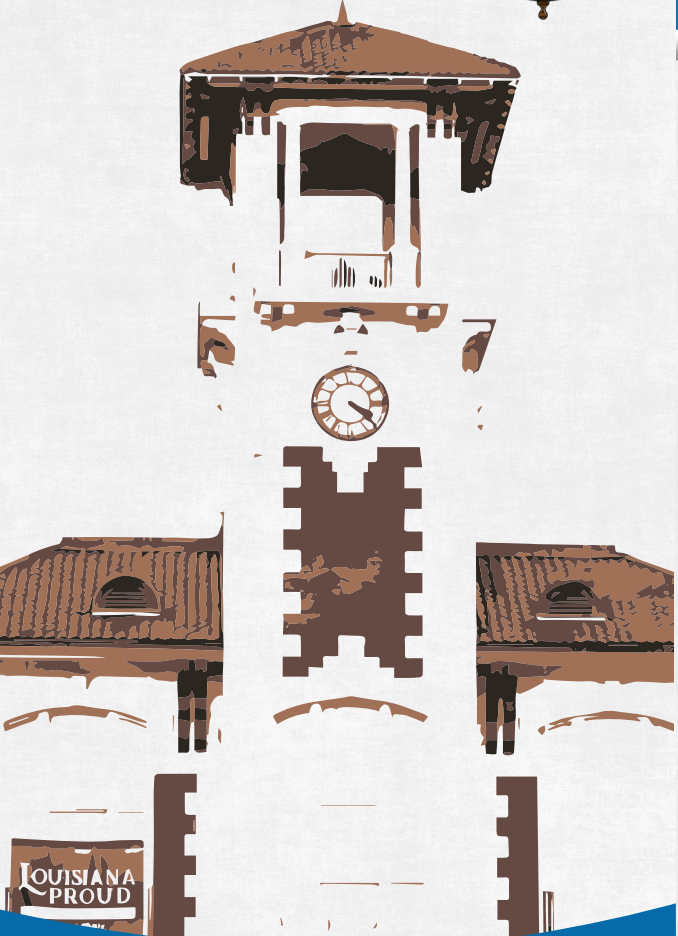


HISTORIC CITY HALL

ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER



MASTERFUL ARTS & CULTURE EXHIBITS

carefully curated — just for you!

2024-2025

Reclaimed Creations

On View Spring 2024

Sayaka Ganz, born in Yokohama, Japan, utilizes reclaimed plastic objects like brush strokes, which appear visibly unified at a distance, though separate at close proximity. She describes her style as "3-D impressionism." Sculptures in this exhibition include recent works depicting animals in motion which are rich in color and energy and create an illusion of form.



Artisans' Gallery Spring Show

On View 4/27/24 - 6/15/24

Held in conjunction with the Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA's annual Spring Art Walk, this group show is comprised of more than 20 well-known local artists offering an array of ceramics, sculptures, photography, and paintings. Most of the works will be available for purchase.



Hit Me With Your Best Shot

On View 9/27/24 - 11/30/24

Celebrating South Louisiana's beloved bird-watching hot spot, Gallery By the Lake presents a national competition and exhibition of photographs of birds found in the United States. This exhibition also opens in conjunction with the Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA's Gallery Promenade downtown event.



Celebrate, Educate, Cultivate

A Tribute to 90 Years of Impact in SWLA
On View 2/27/24 - 3/5/24

The Junior League of Lake Charles is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Help celebrate its 90 years in Southwest Louisiana! Treasured artifacts, historical photographs, and memorabilia will highlight the broad reach the Junior League has had over the last nine decades.



Justin Garcia: If These Walls Could Talk

On View 5/17/24 - 8/17/24

In collaboration with the Orphaned Starfish Foundation, Houston-based artist Justin Garcia has traveled to dozens of countries around the world

to work with children who have been trafficked and abused. He collaborates with these children to create unique paintings, giving these children the chance to express their stories to the world through words and drawings, like graffiti on a wall.

Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence

On View 10/18/24 - 12/27/24

A collection that showcases a new form of bead art, ndwango, developed by a community of women living and working together in South Africa. Ubuhle means "beauty" in the Xhosa and Zulu languages. The exhibit showcases six artists who create these works in order to capture the beauty and spiritual significance of their culture.



What is Historic City Hall?

Lake Charles' Historic City Hall opened its doors in 1911, replacing the old city hall that was destroyed by the Great Fire of 1910. It served as the seat of city government for more than 70 years.

In 2005, the City of Lake Charles repurposed the building as an arts and cultural center. Now, Historic City Hall houses world-class exhibitions on national tour, as well as works from local and regional artists.

The building was the vision of the noted architects Favrot and Livaudais of New Orleans. The Italianate design was a classic choice for civic buildings in the early years of the last century. Historic City Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Louisiana Folk, Flora, and Fauna

On View 3/16/24 - 5/18/24

Inspired by the natural world and oral history, Lance "Varg" Vargas creates abstract figures from architectural salvaged and found objects. He has created more than 10,000 pieces for clients, collectors, businesses, and art lovers all over the world. Vargas is a New Orleans-based artist, writer, minister and gallery owner.



Immersive Programs

Throughout the Year

Our Immersive Programs give you art and cultural experiences to enjoy on a personal level. The program opportunities include live music, arts and crafts, and cultural immersion.



Snow Village & Christmas Card Workshop

On View 12/3/24 - 1/4/25



The late Nancy Stone Crowe displayed her Snow Village in her home during the holiday season. This 700-piece collection—on loan from the McNeese Foundation—features a skating rink, quaint town squares, festive neighborhoods, and a ski run. In the Christmas card workshop, you'll be able to create a handmade card using watercolor paint, stencils, colored pencils, markers, and more.