

Music and Movies and More...

The Music Scene

While you may have heard otherwise, DC does have a music scene. Whether you're into punk, rock or blues you will find a concert that is worth shelling out the service fees. Here are some venues and resources we recommend:

9:30 Club - Small venue that offers an eclectic line-up of bands, four bars, and not a bad spot in the house.
www.930.com

Blues Alley - The New York Times named it "The nation's finest jazz and supper club."
www.bluesalley.com

Black Cat - Well established hub for local and national bands that helped spur the indie-rock explosion.
www.blackcatdc.com

Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts - Outdoor venue perfect for spring and summer concerts, plays and operas. www.wolf-trap.org

Fort Reno - Free outdoor concerts in the summer every Monday and Thursday.
www.fortreno.com/about.html

Jazz in the Sculpture Garden - Free concert every Friday between Memorial and Labor Day.
www.nga.gov/programs/jazz/shtm

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe - Pay a cover charge and enjoy food, drinks, jazz and an Imax movie if you feel like it.
www.mnh.si.edu/jazz/

Bigyawn.net - an excellent resource for the latest in DC's local and underground music scene, as well as reviews of nationally recognized names.

Films, Screenings, Festivals

If you consider yourself a movie-buff, then DC will not let you down.

Smithsonian Institute - All the museums show a variety of films throughout the year. We recommend the Freer & Sackler Galleries' foreign film line-up. And they're free too! However, a donation is appreciated. www.si.edu/events/films.asp

AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center - This theater features new and old films, but leans more toward artsy/independent work as well as the classics. They also have an annual documentary film festival worth investigating. www.afi.com/silver/new/

Film Fest DC - 12 days of film from around the world that turns DC into a "filmgoer's paradise."
www.filmfestdc.org

The Washington DC Film Society - For the hardcore among you, get access to premieres, screenings and many more benefits. www.dcfilmsociety.org

Screen on the Green - A favorite among locals - watch classic movies on the National Mall with the Capitol as your background every Monday night at sunset during July and August.

Similar events take place in Shirlington and on the George Mason Campus in Northern Virginia during the summer months.

