

## DOWNTOWN'S ARTS DISTRICT

Las Vegas boasts a growing arts community in the **18b**, **The Las Vegas Arts District**, a neighborhood of more than 18-blocks (18b) of eclectic galleries, stores, bars and restaurants. Located immediately south of downtown Las Vegas, the area continues to grow and is accessible by car, the Deuce and Strip & Downtown Express transit routes or Big Bus Tours. The arts district is a walkable adventure.



The 18b Arts District offers changing street art and more than two dozen 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.

More than 20 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 **Patina Décor**, **Buffalo Exchange** and **Retro Vegas**.



After visiting the galleries and shopping, refuel at one of the Arts District's many eclectic cafes, restaurants or bars. **Makers & Finders** is an urban craft (Free Trade) coffee bar serving Latin comfort food while **Rock'N'oodles** serves creative noodle dishes. **Artifice** is a casual lounge featuring boutique wines and cocktails, eclectic music and rooms adorned with paintings and photography by artists from Las Vegas and around the world. The **Velveteen Rabbit** focuses on local music, art and performance and offers a full selection of draft and bottled beers and handcrafted cocktails.

To cap off the evening, **The Smith Center for the Performing Arts** is an Art Deco-inspired, world-class performing arts center located just beyond the Arts District. It is home to two stages offering a rotating schedule of performances, including Broadway shows, jazz, dance and classical music.



Since it began in October 2002, **First Friday** has continued to grow and is now considered the premier arts and cultural event in Las Vegas. On the first Friday of each month, the festival draws 10-20,000 visitors who enjoy food and beverages, music, visual performances and artists displaying their works. **Preview Thursday** occurs the day before and offers serious art lovers and buyers the opportunity to visit with artists.

