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The **Tyler Civic Theatre Center** produces wonderful plays and musicals with local talent. Their 2012-2013 season for instance includes: Bye Bye Birdie, Hallelujah Girls, The Hobbit, Wait Until Dark, A Christmas Story, Barefoot in the Park, The Miracle Worker, Over the River and Through the Woods, Noises Off. They also have the Acting Conservatory, a Summer Theatre Arts Review, and sponsor a young actors' troupe to London and Paris.

The **UT Tyler Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center** presents national and international touring arts and educational programming to enrich the cultural climate for the East Texas Region. Artists presented by the Cowan Center's many series have included Bill Cosby, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, David Copperfield, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Lyle Lovett, Momix, Gregory Hines, Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, and Broadway shows Miss Saigon, Annie, Chicago, Cats and Stomp.



Ballet Tyler is made up of local dancers from East Texas, age 11 to 20. Ballet Tyler provides opportunities for both dancers and East Texas audiences to experience the fine art of dance at the highest possible quality.



The **East Texas Symphony Orchestra's** mission is to provide the highest possible quality of symphonic entertainment through the presentation of classical and contemporary music. The ETSO brings classical music to a broad segment of our community with their Masterworks Season, a series of five concerts, and their Young People's Series.



Liberty Hall Theatre: Come see a show at the City of Tyler's historical Liberty Hall theater. Old movies, music, theater and comedy are on the menu. Every week there is something new to see. The Liberty Hall Theater is now home to the East Texas Symphony Orchestra's family friendly programs and "Noon Notes".

Tyler Community Concerts Association has been “bringing a world of entertainment to Tyler, Texas for 56 years.” They boast of a plethora of entertaining performances. The association has brought in groups such as The Smothers Brothers, the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, the Boston Brass, and the Masters of Motown.

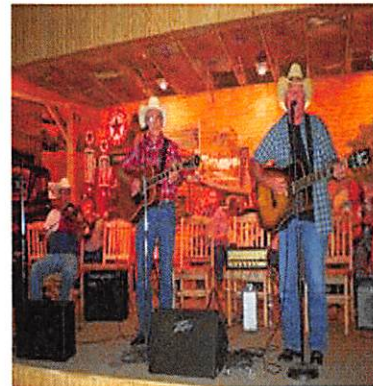


Edom Civic Theater is in its 16th season. With local talent they produce some delightful shows for the whole family. Begin an evening with a delicious meal at one of Edom’s popular restaurants then head over for a fun evening.



Edom City Limits - Imagine an evening in one of the best dance halls in Texas surrounded by unique Texas décor, listening or dancing to great music and sharing fun with friends and neighbors at “Two-Step Tuesdays” and other fun nights.

Henderson County Performing Arts Center in Athens produces seven Main Stage productions that include dramas, comedies, and musicals; Black Box shows, four music series concerts and a traveling troupe that tours around the state of Texas. It also has a music studio where 15-20 students learn piano, voice, or violin. Their 2012 season listed “Rabbit Hole,” “Moonlight and Magnolias,” “Martha and Mary,” “Charlotte’s Web,” “Forever Plaid” and “The Wizard of Oz.”



Moore Store in Ben Wheeler offers good food and great entertainment such as Karaoke Thursdays, Friday and Saturday night different bands playing Southern Rock, Country, or Blues.



Kilgore Art Film Festival

In 1998, Byron Berkley, film lover and owner of the 4 Star Cinemas in Kilgore, joined up with Kathy Housby and Jim Allen of KTBB radio to create a film festival. The idea was to bring select independent films, foreign language films and documentaries to the big screen for audiences in East Texas. At that time, the closest venue was Dallas. That great idea became the KTBB Film Festival, then the Kilgore Film Festival and last year The Kilgore Art Film Festival. Now in its fifteenth year, they bring quality films twice a year to East Texas that you normally won’t see at a theater. In the spring of 2012 their series included “Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy,” “Albert Nobbs,” and “A Dangerous Method.”



“To Be or Not to Be” is the question East Texans ask themselves when they consider being in attendance every July in Kilgore at **The Texas Shakespeare Festival**. The TSF is nationally known for the professional productions of Shakespeare, Moliere, Ives, Wilde and many more as well as musicals like “Company,” “My Fair Lady” and “Camelot.” Actors and actresses come to Kilgore for a summer of theatre to learn, apply their trade, and entertain thousands.

The **Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex** is an easy 2-3 hours drive where you can enjoy professional shows and productions at the Music Hall at Fair Park, the Meyerson Center, the Bass Performance Hall, the Verizon Center in Grand Prairie and many more venues.