



1414 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60622



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

- 2011**
- Bucktown Arts Fest August 27-28
 - First Friday September 2
 - on the wall Cheryl Pope Part I, September 9
 - Coyote Festival September 30, October 1-2
 - Backyard Film Festival October
 - First Friday & Fashion Mash October 7
 - on the wall Cheryl Pope Part II, October 15
 - First Friday November 4
 - Christmas Carol by Silent Theatre November-December
 - on the wall Cheryl Pope Part III, November 19
 - First Friday & Holiday Art Show December 2
 - Renegade Craft Fair and Holiday Sale December 3-4
 - Walking Gallery Tour Second Saturdays
- 2012**
- Flat Iron Artist Association First Fridays
 - Shock Theater Monthly First Friday Nights
 - Neison Aigren Birthday Party March
 - CIMMFEST April 2012
 - Learnapalooza June 2012

For more information about our events, please visit our event calendar at www.wickerparkbucktown.org.

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WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN ARTS GUIDE



WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN A Cultural Destination in a Landmark Neighborhood

The Wicker Park Bucktown (WPB) community has long been associated with the six thoroughfares and streets that frame and intersect the area. The two neighborhoods are bound on the east by the Chicago River, the first reliable entrance to the area, quickly designating WPB as an early manufacturing center. Later, the Kennedy Expressway became the northern boundary of the community, marking the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods as a hip crossroads between the city's downtown, suburbs, and O'Hare Airport. North Avenue, currently the unofficial boundary between Wicker Park and Bucktown proper, and Western Ave, the informal western boundary for both neighborhoods, were, as their names suggest, at one time the Northern and Western edges of the city itself. Milwaukee Avenue (the diagonal street that courses through the heart of both neighborhoods) is thought to be oldest through street in Chicago and was known as the first "plank" road as it was stabilized with wood planks to drive a wagon on. Due to its improved condition for the times, Milwaukee Avenue was the arterial from the northwest hinterlands to the city center for many products and materials. In fact, you may notice some of the buildings along Milwaukee Avenue still have in their cornices (hats) names that indicate

lumber companies, hardware stores, and paint companies that were active in the 1800s. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 thankfully did not touch the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods. Much of the building stock along Milwaukee Avenue dates to the heyday between the Chicago Fire and the Columbian Exposition (1893) when the neighborhood literally provided shelter to the homeless and generated the jobs required to rebuild the city.

Residentially, Wicker Park was the first of a string of "real estate parks" that followed the railroad and the elevated train tracks northwest from the center of the city or "the loop." This now-landmarked district boasts large homes around the four acre triangular-shaped park named for Charles G. Wicker who donated the land to the city in 1870. When the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 spurred the first major wave of development in the area, Wicker Park became a fashionable middle- and upper-class district, mostly inhabited by Germans and Scandinavians. Evidence of this includes "Beer Baron Row" a group of large homes on Hoyne Avenue just to the west of Wicker Park decorated with ornate stone and metal features. These structures owe their nickname to the large number of beer and wine merchants who constructed mansions here during that era. Nearby Caton Street also displays a block of fine homes that mostly housed Norwegian families in the late 1800s. During this time, the Bucktown area on the north side of North Avenue was a community of smaller homes on smaller lots, typically designed for the laborer and his family who could walk to work at the nearby Chicago River docks and local manufacturing plants. Today, the great majority of the



building stock that historically housed the neighborhood's light manufacturing has been converted to housing and commercial spaces along Bucktown's streets. Bucktown itself is named after the habits of neighborhood Germans and Polish who kept goats (bucks) in their back yards.

Today the area's population is a rich mix of artists, families, city professionals, bartenders, and musicians. The homes on our tree-lined side streets, ranging from modest bungalows and thundering brick mansions to modern townhouses, bear witness to the fact that these two neighborhoods have always been home to a rich mix of ethnicities, faiths, and income levels. These diverse populations continue to leave their mark on the neighborhood architecture, as demonstrated by the ever-changing storefronts and residences of WPB.

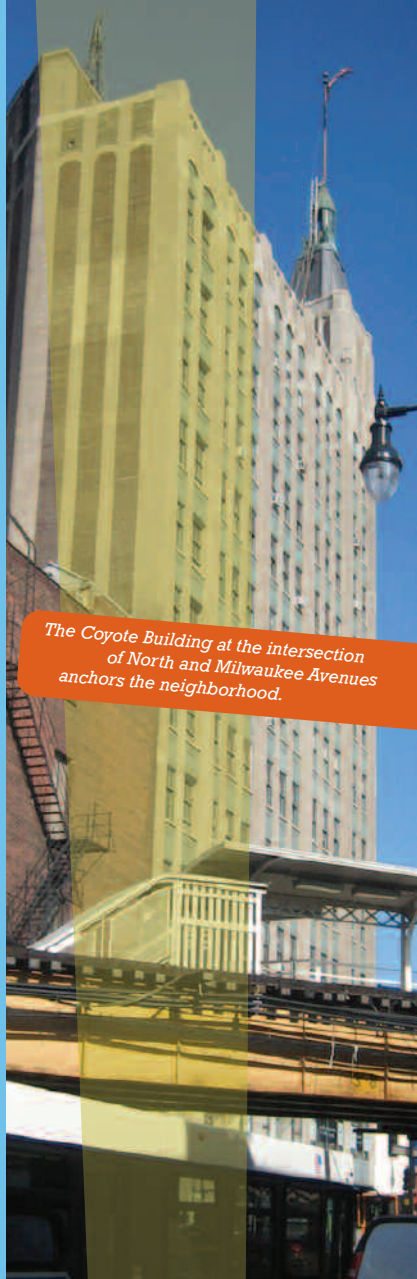
The cultural community in Wicker Park and Bucktown has long been anchored by neighborhood stalwarts, including the Chopin Theater, the Near Northwest Arts Council, and the Flat Iron Artists Association. The Chopin Theater at the Polish Triangle, is housed in a historic theater building, built in 1918. The Near Northwest Arts Council (2215 W North Avenue) has been supporting artists directly by providing studio space and venues for showing art, film, theater, and music in the historic St. Paul's Cultural Center since 1988. At the physical heart of the neighborhood, the Flat Iron Building (1579 N Milwaukee)

has evolved into a collective of artist's studios whose doors are open and second floor windows invite the passerby to take a look. The Flat Iron's 'First Friday' open gallery events kick-

start the neighborhood arts action every month. Feel free to stop by the Flat Iron Building on the first Friday of any month at 6 pm to begin a great night out in the neighborhood.

WPB also hosts a number of neighborhood arts festivals each year. The acclaimed Bucktown Arts Fest, held during last weekend of August at Holstein Park (2200 N Oakley), provides an outdoor experience for artists of every stripe. The fall calendar is anchored by the Coyote show at the Flat Iron (1579 N Milwaukee) named for the iconic tower building across the street at the intersection of Milwaukee, North and Damen Avenues whose likeness is that of a coyote howling at the moon.

Pick a direction to explore with the aid of this arts directory and enclosed map and prepare to immerse yourself in WPB, a vibrant neighborhood that embraces arts in all forms and where culture thrives!



The Coyote Building at the intersection of North and Milwaukee Avenues anchors the neighborhood.

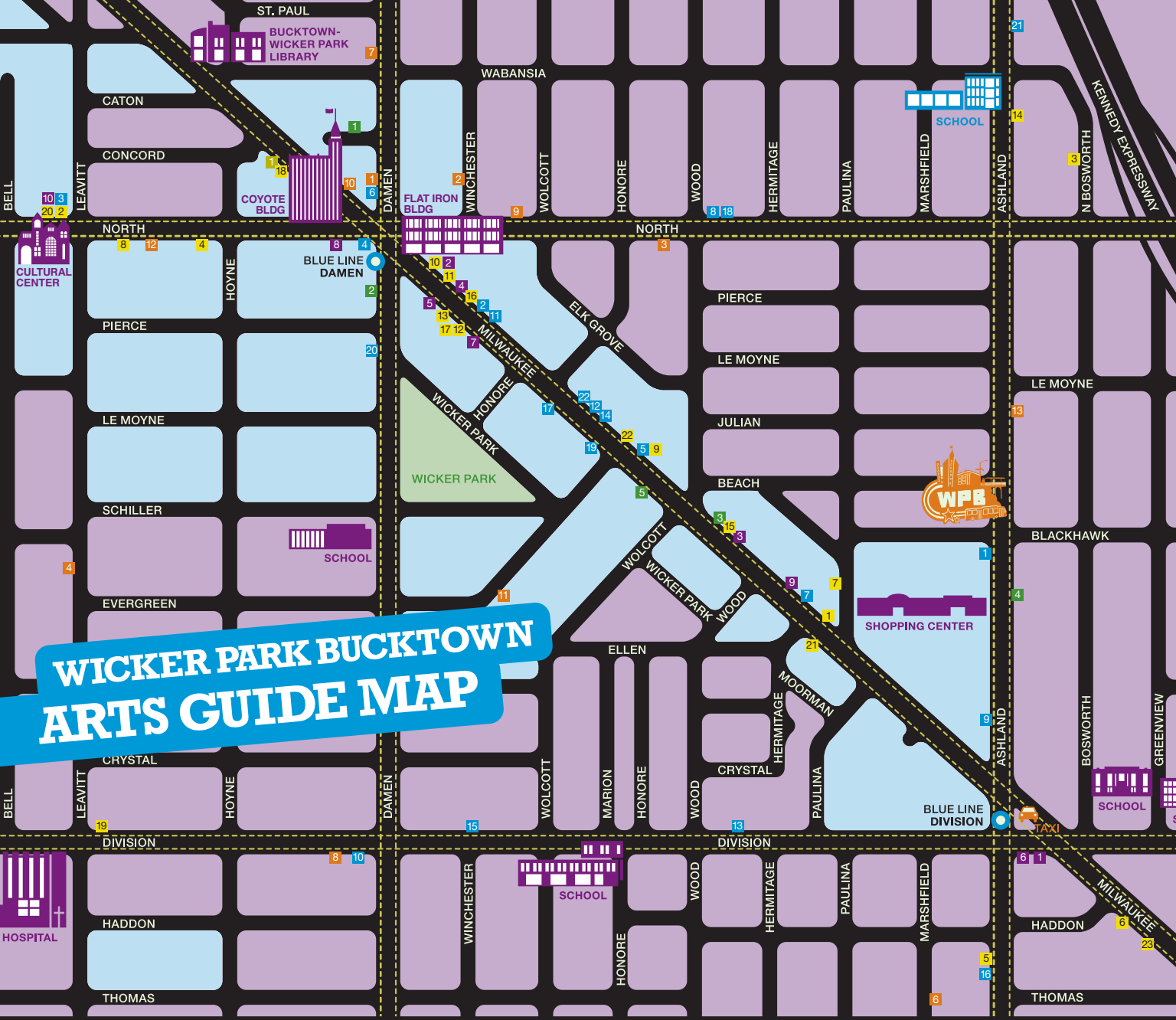


The Near North West Arts Council and Wicker Park Art Center, is housed in the former St. Paul's church on North Avenue.



"I am the last wicked thing in Wicker Park"

Check out JoJo at the Flat Iron First Fridays, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. from 6-10 pm in WPB.



WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN ARTS GUIDE MAP

Sophisticated yet historic, and just a bit eccentric, Wicker Park and Bucktown are two of Chicago's best neighborhoods. Visitors to this artistic and cultural area have easy access to a wide spectrum of creative options, from acclaimed galleries to casual eateries that host art, to high fashion boutiques and tattoo parlors. The neighborhoods are an eclectic mix of old and new, classic and hip, refined and expressive.

Come explore the diversity that makes this area a destination for all that live in and visit Chicago. Wander throughout the lively main streets, soak up the activity and culture of the shopping districts and museums, unwind in our parks, and wander the quiet residential side streets, sprinkled with verdant gardens and handsome historic buildings.

Use the arts directory on the following pages in conjunction with the above map for a great tour of WPB!

MAP LEGEND

- ARTS GUIDE LISTINGS**
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 - Art Services
 - Performance Arts and Music Venues
 - Retailers that Feature Art
 - Photography Studios
 - Museums and Cultural Centers

- GOOD TO KNOW**
- Architecturally Significant Building/Area
 - Neighborhood Streets
 - Parks
 - Blue Line "EL" Stop
 - Bus Line

WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN ARTS GUIDE

GALLERIES/ART VENUES/STUDIOS

- 1 3 Birds gallery 1323 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.384.4300
360 See 1924 N. Damen Ave. 773.698.6340
- 2 Acme Art Works 2215 W. North Ave. 773.278.7677
Betty Dare Art Gallery 1319 W. Chicago Ave. 312.436.0071
- 3 Blake-Palmer Gallery 1656 N. Bosworth Ave. 773.384.4142
- 4 Brownlee Creative 2119 W. North Ave. 773.348.1781
- 5 Corbett Vs. Dempsey 1120 N. Ashland Ave. 312.278.1664
- 6 Defibrillator 1136 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.485.6284
- 7 DLG/Howard Finster Vision 1346 N. Paulina St. 312.863.9045
- 8 Ern R. Varnell Gallery 2153 W. North Ave. 773.486.2052
- 9 Eyeporium Gallery 1431 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.782.1744
Firecat Projects Gallery 2124 N. Damen Ave. 773.342.5381
- 10 Flat Iron 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.335.3000
- 11 Gallery 203; Flat Iron Artists 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.252.1952
Gallery Atlantis 2100 N Damen Ave. 773.292.0889
Gallery Provocateur 2125 N. Rockwell St. 773.661.2341
- 12 Happy Dog Gallery 1542 N. Milwaukee Ave. 248.875.1177
- 13 Heaven 1550 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.252.8672
Hungry Man Gallery 2134 N. Rockwell St. 773.360.1208
- 14 Inside Art 1651 N. Ashland Ave. 773.252.9322
Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture
3015 W. Division St. 773.486.8345
- 15 J2/Jackson Junge Gallery 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.227.7900
- 16 Johalla Projects 1561 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- 17 LVL3 Gallery 1542 N. Milwaukee Ave. 3rd floor 312.469.0333
- 18 Malovat 1630 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.278.8600
- 19 Monique Meloche Gallery 2154 W. Division St. 773.252.0299
Monument 2 Gallery 2007 N. Point St. 312.646.0694
- 20 Near Northwest Arts Council 2215 W. North Ave. 778.278.7677
ohndoom! Collective 1800 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.698.8348
- 21 Revolving Door 1324 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- 22 Shane Campbell Art Gallery 1431 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312.226.2223
- 23 Society For the Arts 1112 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.486.9612
Stolen Buick Studio 1303 W. Chicago Ave. 312.226.5902

Learnapalooza Chicago is a WPB supported summer festival of free learning workshops, more than 100 offered, sign up to teach or learn here: www.learnapaloozachicago.com.

LEARNAPALOOZA

Think Art 670 W. Hubbard St. 773.252.8672
Tom Robinson Gallery 2416 W. North Ave. 773.477.7913
Woman Made Gallery 685 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312.738.0400

ART SERVICES

- Broken Art Restoration 1841 W. Chicago Ave. 312.226.8200
- 1 Color Wheel Studios 2016 W. Concord Place 773.661.1743
 - 2 Creative Lounge Chicago 1564 N. Damen Ave. Apt #3 312.805.3646
Forte Frame and Gallery 2301 W. North Ave. 773.276.8011
Frame Factory 1809 W. Webster Ave. 773.862.1010
Framing and Rescue w/Fine Art and Framing
1911 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.252.1454
 - 3 Jackson Junge Frame Shop 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.227.7900
Johnsonese Brokerage 3660 N. Lake Shore Drive 773.857.0242
 - 4 Joone Studios 1327 N. Ashland Ave. 312.731.5039
Penguin Foot Pottery 2514 W. Armitage Ave. 773.227.3575
 - 5 RGB Lounge 1420 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312.880.7421

PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC VENUES

- 1 Chopin Theatre 1543 W. Division St. 773.278.1500
- 2 Collaboraction 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312.226.9633
Dark Room 2210 W. Chicago Ave. 773.276.1411
- 3 Davenport's 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.278.1830
- 4 Debonair Social Club 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.227.7990
- 5 Double Door 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.489.3160
- 6 Evil Olive 1551 W. Division St. 773.235.9100
Gorilla Tango Theatre 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.598.4549

Acme Art Works on North Ave. is a collaborative workspace for artists, freelancers, curators, and green, local and sustainable startup business.





Opening reception of
Robert Davis and Michael Langlois
In Our Likeness: Portraits of Illumination
September 12 - October 31, 2009
Courtesy Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago

- 7 Rodan 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.276.7036
- 8 Subterranean 2011 W. North Ave. 773.278.6600
- 9 The Den Theater 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.384.0494
The Empty Bottle 1035 N. Western Ave. 773.276.3600
Trap Door Theatre 1655 W. Cortland St. 773.384.0494
- 10 Wicker Park Arts Center 2215 W. North Ave. 773.278.7677

RETAILERS THAT FEATURE ART

- Anti Matter Studios 2234 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.278.8282
- 1 Bank of America 1400 N. Ashland Ave.
- 2 Bin 1559 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.486.2233
- 3 Birchwood Kitchen 2211 W. North Ave. 773.276.2100
- 4 City Soles and Niche 2001 W. North Ave. 773.489.2001
- 5 Eye Want 1431 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.782.1744
- 6 Feast Restaurant 1616 N. Damen Ave. 773.772.7100
- 7 Filter Café 1373 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.904.7819
- 8 Gallery Café 1760 W. North Ave. 773.252.8228
- 9 Harris Bank 1242 N. Ashland Ave. 773.292.7680
Insight Studios 1062 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.342.4444
- 10 Janik's Café 2011 W. Division St. 773.276.7930
- 11 John Fluvog Shoes 1539 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.782.1983
- 12 Lenny and Me 1459 N Milwaukee Ave. 773.489.5576
- 13 Mana Food Bar 1742 W. Division St. 773.342.1742
- 14 Metamorph Studios 1456 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.384.9788
- 15 Renegade Handmade 1924 W. Division St. 773.227.2707
Revolution Tattoo 2221 N. Western Ave. 773.486.8888

Marketa Sivek is a Czech-born Chicago artist who has been based in the Flat Iron building in Wicker Park for 14 years. Known for her "dress" series of paintings, one of which is owned by Oprah Winfrey, Marketa has been praised for her pensive, ethereal style. Her most recent work, called "haunting" and "riveting," has been inspired by the Icelandic landscape and its solitary barns.



Check out Marketa Sivek at the Flat Iron First Fridays, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. from 6-10 pm in WPB.

- 16 Stange Beauty Show 1118 N. Ashland Ave. 773.252.9522
- 17 Store B Vintage 1472 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.772.4296
- 18 Tatu Tattoo 1754 W. North Ave. 773.772.8288
- 19 The Silver Room 1442 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.278.7130
- 20 The Violet Hour 1520 N. Damen Ave. 773.252.1500
- 21 Vituvian Fine Art Studio 1735 N. Ashland Ave. 312.519.7206
- 22 Wormhole 1462 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.661.2468

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS

- Aaron Gang Photography 1016 N. Ashland Ave. 773.782.4363
- 1 Andrew Collings Photography 1616 N Damen Ave. Flr 2 312.880.7076
- 2 Barb Levant photography 1614 N. Winchester Ave. 773.395.2002
- 3 Barrett photography 1811 W. North Ave. Ste. 401 312.394.8871
- 4 Emissary 1340 N. Leavitt St. 773.489.9888
- 5 Eric Klein Photography 2000 W. Haddon Ave. #2 773.227.2122
- 6 HJB photography 1049 N. Marshfield Ave. 847.271.4966
Iwona Bierdmann/Dreambox Photography
2415 W. North Ave. 773.292.0420
- 7 Kathryn Pierce Photography 1700 N. Damen Ave. 773.405.0165
- 8 Lucky Pix LLC 2041 W. Division St. 773.235.2000
Marc Harris 1875 N. Milwaukee Ave 773.342.1960
Marc Hauser Photography 319 N. Western Ave. Ste. 2R 773.431.5871
- 9 Nick Faitage 1914 W. North Ave. 773.276.9321
Patrick Harold Productions 1757 W. Augusta Blvd. 312.226.3831
- 10 Ronald Seymour 1625 N Milwaukee Ave. 773.235.0161
- 11 Steve Scap Photography 1929 W. Evergreen Ave. 312.772.2707
Tim Schultz Photography 1511 W. Cortez St. 312.862.0202
- 12 Tom Maday Photography 2141 W. North Ave. 773.236.1600
- 13 Zuno Photography Studio 1451 N. Ashland Ave. 773.772.2707

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTERS

- Bloomingtondale Arts 2418 W. Bloomingtondale Ave. 773.342.6527
- Chicago Fine Art Exchange 1815 W. Chicago Ave. 312.850.2787
- Happy Collaborationists Exhibition Space
1254 N. Noble St. 312.869.9624
- Illumination Art and Design 2600 W. North Ave. 773.489.0200
- Intuit: The Center for Intuitive 756 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312.243.9088
- 1 King Art Collective 1634 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.562.2054
- Roots and Culture Contemporary Art Center
1034 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.235.8874
- Rumble Art Center 3413 W. North Ave. 773.278.4441
- The Architrave 1433 W. Chicago Ave. 312.563.0977
- The Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773.384.3352
- Wicker Park Art 1100 N. Oakley St. 773.235.5454



Public mural at Jan Metzger Court on Milwaukee Ave. was completed in the spring of 2010 by Novem Studios.