

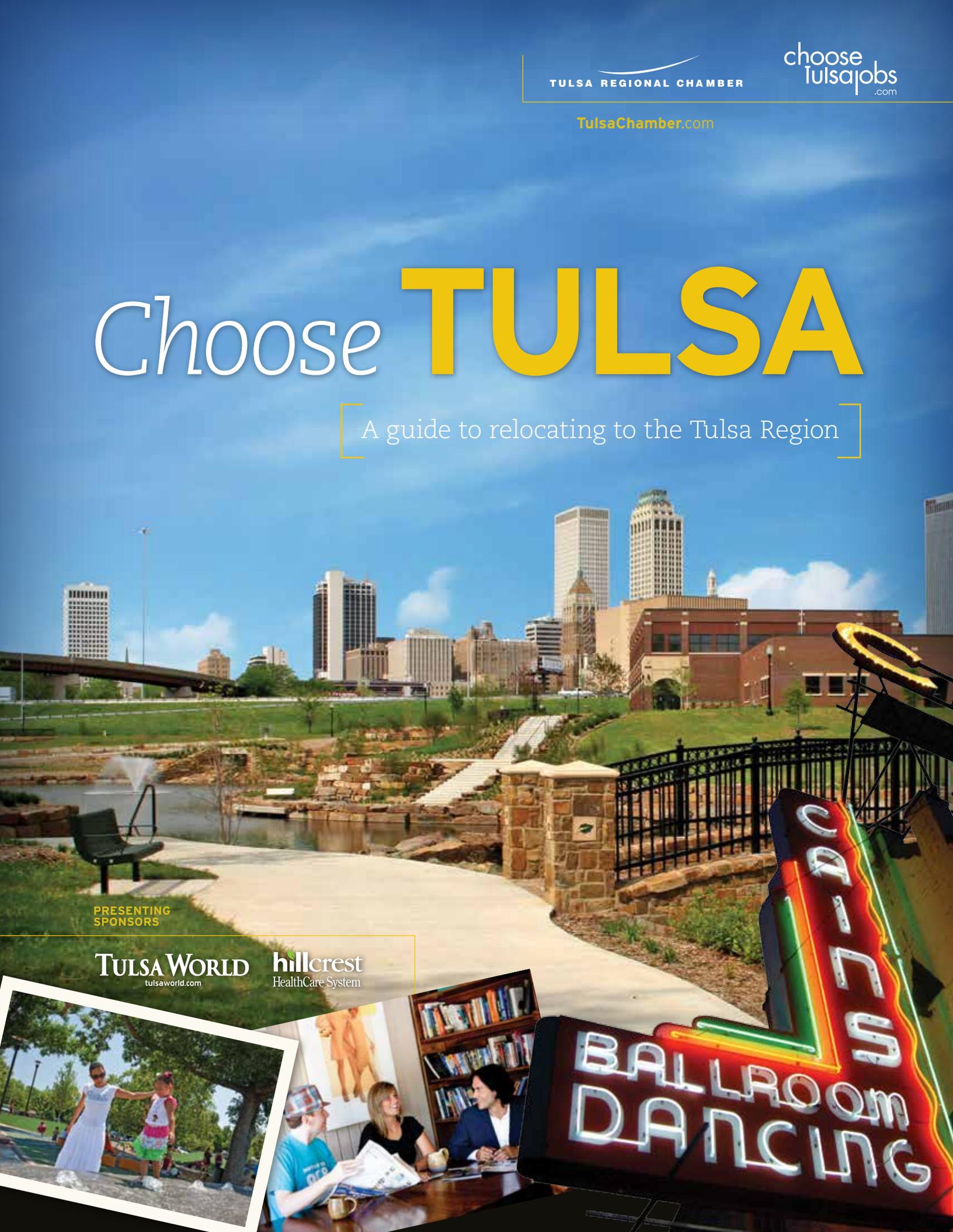
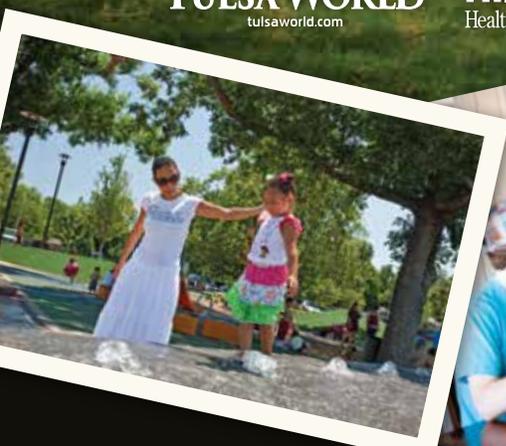
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A guide to relocating to the Tulsa Region

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## FIVE FACTS EVERY TULSAN (OR TULSA TRANSPLANT) SHOULD KNOW

1. Tulsa has one of the largest concentrations of art deco architecture in the United States, behind only New York and Miami.....

2. The Golden Driller, located at Expo Square, is one of the largest free-standing statues in the world.

3. The Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza, named after the Tulsa businessman and commissioner known as the “Father of Route 66,” celebrates the miles of historic Route 66 that run through Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma.

4. Tulsa was originally named Tulasi, meaning “old town” in Creek by the Lochapoka Creek Indians.

5. The historic Cain’s Ballroom in the Brady District is known as the “Carnegie Hall of Western Swing” and is the home of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys.



# Welcome to TULSA

*We have a quirky, somewhat unexplained landmark in Tulsa known as the Center of the Universe. The distinct, while unassuming marker is located in the heart of Tulsa's downtown and if you stand in just the right spot and speak, you'll hear an eerie echo that no one else can hear.*

There's no real consensus on what causes the echo, but it is an accepted and cherished moniker of downtown Tulsa that somehow sits comfortably at home in the middle of the city's business district.

Much like the Center of the Universe, Tulsa sits comfortably in the state of Oklahoma, but maintains a very unique identity – a historic city with a wholly modern vibe, boasting a culturally and artistically diverse population and lifestyle.

Tulsans have an undeniable respect for the rich history upon which this city was built, and like those who built the former "Oil Capital of the World," today they are transforming the city's landscape with a desire for improvement and a constant eye toward preservation.

A rebirth of Tulsa's downtown was spurred in 2008 by the construction of the BOK Center, which has since received the prestigious Venue Excellence Award from the International Association of Venue Managers. Today, downtown's landscape is undergoing a transformation with numerous projects under way to revitalize the urban city center. Abandoned buildings have been reclaimed, new restaurateurs have emerged and lifelong citizens are reinvesting in their beloved city to revive the thriving metropolitan, which still houses one of the country's greatest architectural collections.

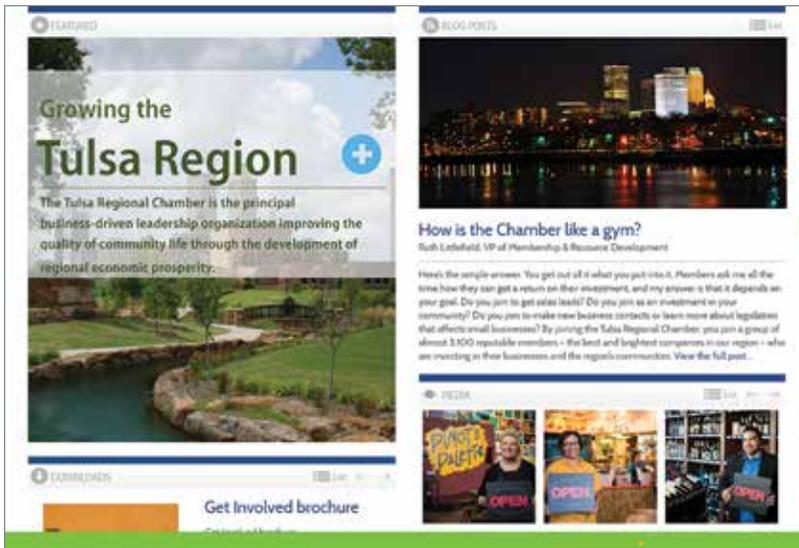
Downtown Tulsa is offering a completely new experience for residents and visitors, making this an even more exciting time to reside in this Midwest city.

The vision many residents and city leaders share, a progressive and flourishing city coupled with the opportunities and low cost of living in Tulsa, are why Tulsa will continue to garner accolades as one country's most affordable cities, most livable cities with the greatest quality of life.

*What more could you want?*



# Sites to **SCOUR**



## For businesses

### TO GET CONNECTED:

[TulsaChamber.com](http://TulsaChamber.com)

### TO GET ECONOMIC DATA

[GrowMetroTulsa.com](http://GrowMetroTulsa.com)

### TO POST JOBS

[TulsaWorld.com](http://TulsaWorld.com) (Jobs section)

[ChooseTulsaJobs.com](http://ChooseTulsaJobs.com)

### TO FIND DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

[TulsaDowntown.org](http://TulsaDowntown.org)

## For young professionals

[TYPros.org](http://TYPros.org)

## For individuals

### TO FIND A HOME

[TulsaHousingSearch.org](http://TulsaHousingSearch.org)

[TulsaRealtors.com](http://TulsaRealtors.com)

### TO FIND PUBLIC SERVICES

[CityofTulsa.org](http://CityofTulsa.org)

### TO FIND THINGS TO DO

[VisitTulsa.com](http://VisitTulsa.com)

[DoWhat.ThisLandPress.com](http://DoWhat.ThisLandPress.com)

[TulsaPeople.com](http://TulsaPeople.com)

[TulsaDowntown.org](http://TulsaDowntown.org)

[TulsaKids.com](http://TulsaKids.com)

### TO FIND A JOB

[TulsaWorld.com](http://TulsaWorld.com)

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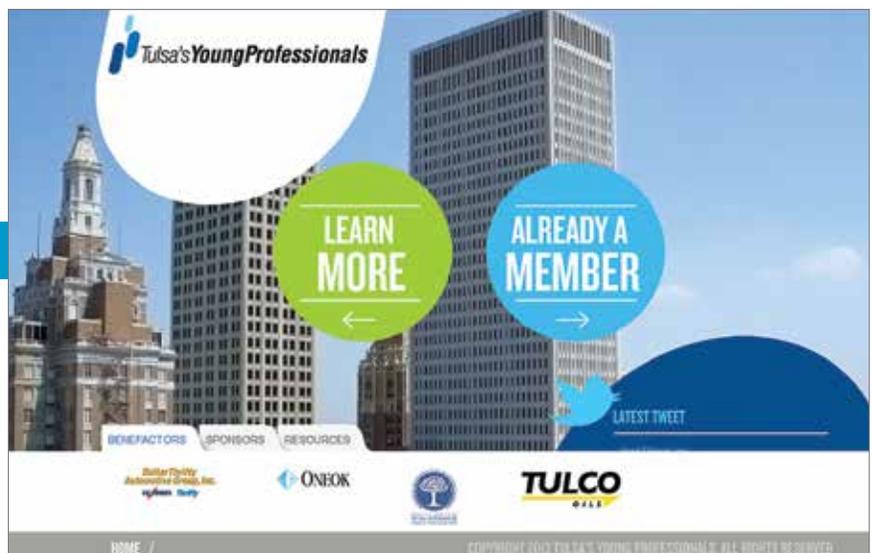
### TO FIND CHILD CARE

[ccrctulsa.org](http://ccrctulsa.org)

### TO FIND SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

[Ability-Resources.org](http://Ability-Resources.org)

[Gatesway.org](http://Gatesway.org)





## For veterans

CityofTulsa.org  
(Veteran's Resource Center)

## For local news

TulsaWorld.com

## For Entrepreneurs

TheForge-Tulsa.com  
SourceLinkTulsa.com



## For relocation assistance

ChooseTulsaJobs.com

# » CHOOSE TULSA JOBS.COM A POWERFUL SITE FOR A POWERFUL CITY

The No. 2 mid-sized city in the nation for jobs needs a powerful resource to help employers and job seekers navigate the many opportunities the Tulsa region offers current and future residents.

To connect companies with quality talent, ChooseTulsaJobs.com was created. The site provides tools and resources for recruiters and potential employees to make the employment process seamless.

### Resources provided by ChooseTulsaJobs.com include:

- » Cost of living calculator
- » Locally headquartered companies
- » Housing, health care and education information
- » Relocation contact information
- » Downloadable marketing material
- » Top industry listing
- » Community and culture information
- » Regional partners



# Tulsa **TOUTS**

From business to lifestyle, Tulsa continues to outrank other cities.

## Business is Booming

- » No. 2 in the country for the location of secure data centers
- » No. 2 among top 10 cities for young people to find a job
- » No. 2 metro (200K - 1 million) for economic development and job projects
- » No. 3 friendliest state for small business
- » No. 4 city to find a job
- » No. 4 state for workforce development
- » No. 6 state for wind power capacity
- » No. 6 region for small business
- » Top 10 city for finance jobs
- » Top 100 Metro among the leading world economies

## Life is Good

- » No. 1 affordable city in the U.S.
- » No. 1 metro for cost of living
- » No. 1 fastest-growing state by GDP
- » No. 4 metro for quality of life
- » No. 6 place to live in the U.S.
- » No. 8 U.S. city for young adults
- » No. 9 venue in the U.S. and No. 27 worldwide, BOK Center
- » Top 10 city in which to retire

## Housing is Stable

- » No. 2 housing market
- » Top 5 real estate market for value gain
- » No. 5 place to buy a home

\* Sources include Kauffman Foundation, The Boyd Co., The Fiscal Times, Area Development, U.S. Department of Energy, The Business Journal, Market Watch, Brookings Institute, Relocate America, Business Facilities, The Huffington Post, Portfolio.com, Pollstar Magazine, AARP, MSNBC, Site Selection and Zilliw.com



# Tulsa MSA

**Second  
LARGEST  
CITY IN OKLAHOMA**

#2

46th-largest city in the United States

## SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

**952,377**



49.2%

50.8%

MEDIAN AGE: **36**

**\$64,122**

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME

**408,708**

NO. OF  
EMPLOYEES

**414,736**

TOTAL  
HOUSING UNITS

## COMING & GOING

BY AIR

**16**  
**55**

direct flights to several  
national destinations

-plus departures a day



BY LAND

» **EASY-TO-NAVIGATE** grid

» **SHORT COMMUTE TIME**

» Tulsa Transit bus service offers  
**CURB-TO-CURB TRANSPORTATION**

## MONTHLY TEMPS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	46	53	62	72	80	88	94	93	84	74	60	50
	26	31	40	50	59	68	73	71	63	51	39	30

# Tulsa's **ARTISTIC SIDE**

## *Performing Arts*

*Before Tulsa had roads, it had an opera house. A flourishing arts community is one of the many treasures Tulsa retained as a result of the oil boom. From performance to visual and classical to modern, Tulsa can be interpreted as an artist's paradise.*

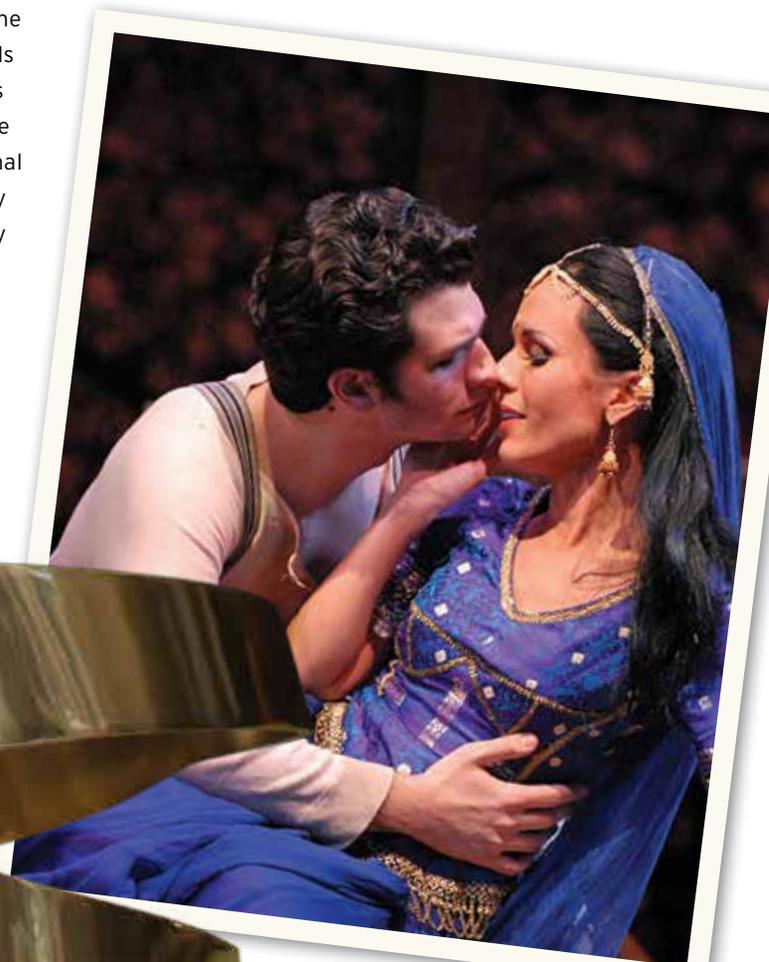
Designed by World Trade Center architect Minoru Yamasaki, the **Tulsa Performing Arts Center** houses four theaters, 13 resident performing arts organizations, a touring Broadway series, an extensive international collection of art and welcomes headlining talent from around the world.

The **Tulsa Opera** is the 18th oldest opera company in North America. The company presents three grand opera productions each season and is ranked among the 10 favorite regional opera companies in the United States.

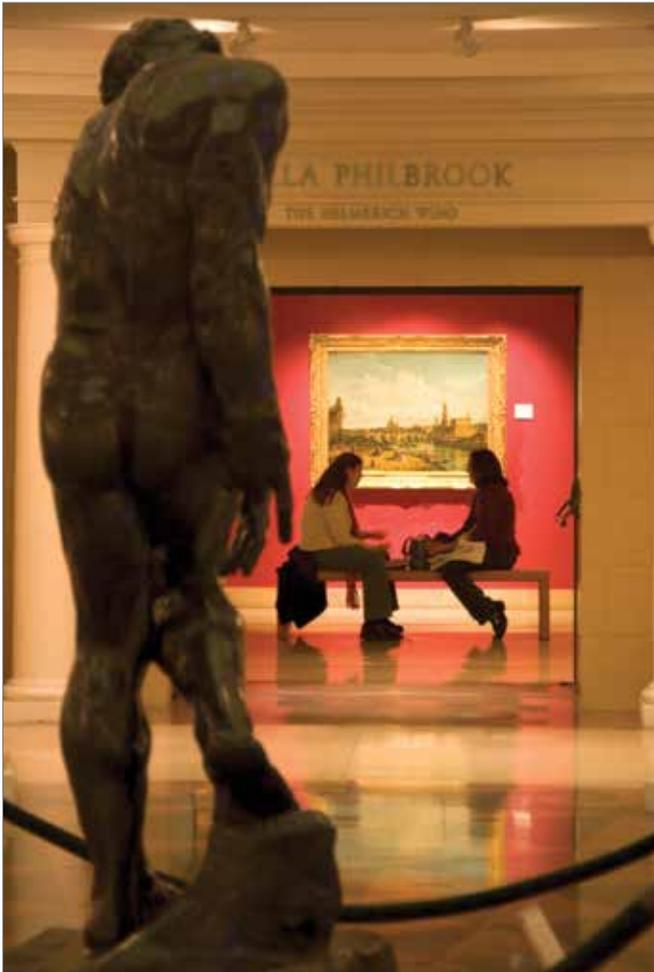
**LOOK Musical Theatre** presents professional performances in repertory fashion at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center to preserve and promote the musical theatre style genre and increase understanding of the role of musical theatre within a variety of cultural contexts.

Two symphonies join the opera in filling Tulsa with the sounds of incredible talent. The **Tulsa Symphony** is a renowned musician-run orchestra and the **Signature Symphony** is Tulsa's professional orchestra in residence at Tulsa Community College. The Signature Symphony regularly hosts world-famous guest artists under the direction of G. Barry Epperley.

The **Tulsa Ballet** is one of the top ballet companies in North America and exposes America's heartland to the finest works in classical and contemporary dance.



**Tulsa Spotlight Theater** is home to the longest continually running play in North America with its presentation of "The Drunkard" and the "Olio" for more than 50 years. The theater is one of Tulsa's art deco treasures, originally known as the Riverside Studio, now listed in the National Historic Registry. The theatre is also home to award winning children's theatre productions designed to introduce young patrons to live theatre.



## Visual Arts

*Any artist will tell you art can be found anywhere, but Tulsa seems to have been built on that principle. Along with Tulsa's extensive collection of art deco architecture, other incredible works of art can be found throughout the city and in perfect preservation at one of Tulsa's numerous art museums.*

Former home of oil baron and philanthropist Waite Phillips and his wife Genevieve, **Philbrook Museum of Art** was donated to the city of Tulsa in 1938. The beautiful, Renaissance-style villa, with its 72 rooms on 23 acres of elaborate gardens, now exhibits more than 8,500 works of art and is listed as one of America's Top 65 art museums. The museum collection includes European art as well as Native American artifacts. Philbrook is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of only five facilities in the United States that includes a museum, home and gardens.

The **Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art** contains the Southwest's finest collection of Judaica, including priceless items nearly 4,000 years old. An extraordinary Holocaust Collection emphasizes the experiences of survivors who came to live in Oklahoma, as well as Oklahomans who participated in the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps.



A new addition to downtown Tulsa, the **Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa Hardesty Arts Center (AHHA)** is a four-floor, 42,000-square-foot building that



## DID YOU KNOW?

The box office hit and classic film, "The Outsiders," starring Matt Dillon, Ralph Macchio and Patrick Swayze, was written by Tulsa native S.E. Hinton at age 17 and was shot entirely in Tulsa.

houses gallery space, a variety of studios and classrooms and a stage for performances. Artists in residence have studios to work, teach and learn, and hundreds of schoolchildren and adults can visit daily. Entrance is free and open to the public.

“Of course, we did not have any sewers, street paving, parks or sidewalks and not much of a water system, but these facilities were luxuries and could wait, whereas an opera house loomed as an immediate necessity.”

– 1905, L.J. Martin,  
*president of Tulsa’s Commercial Club*

Art in Tulsa isn’t necessarily reserved for museums or galleries. Impressive displays of nature captured in **bronze sculptures** adorn Riverside Drive thanks to Tulsa’s NatureWorks, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting wildlife conservation efforts. Even the **trees in Tulsa** have been transformed into works of art by chainsaw artist Clayton Coss who has adorned Tulsa with thousands of carvings in the trunks of trees in school yards, city parks, popular shopping districts and even the yards of residents.

**Living Arts of Tulsa** offers creative workshops, performances, exhibitions, films/videos, demonstrations of current art, lectures, related educational activities and research in its mission to present and develop contemporary art forms in Tulsa.

**Richardson Asian Art Museum** was founded by Joni and Dr. Jack L. Richardson to cultivate the understanding of Asian art and culture and to display exotic jade, master-crafted cloisonné, temple jars, Quan Yen marble and Foo Dog traditional statuary.

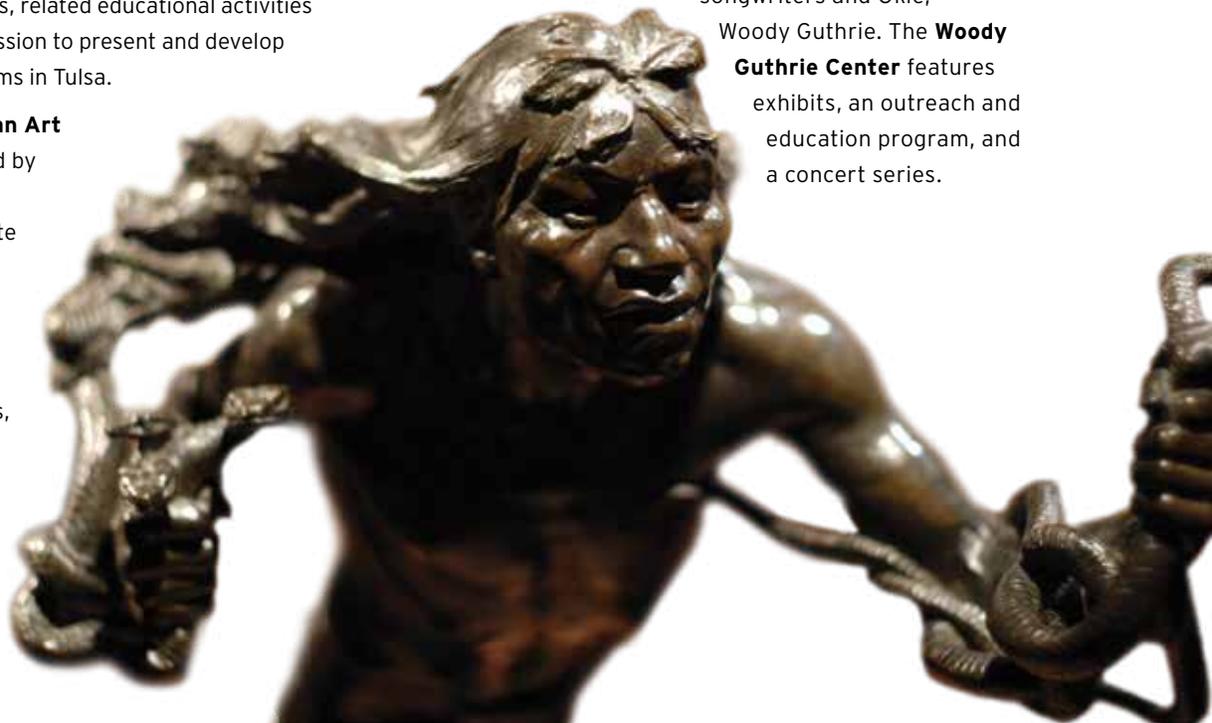
## Preserving History

*Tulsa’s story, and much of the world’s, can be explored at one of the city’s museums and centers devoted to paying homage to the past.*

Referred to as the “The Museum of the Americas,” **Gilcrease Museum** is one of the country’s finest facilities for the preservation, study and appreciation of American art and history. Gilcrease Museum is a national treasure housing more than 10,000 paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures by 400 artists from colonial times to the present. Gilcrease has the world’s largest and most comprehensive collection of art of the American West.

Formerly the home of Sam and Lucy Mackey, the **Mabel B. Little Heritage House** was built in the 1920s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Known as the “Black Wall Street,” Tulsa’s Greenwood District once stretched for 20 blocks and was the largest and richest of Oklahoma’s 50 black communities. Today, the **Greenwood Cultural Center** and the Mabel B. Little Heritage House present a permanent history of the district thanks to the foresight of civic leaders. Nearby a tribute to the devastating 1921 Tulsa Race Riot was erected at the **John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park** where the Tower of Reconciliation celebrates the African American story in Oklahoma.

The newest addition to Tulsa’s art scene pays homage to one of America’s greatest folksinger/songwriters and Okie, Woody Guthrie. The **Woody Guthrie Center** features exhibits, an outreach and education program, and a concert series.



# TULSA'S DISTINCT LOOK

One of Tulsa's, and the nation's, greatest treasures is found in majestic buildings, homes and manors that reminisce a time when Tulsa was the "Oil Capital of the World." Tulsa has the third highest concentration of art deco in the United States behind New York and Miami. The awe-inspiring beauty of this architectural style can be seen in one of Tulsa's most iconic buildings, the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, on the National Register of Historic Places and a National Historic Landmark in Tulsa.



# Have Fun IN T-TOWN

## The Tulsa Sound

*A city that has coined its own sound must not only have a rich live music scene, but also a strong reverence to the sounds of its past. From culturally significant music halls to one of the world's top-selling arenas, Tulsa's music and entertainment scene offers a sound, venue and vibe to fit any taste.*

Two famous venues, Brady Theater and Cain's Ballroom, are historic buildings and concert halls that have hosted, and continue to host, some of the world's greatest musicians and entertainers.

Completed in 1914, the **Brady Theater** was originally designed to serve as the city's Municipal Auditorium and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. A sampling of performers who have graced the Brady stage include Tony Bennett, Chicago, Roy Clark,

John Conlee, Earl Thomas Conley, Al Green, Merle Haggard, Buddy Holly, B.B. King, and U2.

Today, "the Old Lady on Brady" continues to be used for a wide variety of concerts and theatrical productions.

**Cain's Ballroom** has been a popular nightspot in Tulsa since the 1920s—especially for Country Western aficionados during its

early years. Often referred to as the Carnegie Hall of Country Western music, it was here that Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys unveiled their Western Swing music. Today, artists of every genre play to sell-out crowds at this iconic music venue.

The **Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame** remembers the once flourishing dance hall located in the Greenwood District that was a hotbed for jazz and blues where Count Basie first encountered big-band jazz in the early 1900s. The Hall recently moved to the historic art deco Union Depot and now chronicles the history, evolution and influence of jazz in Oklahoma. Through its ongoing concert series, classes and cultural events, the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame is raising a new awareness of and appreciation for the truly American art forms of jazz, blues and gospel music.

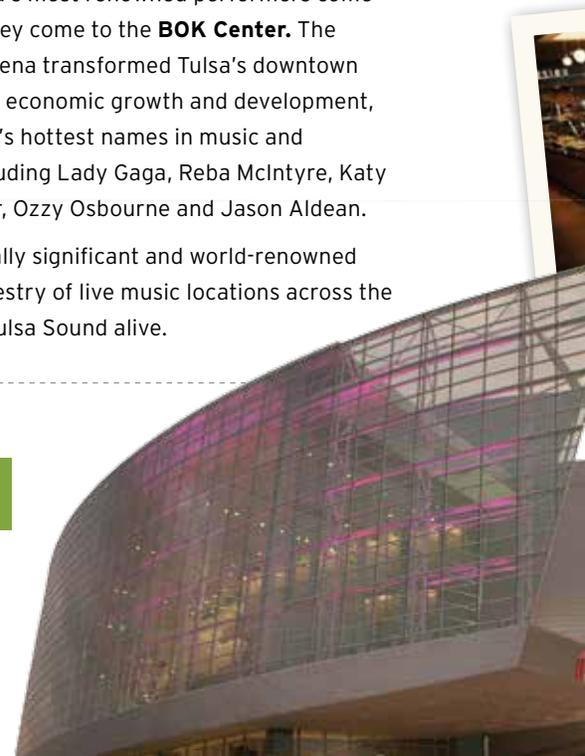
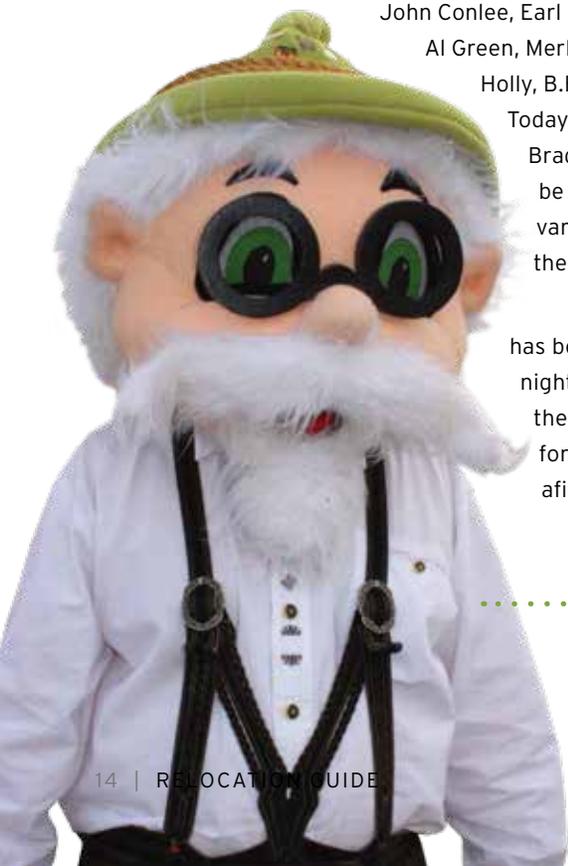


When the world's most renowned performers come to the Heartland, they come to the **BOK Center**. The 18,000-plus-seat arena transformed Tulsa's downtown landscape, spurring economic growth and development, all by hosting today's hottest names in music and entertainment, including Lady Gaga, Reba McEntyre, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Ozzy Osbourne and Jason Aldean.

These historically significant and world-renowned venues join the tapestry of live music locations across the city that keep the Tulsa Sound alive.

## DID YOU KNOW?

USA Today named Tulsa's oktoberfest one of the top 10 oktoberfest celebrations in North America.





### Entertainment and gaming

*There's plenty of variety with several Native American casinos and resorts offering everything from Las Vegas-style gambling and luxurious accommodations to fine restaurants, big-name live entertainment and championship golfing opportunities. Just step inside the city's two largest, newly expanded and reinvented casinos—Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and River Spirit Casino—and you'll understand why Tulsa is a hot gaming destination.*



Gaming, dining and entertainment reached new heights in mid-America when the **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino**, owned by the Cherokee Nation, opened. You'll find five dining venues, a metropolitan-style nightclub and five other clubs and venues; a Hard Rock retail store; and 125,000 square feet of gaming space.

A long-time dream, the new **River Spirit Casino**, pays tribute to the heritage of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This \$195 million casino, shimmering with beautiful colors and inviting gaming at every turn, features the latest in high-tech machines, casual and fine dining and free live entertainment.



## » TULSA IS FOR MUSIC LOVERS

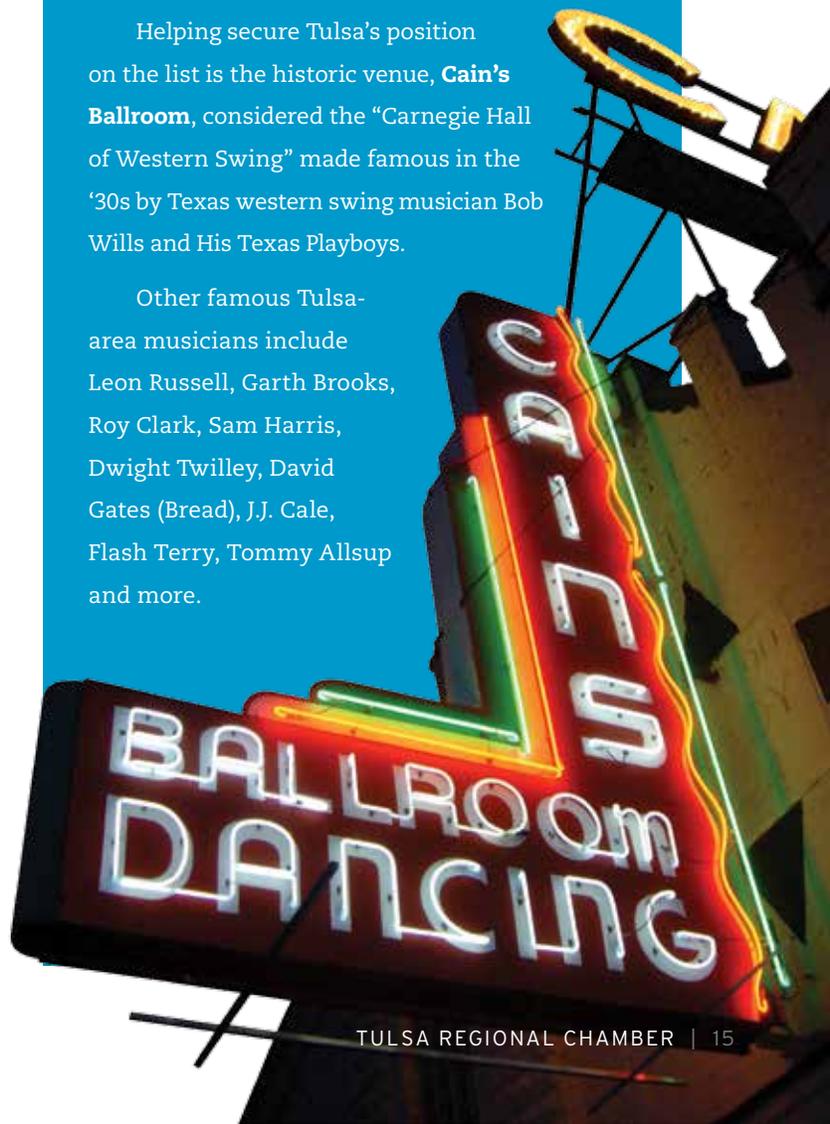
Tulsa has become a creative nexus for artists and musicians, even giving way to their own, unique sound distinctively known as the “Tulsa Sound.”

Described as a blues- and country-influenced rock ‘n’ roll sound, the Tulsa Sound has helped put Tulsa on the map as one of the top 10 cities for its music scene.

Livability.com picked cities outside of Nashville, New York City and L.A. with a high number of quality music venues, independent record stores and local musicians, and the ability to attract and produce talent. It also considered other variables, including a vibrant nightlife and higher education opportunities.

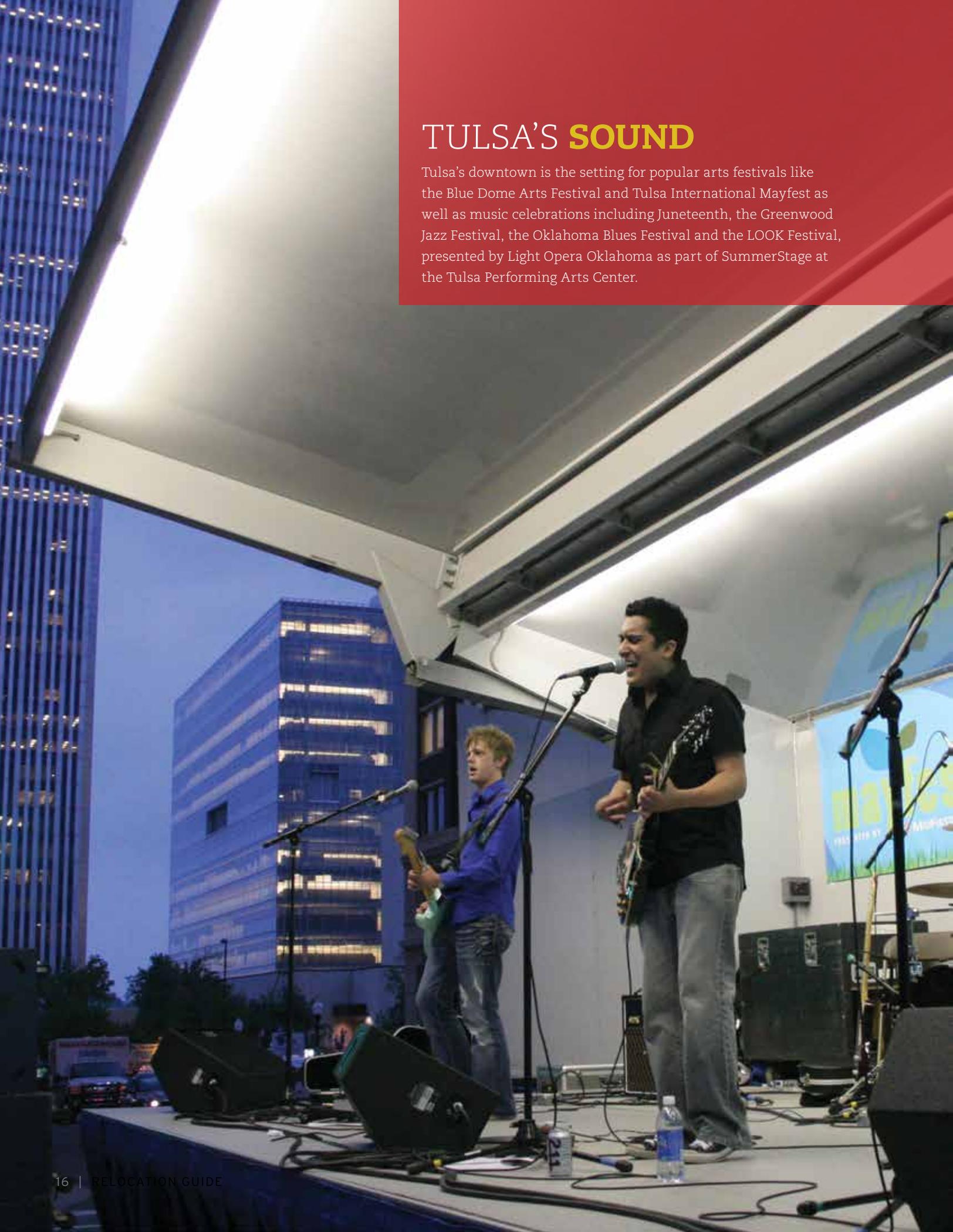
Helping secure Tulsa's position on the list is the historic venue, **Cain's Ballroom**, considered the “Carnegie Hall of Western Swing” made famous in the '30s by Texas western swing musician Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys.

Other famous Tulsa-area musicians include Leon Russell, Garth Brooks, Roy Clark, Sam Harris, Dwight Twilley, David Gates (Bread), J.J. Cale, Flash Terry, Tommy Allsup and more.



## TULSA'S SOUND

Tulsa's downtown is the setting for popular arts festivals like the Blue Dome Arts Festival and Tulsa International Mayfest as well as music celebrations including Juneteenth, the Greenwood Jazz Festival, the Oklahoma Blues Festival and the LOOK Festival, presented by Light Opera Oklahoma as part of SummerStage at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center.



The two popular **Osage Casinos**, in Tulsa and Sand Springs, offer more intimate, themed settings with dining options, fast gaming and plenty of attractive promotions

Live horse racing heightens the excitement at Expo Square during the **Fair Meadows** summer meets. Simulcast racing, featuring viewing results at tracks around the country, is also available at this midtown racing destination.

### *Tulsa fairs and festivals celebrate culture, art, music and more*

*In Tulsa, there is a chance and reason to celebrate nearly every weekend.*

The diverse cultures found across the city provide plenty of opportunity for residents to learn about and celebrate the heritage and customs of their neighbors. A strong and active German population allows Tulsa to host one of the biggest **Oktoberfest** celebrations in North America. Other culturally-driven festivals include **Indian Art Festival**, **Greek Holiday**, the **Scottish Games**, the **Festival Hispano**, **ShalomFest**, **June Fest** and **Cherokee Art Market**.

As with culture, Tulsa respects and pays tribute to music and art from every genre, influence and style.

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Outside of downtown, locals head to Utica Square, an upscale, outdoor shopping center, with lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets in tow every Thursday night during the summer months for the **Summer's Fifth Night** concert series featuring popular local artists.

Summer celebrations also include **Freedomfest** over the Fourth of July holiday on the west bank of the Arkansas River.



For 10 days every fall, more than one million people flock to the **Tulsa State Fair** featuring food, rides, concerts and the Oklahoma Sugar Art show, where national bakers and chocolatiers put their confectionary skills to the test.

If the sugar art show is too sweet for your taste, **Rock 'N Rib Festival** may be more suitable to your palette. The four-day festival features live music, delicious concessions and mechanical bull rides outside of the downtown BOK Center.

Finally, **Winterfest** transforms downtown Tulsa into a winter wonderland each year after Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Home to an outdoor ice skating rink, concerts, food and the largest Christmas tree in Oklahoma, Tulsa's relatively new winter festival is quickly becoming a Tulsa tradition.

# Venture DOWNTOWN

*No better blend of the past, present and future can be found than in downtown Tulsa. Architectural marvels from the 1920s house modern concept bars and restaurants while the dust of new construction swirls in the air in Tulsa's busy city center. While the collective theme for downtown is development, each district has a slightly different and distinct personality giving Tulsans a plethora of options for finding "their spot."*

The burgeoning **Brady Arts District** is home to art galleries, shops, restaurants and nightclubs, including the famous entertainment venues **The Brady Theater** and **Cain's Ballroom**. Iconic acts from Bob Wills and Pasty Cline to Van Halen and The Police have graced their stages and today, the theater and grand ballroom continue to attract concert-goers as diverse as the music that attracts them. In 2012, downtown Tulsa welcomed a new urban garden and performance space in the Brady Arts District. The new Guthrie Green is the perfect getaway for families, young professionals and anyone looking for a peaceful escape and the sounds of either a live local band or the garden's water features.

The **Blue Dome District** is a center for Tulsa nightlife. The district serves a young crowd attracted to pubs, restaurants, clubs and the live music scene.

Baseball enthusiasts and visitors alike will share the Tulsa pride and spirit upon visiting downtown Tulsa's baseball diamond known as ONEOK Field in the historic **Greenwood District**. Home to the Tulsa Drillers, the \$39.2 million stadium provides family fun and entertainment



April through August. Once called “Black Wall Street,” Tulsa’s historic Greenwood District also houses artifacts from the district’s past at the Greenwood Cultural Center and the Mabel B. Little Heritage Center while paying homage to the devastating 1921 Tulsa Race Riot and celebrating the African American story in Oklahoma at the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park.

The newly defined **Deco District** is home to the artifacts left behind by the rich oil barons who once called Tulsa home. Through art deco walking tours provided by the Tulsa Historical Society and private tour companies, visitors can marvel at the many art deco buildings still standing in downtown Tulsa providing some of the richest examples of the zigzag and streamline styles that were popular during the 1920s.

The **BOK Center District** features the world-class, award-winning BOK Center. Across the street is the Tulsa Convention Center with the state’s largest ballroom and home to many of Tulsa’s professional and amateur sports teams. The downtown skyline’s most recent addition is the \$100 million mixed-use property One Place. The new building includes space for retail, commercial, residential and hospitality.

For a taste of Tulsa head east to **East Village** where you’ll find Girouard Vines, Tulsa’s urban winery with a weekly wine tasting class, art studios and loft apartments, among other retailers and service providers.

**SoBo District**, or South Boston District, is a pocket of activity located just south of the heart of downtown and is the perfect destination for a glass of wine with friends or early morning meeting over coffee.

The **Pearl District** is on the east side of downtown and is one of the city’s oldest neighborhoods. Recent revitalization



efforts have made the area an attractive residential space for individuals or families looking for an urban atmosphere with importance placed on walkability.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa has the third highest concentration of art deco architecture in the nation.

## » WHAT’S IN A NAME?

**Brady Arts District** – named after Wyatt Tate Brady, a shoe salesman who came to Tulsa in 1890. He opened one of the town’s first mercantile stores and later built Cain’s Ballroom and the Brady Hotel, the area’s first hotel with indoor baths.

**Blue Dome District** – named for a distinctive, blue domed building built in 1924 as a gas station that now houses offices.

**BOK Center District** – is named after the award-winning arena built through the Vision 2025 bond package that helped fuel a revitalization of downtown Tulsa.

**East Village** – just as its name entails, this small, but growing, collection of retailers and housing is named after its geographic location on the east border of downtown.

**Greenwood District** – originally an African American community, it was named after the street it was centered around. The road was given the name Greenwood Avenue after a city in Mississippi.

**Deco District** – named after the high concentration of art deco style buildings that occupy the district.

**SoBo District** – abbreviation for South Boston, the street upon which this district sits.

**Pearl District** – renamed in 2006 by the neighborhood association that occupies this area.





## NEARBY NATURE

Tulsa is located within a region known fittingly as Green Country, where nature lovers feel right at home. The area encompasses thousands of miles of lakeshore, most within a short driving distance of the Tulsa area. Just a short drive from downtown Tulsa, you can watch bald eagles on the hunt at **Keystone Lake**, fish at **Skiatook Lake**, camp at **Oologah Lake** or go scuba diving in the waters of **Lake Tenkiller**. The vast expanses of **lakes Ft. Gibson, Grand and Eufaula** make them a boater's paradise. To the east, the **Illinois River** offers enchanting scenery and superb facilities for canoeing, camping and weekend float trips.

## Get your GAME ON

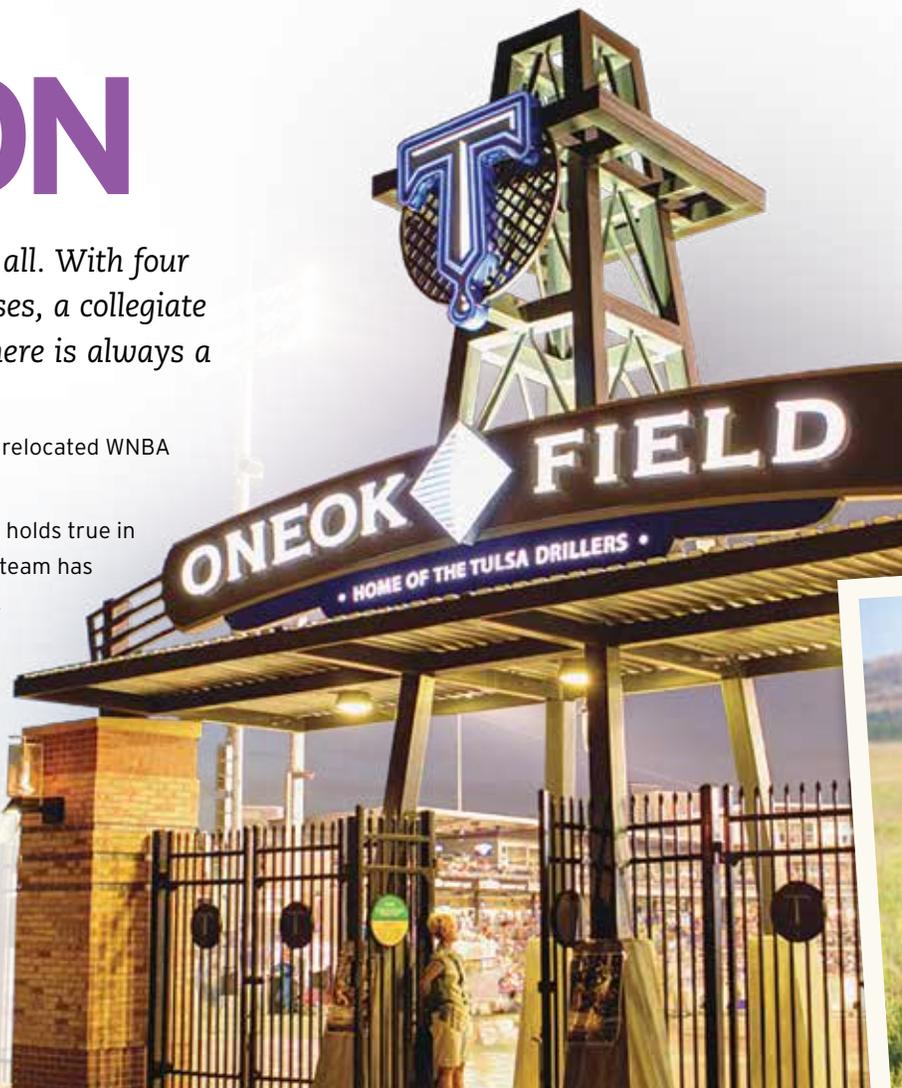
*For the sports enthusiast, Tulsa has it all. With four minor league teams, premier golf courses, a collegiate sports program and a WNBA team, there is always a game to catch in Tulsa.*

The newest member to the sports family is the relocated WNBA team, the **Tulsa Shock**.

Baseball is America's favorite pastime and that holds true in Tulsa. The Double-A minor league **Drillers** baseball team has been swinging bats in Tulsa for more than 30 years.

Additionally, Tulsa is home to the **Tulsa Oilers**, a minor league hockey team, and the **66ers**, an NBA D-League team.

Tulsa enjoys an above-par reputation when it comes to golf. One reason is because the city is home to the premier **Southern Hills Country Golf Club**, which served as host for the 2007 PGA





## DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa has nearly 40 miles of river shoreline.

Championship, making it the first course to host this major championship four times. Spectators from around the world have come to Southern Hills over the years to see the nation's top golfers compete in the PGA, TPC and U.S. Open championships. If you're an avid golfer, a selection of 19 public and many private courses in the Tulsa area provides plenty of fun and challenges.

Without a doubt, one of Tulsa's outdoor highlights is **RiverParks**, a strip of unspoiled land along the Arkansas River and a testament to visionary urban planning. Stretching southward from downtown, RiverParks offers more than 25 miles of asphalt surfaced trails, several recreation areas, scenic overlooks, and excellent catfish and striped bass fishing. The low-water dam and pedestrian bridge make for attractive scenery, and the RiverWest area on the west bank of the river offers a floating stage for outdoor concerts and is the location of the annual Oktoberfest celebration. Just to the east, and celebrated for their exceptional landscaping, are **Woodward Park** and the **Municipal Rose Garden**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Oklahoma is one of four states to harbor more than 10 distinct ecological regions out of 13 nationally. With eight regions in eastern Oklahoma and three in western Oklahoma, it has more per square mile than any other state.

Just northwest of downtown is the **Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Gardens** with 170 acres of unspoiled land, nature trails and the Osage Hills open Saturdays April through October each year.

For cyclists, Tulsa certainly doesn't disappoint. RiverParks offers miles of riding options including mountain biking trails at **Turkey Mountain**. The nationally recognized cycling event, **Tulsa Tough**, offers the chance to put your cycling skills to the test during the three days of riding, racing and recreational biking opportunities.

There's likely to be a 5k race on any given weekend in Tulsa, but two racing events have become tradition.



Thousands of locals and visitors line up every year for the **Tulsa Run** and **Route 66 Marathon**, both held annually in the fall.



## AS IT ONCE WAS

Buffalo once roamed the vast plains of the American heartland and you can still see them in their natural environment at the **Tallgrass Prairie Preserve**, a 35,000-acre park north of Tulsa. The preserve offers a rare glimpse into the West as it once was, restored through careful management including the reintroduction of bison and fire.

# Out on the **TOWN**

From uptown boutiques to downtown five and dimes, Tulsa's shopping options are as varied and eclectic as the city itself.

## Brookside

[BROOKSIDETHEPLACETOBE.COM](http://BROOKSIDETHEPLACETOBE.COM)

**Brookside** is filled with quaint boutiques, art galleries, antique shops and trendy restaurants. Stay for the evening when it turns into a neon avenue, where crowds enjoy the unforgettable nightlife.



## Cherry Street

[WWW.CHERRYSTREET-TULSA.COM](http://WWW.CHERRYSTREET-TULSA.COM)

**Cherry Street** houses the **Cherry Street Farmer's Market** during growing season and a collection of shops, bistros and cafes year-round. Known for its architecture, antiques, designer interiors, eclectic shops and fine dining, Cherry Street seems to cater to every taste.

## Brady Arts District

[WWW.THEBRADYARTSDISTRICT.COM](http://WWW.THEBRADYARTSDISTRICT.COM)

The **Brady Arts District** may be alive with music at night, but during the day, small, eclectic shops find shoppers

tuning violins at the Tulsa Violin Shop, making art at the Tulsa Glass Blowing Studio or even delighting in a chocolate creation from Glacier Confections.

## Blue Dome District

[WWW.BLUEDOMEDISTRICT.ORG](http://WWW.BLUEDOMEDISTRICT.ORG)

Shopping in the **Blue Dome District** is all about Tulsa pride with one-of-a-kind trinkets from Dwelling Spaces, a Tulsa icon T-shirt from Boomtown Tees or a true Oklahoma souvenir from one of the area's oldest stores, Lyon's Indian Store. This hotspot is also home to numerous local restaurants.

## Deco District

[WWW.DECODISTRICTTULSA.COM](http://WWW.DECODISTRICTTULSA.COM)

Thanks to the creativity of some downtown business owners, new stores have made a permanent home in the **Deco District**, bringing new life to historic buildings and giving downtowners more window shopping opportunities than ever before.



## The Farm Shopping Center

FARMSHOPPINGCENTER.COM

A little bit of country in the heart of town, the tree-lined **Farm Shopping Center** features a restored rustic barn and boardwalk-style paths between shops. More than 40 national, regional and local retailers plus an assortment of restaurants create a convenient, pleasurable shopping venture.

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## Jenks, America

JENKSCHAMBER.COM

Wander the many antique shops in the heart of the **Jenks downtown district**, west of the Arkansas River on South 96th Street, or stroll along the nearby **RiverWalk Crossing**, on the banks of the Arkansas River, for fine dining, shopping venues, a state-of-the-art movie theater and live entertainment.

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## KingsPointe Village Shopping Center

KINGSPOINTEVILLAGE.COM

At the outdoor **KingsPointe Village** shopping center, you'll find sporting goods, interior designs, clothing and salons. Plus, cap off your day with dinner at an assortment of restaurants.

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## The Plaza

TULSAPLAZA.COM

A modern, outdoor shopping center, **The Plaza** features upscale shops showcasing clothing, accessories, health and beauty products, jewelry, home furnishings, personal services and several restaurants.

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## » EAT LIKE A LOCAL

1. **White River Fish Market** has been flying in its seafood from the coasts of North and South America since 1932, offering fresh-from-the-coast dining in the Heartland.

2. **Weber's Superior Root Beer Restaurant**

is famous for serving the first hamburger on July 4, 1891, on a

handmade grill alongside

their famous root beer. The restaurant is still owned and operated by the Webers in its original location on Brookside.

3. **Celebrity Restaurant** has been in business for more than 50 years hosting famous customers from Mickey Mantle to Ben Stiller and David Cooke with its fine dining and stellar customer service.

4. **The Spudder** pays homage to the oil and gas industry displaying memorabilia in the old rustic steakhouse since 1976.

5. **Brownie's**, in business since 1957, doesn't date as far back as Weber's, but is another iconic Tulsa location for burgers and root beer.

6. **Queenies** is located in the upscale Utica Square shopping center and has been a local favorite since 1983, marrying the charm and delicacy of a tearoom to the comfort and casualness of a deli.

7. Located on the famous Redfork Corner where the past and present have been merging since 1894, **Ollies Station Restaurant** offers home-cooked comfort food in a train-inspired atmosphere.





## CHEW ON THIS... Tulsa is the spot for BBQ

Maine has lobster, New York has steak and Tulsa has barbecue.

Tulsa has become the melting pot of barbecue drawing on flavorful inspiration from other top barbecue cities like Kansas City and Memphis.

Only Tulsa's ribs are better. Oklahomans have actually won the Jack Daniel's World Championship title more than any other state in the

competition's 22-year history. And most of those cooks hailed from northeast Oklahoma.

### Promenade Mall

TULSAPROMENADE.COM

This spacious shopping mall, which includes a variety of specialty shops and a 12-screen movie theater, is family friendly and features carpeted walkways for your shopping comfort.

### Shops of Seville

101ST STREET & SOUTH YALE AVENUE

This quaint collection of upscale shops invites visitors to explore boutiques for gifts and home furnishings, dine at a charming bistro or explore the latest fashions at trendy shops.

### SouthRoads

41ST STREET & SOUTH YALE AVENUE

Browse to your heart's content at Barnes & Noble, or catch the latest flick at the movie theater. Shop a variety of other stores - from home to sports to fashion - and finish off with a great meal at a local growing franchise chain, Top That Pizza.

### Tulsa Hills

WEST 71ST STREET AND U.S. HIGHWAY 75

The city's largest retail development since Woodland Hills Mall opened in the 1970s, **Tulsa Hills** offers 1.5 million square feet of retail space anchored by national chains.

### Utica Square

UTICASQUARE.COM

A Tulsa original, **Utica Square** offers a variety of upscale local and national retail shops and restaurants. This outdoor shopping center is picturesque with beautiful landscaping, water fountains, English telephone booths, wrought iron benches and Old World tower clocks.

### Woodland Hills Mall

SHOPSIMON.COM

Day or night, rain or shine, shopping in the largest mall in the region is an amazing experience. Your entire family will enjoy shopping at **Woodland Hills**, with more than 165 specialty shops and four major department stores.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa's Woodland Hills Mall is the largest mall in Oklahoma.



# Giving back to the **COMMUNITY**

*Tulsans are altruistic by nature and the city is known as America’s Most Generous City. With great foresight and consideration for the community, Tulsa is home to America’s largest community foundation. Established in 1998, the Tulsa Community Foundation exists to ensure the philanthropic needs of Oklahomans can be met for all generations.*

The giving spirit resonates throughout the community making it one of the most philanthropic cities in the United States both in time and money. Nearly 32 percent of Tulsans volunteer their time to an area nonprofit. The spirit of giving continues with the next generation as well. Tulsa’s Young Professionals volunteers thousands of hours each year in community projects like Street CReD, where they transform an abandoned block into an urban hotspot for a weekend to show the community what could exist with time, attention and development.

Whatever the cause, Tulsa offers an organization to serve it, providing hundreds of opportunities for volunteering, community service and civic engagement. In addition to the community foundation and the Tulsa Area United Way, some of the largest nonprofits in Tulsa include Family & Children’s Services, Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics and Oklahomans for Equality.

“If there be any truer measure of a person by what he does, it must be by what he gives.”

– Robert South

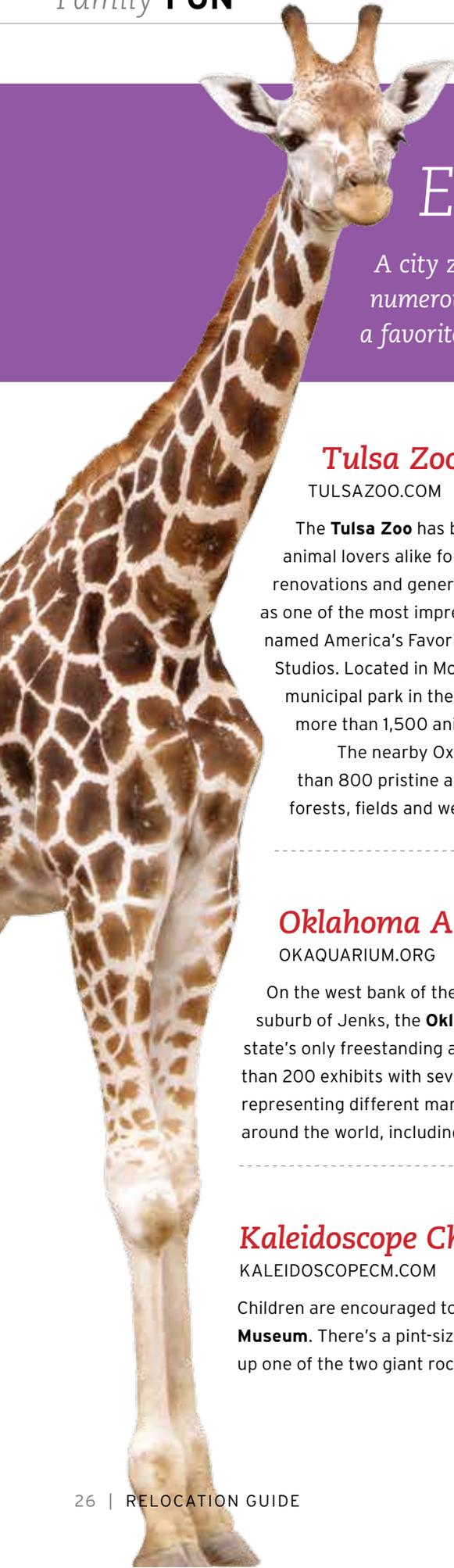


## DID YOU KNOW?

The Tulsa Area United Way is ranked nationally in the top 3 percent for total giving.

## » TULSA COMMUNITY **FOUNDATION**

Established in 1998, Tulsa was the last major metropolitan to create a community foundation, but by 2005 the Tulsa Community Foundation had eclipsed even the New York Community Foundation whose assets equaled \$2.135 billion. From humble beginnings with assets of \$117,000 in 1998, the foundation surpassed all others in the nation with assets at \$4.4 billion by 2009.



# Entertain the **FAMILY**

*A city zoo, air and space museum, planetarium, aquarium and numerous parks are just some of the attractions that make Tulsa a favorite among children and their parents.*

## **Tulsa Zoo and Living Museum**

TULSAZOO.COM

The **Tulsa Zoo** has become a magnet for families and animal lovers alike for good reason. Thanks to substantial renovations and generous bequests, the zoo has emerged as one of the most impressive zoos in the region and was named America's Favorite Zoo in 2005 by Microsoft Game Studios. Located in Mohawk Park, the third largest municipal park in the United States, the zoo is home to more than 1,500 animals and 436 species.

The nearby Oxley Nature Center offers more than 800 pristine acres of walking trails through forests, fields and wetlands.



## **Oklahoma Aquarium**

OKAQUARIUM.ORG

On the west bank of the Arkansas River in the suburb of Jenks, the **Oklahoma Aquarium** is the state's only freestanding aquarium, containing more than 200 exhibits with several thousand animals representing different marine environments from around the world, including a shark tank.



## **Kaleidoscope Children's Museum**

KALEIDOSCOPECM.COM

Children are encouraged to touch everything at the interactive arts and science **Kaleidoscope Children's Museum**. There's a pint-sized Kid's City where your child can be a barber, doctor or a fireman. Enjoy a climb up one of the two giant rock walls or use the special magnifying glasses to discover hidden treasures.



## Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium

TULSAAIRANDSPACEMUSEUM.COM

Dedicated to preserving Tulsa's rich aerospace history, the 19,000-square-foot **TASM** offers rare and historic aircraft and hands-on, child-friendly displays. The many exhibits display the large role Tulsa has played in the field of aviation while the Electric Sky Theater/Planetarium offers state-of-the-art presentations with new programs monthly.

## Youth Sports

CITYOFTULSA.ORG

### Youth recreational leagues

provided by the Tulsa Parks system provide everything from volleyball and t-ball to aquatics, gymnastics and special events and tournaments to help kids develop essential teamwork skills and healthy lifestyles. Additionally, a number of Tulsa-area suburbs offer competitive and recreational youth leagues.

YMCATULSA.ORG

YMCA also offers a number of youth sports options.

## Tulsa RiverParks

TULSARIVERPARKS.ORG

**Tulsa RiverParks** offer fun for land and water enthusiasts with miles of trails for biking, hiking or exploring as well as access to kayaking at the Tulsa Water Park, a stretch of the Arkansas River along the west bank where an abundance of water is diverted. The park features a trail and dock for direct access.

On the east bank of the Arkansas River, the QuikTrip Water Park is great spot to cool off on a hot day.

## Big Splash Water Park

WWW.BIGSPASHWATERPARK.COM

**Big Splash Water Park** is a spacious park with seven-story-tall water slides, an exciting wave pool, float rides and a children's pool in the heart of midtown Tulsa.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa's low cost of living, short commute time and robust economy prompted Parenting Magazine to recognize it as one of the best cities for families.



# Where TO LIVE

*From refurbished downtown lofts to elegant historic neighborhoods and spacious suburban sprawls, the Tulsa metro area offers housing to suit the tastes and needs of young professionals to retired seniors.*

Choose from single-family neighborhoods and tree-lined suburbs, revitalized urban lofts, townhouses and everything in between. Plus, Tulsans are embracing green building with the recent development of several LEED certified houses.

## North

Reflecting Tulsa's colorful heritage, attractive houses of early-day oil barons and their employees sprinkle the hilltops in the Brady Heights and Reservoir Hill neighborhoods. Meanwhile, new family-oriented developments and infill projects continue to inject new life and vitality into aging neighborhoods. Further to the north



are Tulsa International Airport and the nearby community of Owasso. Once a quiet suburban town, Owasso has become one of the area's fastest growing communities and is a beacon for employees of Spirit Aerosystems, SABRE, WorldCom, Vanguard and Whirlpool.

## South

For decades, Tulsa has steadily grown south and that pace has quickened in recent times, especially along the Arkansas River. New housing and apartment complexes, businesses and office buildings are constantly springing up. South Tulsa is highlighted by the 71st Street retail corridor that features abundant shopping and the convenience of Woodland Hills Mall.

South of Tulsa, Bixby continues to experience a building boom in new houses and apartments. Known for its fertile soil, the Bixby area is home to sprawling vegetable and sod farms. Jenks, Glenpool and Sapulpa offer suburban living and outlying areas perfect for country living. Tulsa is only minutes away via Highway 75, and expansion of the Creek Turnpike offers convenient access to the interstate highway system.



## » LIVING IN THE 'BURBS

- Catoosa
- Claremore
- Coweta
- Bixby
- Broken Arrow
- Glenpool
- Jenks
- Owasso
- Sand Springs
- Sapulpa

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa's cost of living is 10 percent below the U.S. average. Tulsa's housing costs are 31.1 percent below the national average. Grocery costs are 7.8 percent below the national average, and utilities are 3.1 percent below the U.S. average.

## » AN URBAN REVIVAL

The population of downtown Tulsa is growing rapidly with a 20-30 percent increase seen over the last 10 years. Currently more than 20 projects are in varying stages of completion downtown, building everything from new businesses, to lofts, condos and grocery stores to provide a true urban living experience.



### East

Broken Arrow has become Tulsa's largest suburban community with a population of 90,000. Construction of new housing, apartments and retail establishments continues to blur the line between the two communities. Broken Arrow residents have easy access to south Tulsa's retail corridor and a short commute to downtown Tulsa via the Broken Arrow Expressway. Just east of Broken Arrow, Coweta is an attractive community with affordable housing.

### West

Communities to the west have seen rapid growth in recent years. New housing developments are appearing in outlying areas of Sand Springs, which straddles the Arkansas River upstream from Tulsa.

The Red Fork area reflects Tulsa's oil-related and blue collar past. Berryhill and north Sapulpa also offer new housing and apartment developments for Tulsa commuters.

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME



	2010 CENSUS	2012 ESTIMATE	2017 PROJECTION
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$62,986	\$64,122	\$71,854
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	\$46,494	\$48,190	\$52,656
PER CAPITA INCOME	\$25,326	\$25,423	\$28,223



## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

SIMPLY PUT, IT **COSTS LESS TO LIVE IN THE TULSA AREA** THAN IT DOES ON THE EAST OR WEST COASTS. BUT JUST HOW MUCH LESS?

	NEW YORK CITY	LOS ANGELES	TULSA
DOZEN EGGS	\$2.71	\$2.09	\$1.35
APARTMENT RENT	\$3,902	\$2,003	\$582
HOME	\$1.3 million	\$528,255	\$190,724
DENTIST VISIT	\$106.18	\$90.87	\$74.11
MOVIE	\$13.33	\$12.53	\$8.67

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa is in a temperate climate zone allowing residents the variety of four different seasons - winter, spring, summer and autumn - throughout the year. While the city is in Oklahoma, the city has not suffered a major tornado in many years.

# Lifelong LEARNING

Any community's success is built upon the cornerstone of quality education for its youth. Since Tulsa's founding, city leaders have always dedicated themselves to providing a comprehensive education from pre-kindergarten through college.

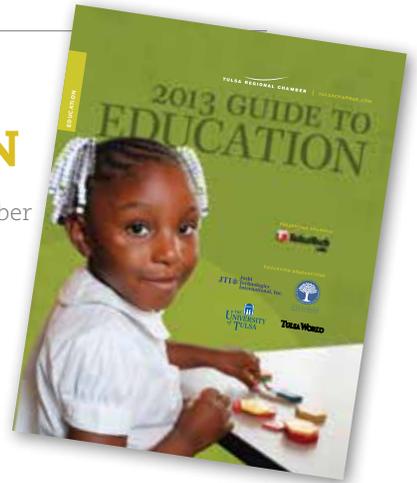
## Public Education

Pre-kindergarten and elementary education provides the foundation for a child's capacity and interest in learning. Oklahoma leads the nation in early childhood education, setting a precedent for achievement and success, and is considered a model in early childhood schooling.

Oklahoma is also one of few states with a high school drop out rate of less than 3 percent. In Tulsa County alone, more than 100,000 students are instructed by 13 school districts. Tulsa Public Schools, the largest district in the state, educates more than 42,000 students at more than 80 sites. The district is noted for progressive programs, extensive technology, and high levels of community involvement including the Tulsa Regional Chamber's very successful Partners In Education program, which encourages companies to develop partnerships with schools to foster ongoing linkages between business and public education.

## » GUIDE TO EDUCATION

The Tulsa Regional Chamber publishes a guide to education annually that includes a listing of schools with pertinent information. PreK-12, colleges and universities, tech schools and other educational institutions are included. **For a free guide, please call 918.585.1201.**



Other public school districts such as Jenks, Union, Owasso, Broken Arrow and Bixby offer students outstanding programs that provide a well-rounded educational experience. And, recognized as the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient, Jenks was awarded the nation's highest presidential honor for quality and organizational performance excellence. Through a top-rated education, students from Tulsa-area school districts continually garner impressive honors such as National Merit Scholars and all-American student-athlete awards.



## TULSANS *EXCEED* THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN EDUCATION

Associate's Degree: **8.1%**

Bachelor's Degree: **9.2%**

Graduate Degree: **9.2%**

## DID YOU KNOW?

U.S. News & World Report ranked The University of Tulsa No. 75 and The University of Tulsa College of Law No. 99 in the 2012 and 2013 editions of Best Colleges.

### Private Schools

The rich tradition of private schools in Tulsa dates to the 1880s when small churches and congregations offered educational opportunities. The tradition continues with many outstanding private institutions and religious-based private schools.

### Higher Education

There is no shortage of higher education opportunities in the Tulsa region. Both public and private institutions offer a wide range of associate, undergraduate, graduate and vocational programs. The University of Tulsa continues to be one of the nation's top-rated private universities while Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, The University of Oklahoma - Tulsa and Northeastern State University - Broken Arrow help accommodate non-traditional students with a variety of graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

To help all Tulsa youth have an opportunity to continue their education, Tulsa Community College created **Tulsa Achieves**,

a program that pays up to 100 percent tuition and fees for qualifying students who reside in Tulsa County.

#### INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING INCLUDE:

- » Langston University
- » Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow
- » Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- » Oklahoma State University - Tulsa
- » Oral Roberts University
- » Rogers State University
- » Southern Nazarene University
- » Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology
- » Tulsa Community College
- » Tulsa Technology Center
- » University of Oklahoma-Tulsa
- » University of Phoenix
- » The University of Tulsa

### FinishForGreaterTulsa.com

The Tulsa Regional Chamber partners with area higher education institutions and employers to challenge Tulsans to return to school to earn a degree or certification. This online resource provides information on fast-track college completion programs, a list of schools and a variety of resources, including financial aid.



# Take care of your HEALTH

*As the nation's largest and fastest growing industry, health care flourishes in the Tulsa region. Tulsans benefit from access to some of the nation's leading health care facilities and major medical centers. A strong network of more than 1,800 physicians, 400 dentists, comprehensive health maintenance organizations, 24-hour ground and air emergency medical transportation, and enhanced 911 services, serve the region.*

Saint Francis Health System, St. John Health System, and Hillcrest HealthCare System meet a majority of the health care needs for the

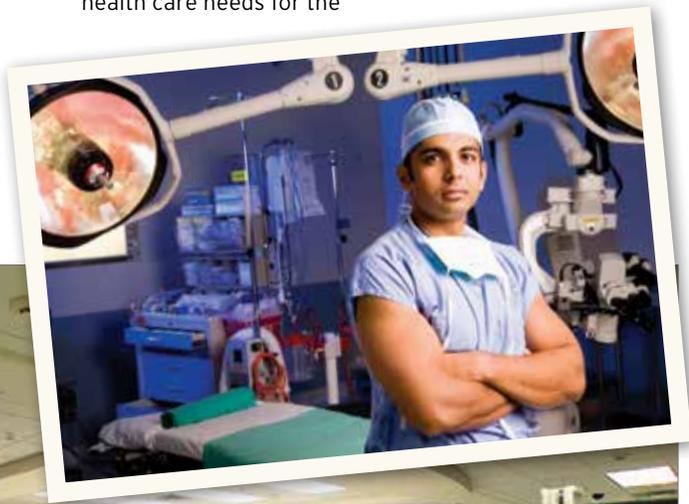
Tulsa MSA and northeast Oklahoma. Branch campuses and specialty treatment centers within the three core networks continue the stellar care for the entire region and serve as specialists for much of the nation including Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital, Saint Francis Heart Hospital, Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Oklahoma Heart Institute and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

A premier health care education also begins in Tulsa where the state's leading universities instruct future medical professionals. The University of Oklahoma's College of Medicine in Tulsa, now called the OU School of Community Medicine, has been a mainstay of Tulsa's medical community for more than 30 years and now occupies an expanded campus at the OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center in midtown Tulsa.

Additionally, the Oklahoma State University Medical Center, established in 1972 and located in downtown Tulsa, has consistently been named one of the best medical schools in the nation for primary care by U.S. News & World Report.

In May 2010, Tulsa became one of 15 communities to be awarded a \$12 million Beacon Community grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. The grant established a community-wide Health Information Exchange among more than 1,600 providers in the region to help better monitor and improve care.

From prenatal care to advanced research, Tulsa's health care community ensures present and future generations will have access to first-rate treatment.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa is one of four regional facilities nationwide and is one of the largest cancer treatment hospitals in the country.



## » AWARD-WINNING HEALTH CARE

Tulsans know that when illness strikes, they're in great hands with local health care providers. Recent accolades bestowed on Tulsa's major medical centers include:

- » St. John Medical Center was ranked No. 1 in the Tulsa metropolitan area in U.S. News & World Report's 2011-12 Best Hospitals ranking.



- » Saint Francis Health System is ranked in the nation's top 5 percent of hospitals for clinical excellence.
- » Oklahoma State University Medical Center is consistently named one of the nation's best medical schools for primary care by U.S. News & World Report.
- » Oklahoma Heart Institute is the state's largest, most advanced dedicated hospital for the prevention and treatment of heart diseases as recognized in U.S. News & World Report and featured on the front page of USA Today.
- » Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital ranked among the nation's top 5 percent and No. 1 in Oklahoma for spine surgery.
- » Oklahoma Surgical Hospital ranked No. 1 in Oklahoma for overall hospital care and overall surgical care by CareChex Medical Quality Rating System.

# Immerse yourself in Tulsa's **MELTING POT**

*The art and culture found in Tulsa tell the story of the city's diverse past. Artifacts, treasures and influences from Native American tribes, African American civic leaders, European immigrants and wealthy oil barons blend beautifully to create a mosaic of diversity and inclusion.*

## » AREA ORGANIZATIONS

The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice  
German-American Society of Tulsa  
Oklahomans for Equality  
Jewish Federation of Tulsa  
Gay and Lesbian Fund for Tulsa  
Greenwood Chamber of Commerce  
Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League  
Greater Tulsa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Hispanic American Foundation  
Tulsa Global Alliance  
Italian American Society of Tulsa  
Islamic Society of Tulsa  
Oklahoma Black Chamber of Commerce  
Native American Chamber of Commerce  
Indo-American Chamber of Commerce  
Grow Jewish Tulsa  
John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation



## » DIVERSE WORSHIP

As characteristic for most cities in the Heartland, Tulsa enjoys a spiritual presence found throughout the city and benefits from a myriad of many and varied religions, denominations and cultures.

Tulsa enjoys more than 200 places to worship including churches, synagogues, temples and centers for Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Catholics and other denomination and non-denominational organizations. No matter your beliefs, spirituality or style of worship, Tulsa has a like-minded group and tolerant population to support your freedom of religion.

Today, Tulsa is strengthened by the range of opinions, beliefs and influences of its citizens. Recognizing the benefit of those differences, an initiative known as Mosaic has been enacted by the Tulsa Regional Chamber and community leaders to ensure the region continues to leverage its diversity to create an inclusive community and improve the economic and social climate in the Tulsa region.

Tulsa has one of the largest LGBT centers in the U.S., and a large network of progressive, affirming and welcoming congregations. The city hosts a number of cultural festivals each year, including the Indian Art Festival, Greek Holiday, the Scottish Games, the Festival Hispano, ShalomFest and what has been recognized as one of America's largest Oktoberfests.



# CREATING INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES



## Diversity and Inclusion in your business

Matters of diversity and inclusion affect all aspects of the business environment, including workforce attraction and retention, overall competitiveness, customer client bases, and ultimately, the bottom line.

Successful businesses learn to leverage diversity and foster inclusion. The diverse segments of our community possess incredible purchasing power and constitute the human capital needed to create workforces that will propel the Tulsa region forward.

Learn more about this initiative of the Tulsa Regional Chamber by visiting [MosaicTulsa.com](http://MosaicTulsa.com).

# Under 40s **LOVE TULSA**

No. 8 U.S. city for young adults (Portfolio.com 2010)

*Tulsa's active, concerned and involved young adult population have joined to create one of the nation's largest young professionals organizations in the country. Tulsa's Young Professionals (TYPros) was formed in 2005 to help retain and attract young professionals to the region. Now boasting more than 7,000 members, TYPros hosts numerous events, activities and programs to promote the city and various initiatives including sustainability, diversity, arts, education, business development and urban development among others.*

#### **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TULSA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INCLUDE:**

- » Helping fund local nonprofits, including a donation of nearly \$30,000 in 2011
- » Dedication of centennial sculpture to city
- » Creation of The Forge business incubator
- » Creation of Intern In Tulsa initiative
- » Growing advocacy and government relations involvement
- » Community redevelopment projects that spur growth

## » **FORGING SMALL BUSINESSES**



Powered by TYPROS

As part of the Tulsa's Young Professionals mission to attract and retain young professionals in Tulsa, a business incubator was created in 2010. The Forge allows young entrepreneurs to set up shop in a low-cost, supportive environment to help shape them into successful, sustainable businesses.

The Forge caters to young, creative and motivated professionals by providing physical space and office support services at a low cost.

Visit [theforge-tulsa.com](http://theforge-tulsa.com) to learn more.



# COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

What happens when community redevelopment meets urban revitalization? Tulsa's Young Professionals members host a weekend makeover in a different area of Tulsa each year to show the potential of underserved neighborhoods. Areas previously highlighted are the Pearl District, Red Fork and North Star. Each year the event sparks conversation and economic development all because of a simple mantra: when no area of Tulsa is neglected, the entire city benefits.



# Tulsa's top **INDUSTRIES**

*Tulsa is home to some of the nation's largest companies, with key industry sectors that include aerospace, energy, health care, technology, manufacturing and transportation, and a growth domestic product of \$44.8 billion putting it at No. 9 in the nation.*

With the cost of doing business at 8 percent below the U.S. average due to low rent, energy costs and taxes, Tulsa is a prime location for industry prospects looking to expand or relocate. With one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, Tulsa is also a prime place for job seekers especially those belonging to the city's top industries.

## **Aerospace and Aviation**

Home to more than 70 aerospace companies and 14,000-plus aerospace jobs, Tulsa is considered a leader in the aerospace industry with opportunities available for all levels of workers. American Airlines Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Division is one of Tulsa's largest aerospace

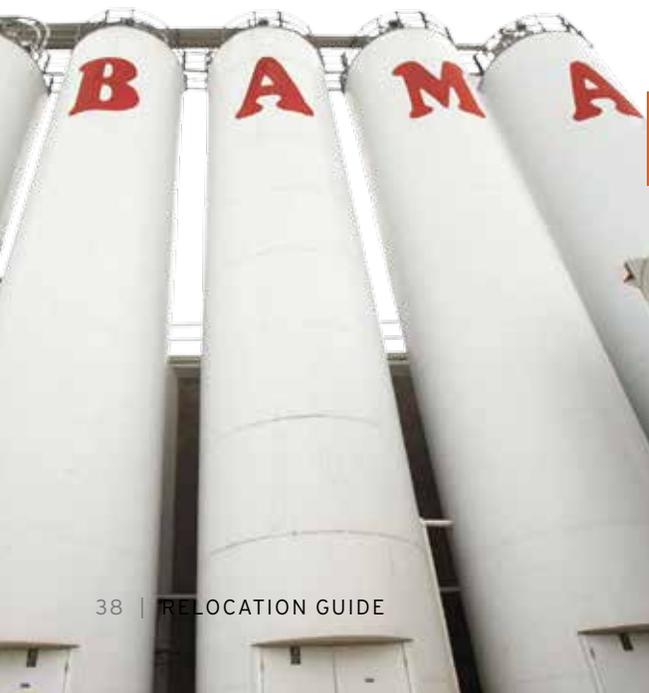
employer, and other aerospace companies calling Tulsa home include NORDAM, Spirit AeroSystems and Flight Safety International.

## **Energy**

Energy is big business in Tulsa. Whether it's oil, gas or alternative energy, Tulsa remains a significant player in the energy industry. Efforts by leading employers such as Williams, ONEOK, Holly Corporation, and others, and the wide array of supporting manufacturers and service providers, create continued growth and employment opportunities.

## **Health Care**

Quality health care is the leading industry nationwide and it continues to flourish in Tulsa thanks to the many medical schools, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice programs, clinics and emergency rooms. With five major tertiary care hospitals and several widely recognized specialty and teaching centers, Tulsa's medical community is committed to outstanding health care and continues to provide highly desired employment opportunities.



## **» PRIVATE COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN TULSA**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| QuikTrip Corp.                     | T.D. Williamson, Inc.                             |
| Hilti of America, Inc.             | Frontier Field Services, LLC                      |
| Seminole Energy Services, LLC      | National Truck Parts, Inc.<br>(CCI Corporation)   |
| Manhattan Construction Co.         | Explorer Pipeline Co.                             |
| McGraw Davisson Stewart, Inc.      | GHS Holding Co., Inc.<br>(Blue Cross Blue Shield) |
| NGL Supply, Inc.                   | Alliance Coal, LLC                                |
| GBK Corp. (Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.) | United States Beef Corp. (Arby's)                 |
| Cedar Creek Wholesale, Inc.        | Bama Companies, Inc.                              |
| Sheehan Pipe Line Construction     | Mazzio's Corporation                              |
| Samson Investment Co.              |   |



## PUBLIC COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN TULSA

- ONEOK, Inc.
- Williams Cos., Inc.
- Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
- BOK Financial Corp.
- Public Service Company of Oklahoma
- Magellan Midstream Partners, LP
- Unit Corp.
- Alliance Resource Partners, LP
- Matrix Service Co.
- Williams Partners
- AAON, Inc.
- Arena Resources, Inc.
- North American Galvanizing & Coatings, Inc.
- Orchids Paper Products Co.
- Xeta Technologies, Inc.
- Limco-Piedmont, Inc.
- Ram Energy Resources, Inc.
- Advantage Technologies Group, Inc.
- Educational Development Corp.
- Syntroleum Corp.
- Amerex Group
- Osage Bancshares, Inc.
- MacroSolve, Inc.

### Technology

High-tech companies are a key component of the Tulsa market. Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, Tulsa's technology industry includes diverse areas such as nanotechnology, aviation and aerospace, telecommunications, information security, advance sensors, biotechnology, knowledge management and three-dimensional display technology. Continued economic efforts and initiatives started through educational environments such as the Institute for Information Security have secured Tulsa a top place in technological advancement.



### Advanced Manufacturing

Benefiting from Tulsa's central location, many of the nation's largest manufacturers call Tulsa home. Tulsa's diverse manufacturing economy continues its steady expansion and is buoyed by petroleum activity and strong aviation-related production. Confidence is strong as Tulsa's innovative manufacturers, including GWACS Defense, Navico, LaBarge Electronics and McElroy Manufacturing, adapt to worldwide challenges and compete on a global scale.

west corridor with rail and air access as well as waterway access to national and international ports. Major companies include BNSF and Melton Truck Lines. In fact, Tulsa is home to the nation's most inland water port - the Tulsa Port of Catoosa - which includes a 2,000-acre industrial park housing more than 60 companies, employing 4,000 people.

### Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Transportation is a key industry for Tulsa. The city is centrally located in the United States along a major east-

### Entrepreneurism and Small Business

For those looking to pioneer their own opportunities in business, Tulsa is a beacon. A highly educated workforce, low cost of living and progressive state of mind makes Tulsa an attractive location for entrepreneurs and small business owners. In fact, small businesses provide more than 55,000 primary jobs and an estimated payroll of \$1.4 billion annually in the Tulsa MSA.

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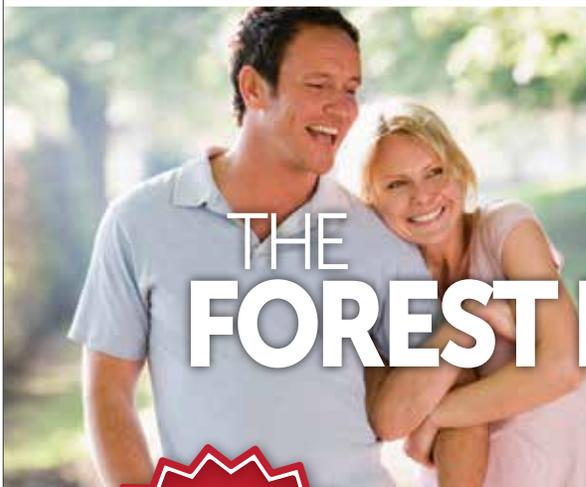
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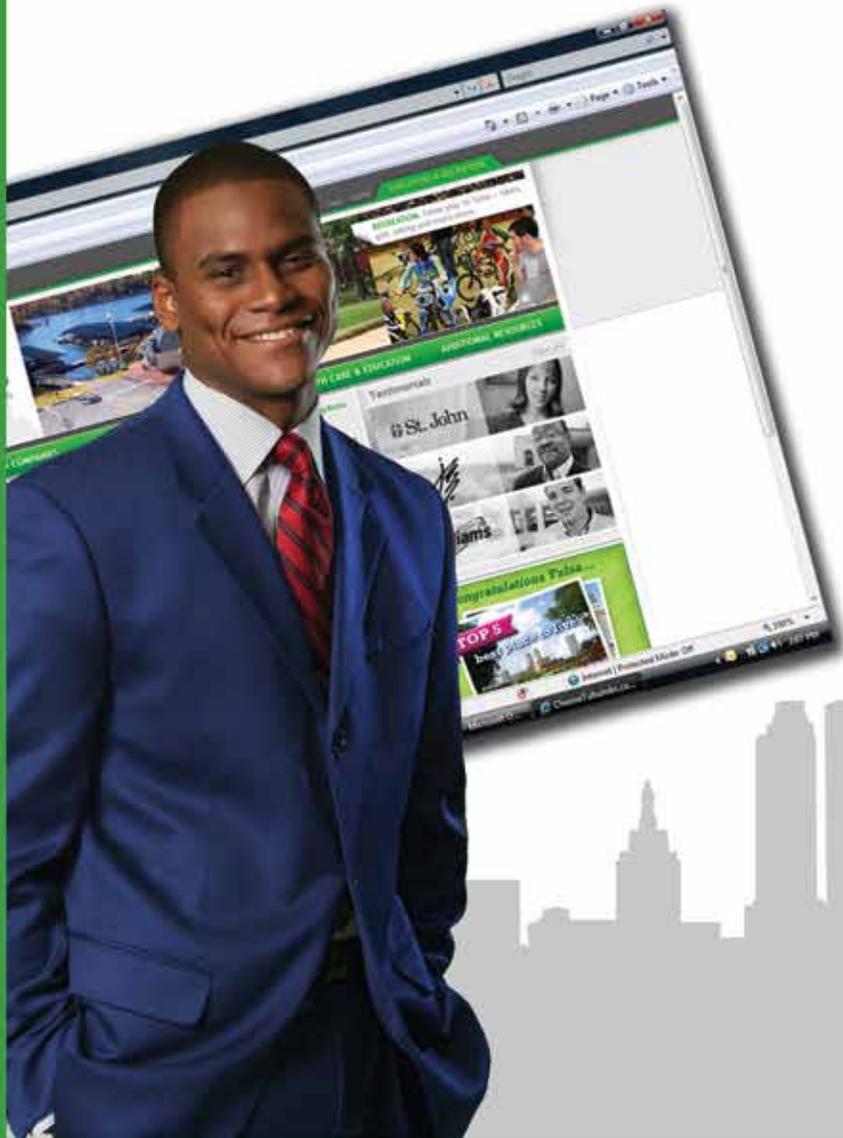
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