About Us

Inspire. Nurture. Innovate

Contemporary at Blue Star is a nonprofit art space which was founded for artists by artists in 1986 in a grassroots movement. Contemporary presents exhibitions with artists from San Antonio and around the world sharing their global perspectives that encourage understanding, empathy, change, and action, fulfilling our mission and core values.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the long community legacy that we are a part of. Contemporary is located along the San Antonio River that has been at the center of life for communities that long predate us. We stand on the home of the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation, and we acknowledge that this is unceded land stripped through dispossession and displacement of indigenous people. We will continue to seek and understand our place within this long tradition of custodial care upon this land and river.

Bienvenidos a San Antonio!

Welcome to San Antonio. We’re glad you’ve visited Contemporary at Blue Star and are eager to see more of our city’s arts and culture. We are located on the banks of the San Antonio River (Yanaguana) and recommend a walk, bike ride, or even kayak trip along the river. (You can find out more about river recreation at sariverauthority.org/recreation). South of us on the river you will find the historic missions and north, tourist friendly Alamo Plaza. Further north is the culinary-centered Pearl complex, and the museum reach of the Riverwalk.

In this guide we highlight some of SA’s arts and culture spots. Here on a First Friday of the month? You will find us open late from 6pm-9pm and lots happening around Southtown, from exhibition openings to booths and food trucks popped up along South Alamo.
Walking Distance

1. 1906 GALLERIES AND STUDIOS
   Artist studios and galleries
   15 minute walk
   By appointment & Second Saturday Art Walk (7pm-10pm)
   1906 S. Flores Street
   1906 Studio/artists-spaces

2. HEMISFAIR PLAZA & NEARBY MUSEUMS
   Playground, museums, and food
   15 minute walk
   Thur.-Fri. 9am-5pm
   800 Hemisfair Plaza Way
   hemisfair.org/visit/

3. MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE/INSTITUTO CULTURAL DE MEXICO
   Exhibits and performances
   22 minute walk
   Tues.-Fri. 10am-5pm
   643 E Nueva St.
   San Antonio TX, 78205
   210.227.0153

4. PRESA HOUSE GALLERY
   Artist run space
   13 minute walk
   By appointment
   725 S Presa St.
   210.913.5842

5. RUBY CITY
   Contemporary art center
   12 minute walk
   Thur.-Sun. 10am-6pm
   150 Camp St.
   210.227.8400

6. SALA DIAZ/CASA CHUCK
   Nonprofit gallery space & residency
   15 minute walk
   By appointment
   T:210.276.4903
   E:saladiaz617@gmail.com

7. SAN ANTONIO ART LEAGUE & MUSEUM
   Nonprofit collecting gallery
   15 minute walk
   Tues.-Sat. 10am-3pm
   130 King William St
   210.223.9800

8. VILLA FINALE
   Nonprofit collection
   15 minute walk
   Self-Guided Tours. 1st & 2nd Floors($10):Tues.-Sat: 9:30am-3:30pm; (last entry at 3:00 pm)Grounds (free):Tues.-Sat: 9:30am-3:45 pm
   401 King William St
   210.223.9800

9. BROWN COFFEE
   15 minute walk
   Mon-Thur. 7am-7pm
   Fri.7am-9pm
   Sat.8am-9am
   Sun.8am-7pm
   812 S Alamo St

10. BURGERTECA
    4 minute walk
    Mon-Sat:11am-9pm
    Sun:11am-8pm
    403 Blue Star #105
    210.635.0016

11. CASCABEL MEXICAN PATIO
    14 minute walk
    Mon-Sat:11am-3pm
    1000 S St Mary’s St

12. HOT JOY
    Eclectic Asian
    1214 S Alamo St
    12 minute walk
    Mon-Thu:4pm-12am
    Fri-Sat:12pm-2am
    210.940.4488

13. IL FORNO
    Wood fired pizza
    12 minute walk
    Tues-Wed:3:30pm-9pm
    Thur-Sat:11am-9pm
    122 Nogalitos St
    210.227.8400

14. LA TUNA
    Bar and Grill
    5 minute walk
    Lunch & dinner
    100 Proband
    Grill:210.212.5727
    Bar:210.224.8862

15. LIBERTY BAR
    Unique American fare
    8 minute walk
    Thur.-Fri. Mon:5pm-12am
    Sat-Sun:11am-12am
    1111 S Alamo St
    210.227.1187

16. MAVERICK
    French-inspired
    16 minute walk
    Mon-Sat:4-10pm
    Sun:Bunch & dinner
    710 S St Mary’s St
    210.973.6050

17. ROSARIOS
    Tex-mex
    13 minute walk
    Lunch and dinner
    910 S Alamo St
    210.223.1806

18. THE GOOD KIND
    Fresh, local
    15 minute walk
    Tues.-Sun:11am-10pm
    1137 S St Mary’s St
    210.801.5892

More SA arts & culture recs:

- Artpace
- Briscoe Western Art Museum
- The Carver
- Centro de Artes
- Clamp Light
- The DoSeum
- Guadalupa Cultural Arts Center
- Lawrence Markey
- McNay Art Museum
- Mercury Project
- Ruiz-Healy Art
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- Witte Museum
- Tobin Center
- UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures
- The Zoo and Japanese Tea Garden