presenting intimate exhibitions featuring works by some of the world's most compelling artists. Organized in partnership with museums and foundations from around the world, past exhibitions have included "Picasso: Creatures and Creativity," "Fabergé Revealed," "Painting Women: Works from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston," "Warhol Out West," "Figuratively Speaking: A Survey of the Human Form" and "Classic Contemporary: Lichtenstein, Warhol and Friends." Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art exhibits change twice yearly. Bellagio is also home to The Artist Studio, which invites national and international artists to live and work in Las Vegas while creating a commissioned artwork for the MGM Resorts Fine Art Collection. A guest lounge is inside the studio where visitors are invited to witness the artists at work, speak with them, view their artist catalogs, and learn more about their artistic practice. In addition, Bellagio is home to several Picasso paintings that reside at the restaurant Picasso, and one of leading glass artist Dale Chihuly's most famous pieces, "Fiori Di Como," that hangs from the ceiling in Bellagio's lobby.

Circa Resort & Casino has launched a utility NFT art collection of the famous Vegas Vickie neon sign, painted by prolific artist Jason "Borbay" Borbet, becoming the first Las Vegas casino to debut an NFT to the blockchain with an NFT collection. The NFT will pay homage to the classic 20-ft. blonde cowgirl neon sign, which made its mark on the world-famous Fremont Street Experience in 1980, smiling into the crowds while perched upon Bob Stupak's Glitter Gulch Casino. Originally designed by Charles F. "Chuck" Barnard, the sign was acquired by Circa's CEO Derek Stevens in 2016, where she was refurbished by Las Vegas-based sign company YESCO and now lives as a signature art piece in Circa's lobby.

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas features a dynamic visual art program that bolsters the resort's distinctly different point of view – from the resort-wide digital art program, which includes a two-sided, 150-foot-wide LED video display situated atop the Boulevard Tower called The Beacon and the award-winning lobby digital art installation with an LED panel spanning the length of the front desk, as well as eight 15-foot columns, to WALLWORKS, the parking garage murals that incorporate murals and graffiti by Curtis Kulig, Shepard Fairey, Kenny Scharf, Shinique Smith, Retna and Stephen Powers (known as ESPO); five Art-o-mat machines made from repurposed cigarette vending machines, each of which dispenses a variety of original artwork; "After the Party" by Andy Warhol and a commissioned work by Ivan Navarro in the Talon Club. Plus, hundreds of contemporary art works by both established and emerging artists from all over the world – including Georges Rousse, Maya Hayuk, Marilyn Minter, Rosemarie Fiore, Alex Da Corte, Jonathan Borofsky, Nicola Lopez, Siobhan Liddell, Sylvia Hommert and many others – can be found throughout The Cosmopolitan. Guests can even take an art tour guided by the resort's virtual (and flirty) concierge chatbot, Rose.

The Louis Vuitton store at **The Shops at Crystals** hosts the Masters Collection, created in collaboration with Jeff Koons. The original works by da Vinci, Titian, Rubens, Fragonard and

van Gogh have been transposed onto the iconic bags such as the Speedy, Keepall and Neverfull. This Louis Vuitton location is the 2nd largest in the U.S. and the largest in Las Vegas. In addition, Louis Vuitton at The Shops at Crystals houses “Akhob” – a permanent James Turrell installation which occupies a hidden space on the fourth floor of the store. Akhob, a word from Egypt’s Amarna period supposedly meaning “pure water,” the piece consists of circular openings leading into two huge chambers filled with slowly changing, rotating light. Viewing of the installation is free and open to the public, but limited to four people at a time, so reservations must be scheduled in advance. The artist also produced Shards of Color, a mixed media installation responding to the unique architecture of the shopping destination’s space. The work can be seen in the mall’s Las Vegas Monorail stop, with no reservations needed.

Delano Las Vegas rotates the Delano Art Series quarterly to showcase a variety of mediums from photography and two-dimensional wall art to fashion and sculpture. Past installations include “Are You Really My Friend?” by photographer Tanja Hollander, “Yokoso Las Vegas” by contemporary artist Sush Machida and group installations curated by the Las Vegas Fashion Council.

With the help of the **Life is Beautiful Music & Art Festival’s** art program, the Fremont East area of Downtown Las Vegas has become one of the largest, free public art galleries in the world. More than 30 vibrant murals by internationally known artists such as Shepard Fairey, Okuda San Miguel, D*Face and more decorate the streets of the vibrant neighborhood.

The **Museum of Selfies** opened at the **LINQ Promenade** in early June 2021. The permanent, family-friendly exhibition offers interactive selfie opportunities created by artists around the world, including Vegas-themed vignettes, optical illusions and more. Tickets start at \$29 for adults.

The **Neon Museum** was founded in 1996 and is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, studying and exhibiting iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts and cultural enrichment. On its 2.27-acre campus, the Neon Museum houses an outdoor exhibition space known as the Neon Boneyard (“boneyard” is traditionally the name for an area where items no longer in use are stored); the North Gallery, home to the nighttime augmented-reality, audiovisual spectacle, “Brilliant!”; the new Boulevard Gallery outdoor exhibit and event space; and its visitors’ center, housed inside the former La Concha Motel lobby. The museum collection also includes nine restored signs installed as public art throughout downtown Las Vegas and one restored sign on view at the outdoor Fashion Show on the Las Vegas Strip. Public education, outreach, research, archival preservation and a grant-funded neon sign survey represent a selection of the museum’s ongoing projects.

Park MGM curates a diverse collection of works by renowned artists from around the world to complement the resort’s distinct new experience inspired by classic European gardens and natural landscapes. In collaboration with MGM Resorts International and Sydell Group, be-poles, a branding studio with offices in Paris and New York, brought together a mix of commissioned and existing works in nearly every corner of the hotel – including the restaurants, hallway corridors and guestrooms – to create a global visual narrative with elements of surprise, that features artists such as David Hockney, Henrique Oliveira, Shoja Azari and Shahram Karimi. The newly opened Mama Rabbit Bar features an 18-by-22-foot mural – “Mother Natura” – and three 12-foot-tall sculptural slot machines of a bunny and two deer by Spanish artist Okuda San Miguel. The mural and sculptures pay homage to Mayahuel, the Mexican goddess of agave and fertility.

Resorts World Las Vegas offers an eclectic art program featuring works created by both renowned and local artists along with a mix of modern and historical fine art pieces. Vice President of Design and Construction Kara Siffermann, along with five independently contracted art consultants, underwent an extensive selection process to curate a dynamic and experiential art program that would rival those of other leading luxury resorts on The Strip. From Chinese-inspired paintings on display in the Crockfords Lobby to larger-than-life sculptures and murals within the casino area, guests visiting Resorts World Las Vegas will be stunned with a diverse collection of magnificent art pieces displayed at every corner. In September, the resort announced a self-guided tour for visitors to explore the eclectic art program. Using a mobile phone, guests can scan the QR codes on a variety of art pieces throughout the resort's public spaces to learn more about them, including details behind the creation of the art pieces, their origins and artist information.

The art program at Resorts World Las Vegas is made of 46 hand-picked art pieces located in various areas throughout the property. Noteworthy artwork includes: Cloned Bulldog with Pet Bottle by William Sweetlove, Clouds and Jars by Michelangelo Bastiani, Donuts by Jaeyong Kim, Flowers by Andy Warhol, Marilyn Monroe by Andy Warhol, Hippo Wild Ride by Gillie and Marc, Louis-Vuitton Doberman by Herb Williams, Lucky Cat by Red Hong Yi, Mao by Andy Warhol, Red Beetle by Ichwan Noor, RedTail Sculpture by Kevin Barry Fine Art, Samurai Cat by Hiro Ando, Sexy Robot by Hajime Sorayama, Stardust Sculpture by Kevin Barry Fine Art, Tea Bag Art by Red Hong Yi and Holos by David Spriggs.

Internationally renowned Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone's **Seven Magic Mountains** is a large-scale, site-specific public art installation located near Jean Dry Lake and Interstate 15, approximately 10 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada. Comprised of seven towers of colorful, stacked boulders standing more than 30 feet high, *Seven Magic Mountains* is situated within the Ivanpah Valley adjacent to Sheep Mountain and the McCullough, Bird Spring, and Goodsprings ranges of mountains. A creative expression of human presence in the desert, *Seven Magic Mountains* punctuates the Mojave with a poetic burst of form and color.

The Venetian Resort Las Vegas showcases different art installations throughout the year; however, the most recent addition includes Laura Kimpton's LOVE. As part of her Monumental Word Series, the installation is perforated with bird-shaped stamps, spelling LOVE in steel Ruby red letters that rise 12 feet tall and collectively span 36 feet across. In addition, The Venetian and Palazzo Las Vegas are showcasing one of the world's oldest Venetian gondolas. The historic gondola, thought to be constructed around 1850, is considered by experts to be one of the best surviving examples of Venetian gondolas from that time period. The impressive specimen spans 36 feet and is nearly 5 feet wide. The resort's Grand Canal Shoppes also offers Leonardo da Vinci: The Exhibition, an exhibit exploring the famed artist that features Tavola Lucana, a self-portrait on display for the first time in the United States.

Museum of Dream Space (MODS) will debut its first Nevada location inside the Grand Canal Shoppes at **The Venetian Resort Las Vegas** in October 2020. The multi-media art gallery utilizes state-of-the-art visual technology and stunning sculptures to provide an out-of-this-world interactive experience that is photogenic and Instagram-approved.

Wynn Resorts added a new level of modern vigor to its world-class art collection with the acquisition of *Smiling King Bear*, a pop-surreal sculpture created by the famed Spanish contemporary artist Okuda San Miguel. At a towering 16-feet tall and executed in the artist's signature prismatic style, the sculpture is a multicolored geometric masterpiece featuring a whimsical bear with a spiked crown, holding an equally imposing smiling ball. An art lovers

favorite, *Tulips* by Jeff Koons, was reinstalled at the entrance to the Wynn Theatre in October 2019. The sculptural culmination of Koons' *Celebration* series was created in five unique versions and is one of the largest and most complex sculptures in the series. The sculpture represents a bouquet of twisted balloon flowers, which have been cast in stainless steel and brought to a high mirror polish and plated in a vivid spectrum of color. In addition, Wynn Plaza houses *Arrows* and *Flower Neon Sign*, a contemporary multi-media sculpture from the visionary minds of Takashi Murakami and Virgil Abloh. At nine feet tall, the imposing kinetic neon masterwork blends the signature arrows from the late Abloh's fashion label, Off-White, with Murakami's iconic rainbow flower. Wynn's Collection also features work by acclaimed painters, sculptors and installation artists, including Gustave Eiffel (the designer of the Eiffel Tower), Charley Brown, Mark Evans, Miriam Schapiro, Nellie King Solomon and Roger Thomas, among others.

DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

In **Downtown Las Vegas' Arts District** you will find an eclectic mix of galleries, one-of-a-kind stores, bars and restaurants just a short walk or bus ride from Fremont Street. Known as "18b," the Las Vegas Arts District is located south of the Fremont Street Experience in an area approximately bounded by Commerce Street to the west, Hoover Avenue to the north, Fourth Street to the east and Colorado Avenue to the south. The original name, "18b," represented the original Arts District area, which consisted of 18 blocks. Today, the Arts District area has grown beyond those original 18 blocks and is a classic urban mix of residential, commercial and cultural uses that will continue to grow as the hub of the arts scene in Las Vegas. Notable experiences include:

- Several independent antique and vintage stores make up what is known as **Antique Alley**, with the majority located in the Arts District. Catering to mid-century modern enthusiasts, lovers of vintage clothes and collectors of antiques of all kinds, popular shops include Buffalo Exchange, ReBAR and Vintage Vegas Antiques.
- The arts district offers changing street art and a collection of art galleries and studios, many of which are housed at a thriving commercial arts center known as **The Arts Factory** and at **Art Square**, which is comprised of three remodeled buildings and an outdoor art garden.
- **Clay Arts Vegas** was started in 2011 as a collaboration amongst artists living and working in the Las Vegas area to celebrate clay and other three-dimensional art. Their studio, gallery, shop, and educational space are all located in the Arts District. Clay Arts Vegas sells Laguna Clay Co. products in its store and features a 600-square-foot gallery offering a rotation of shows.

For additional information and a complete listing, please visit www.visitlasvegas.com.