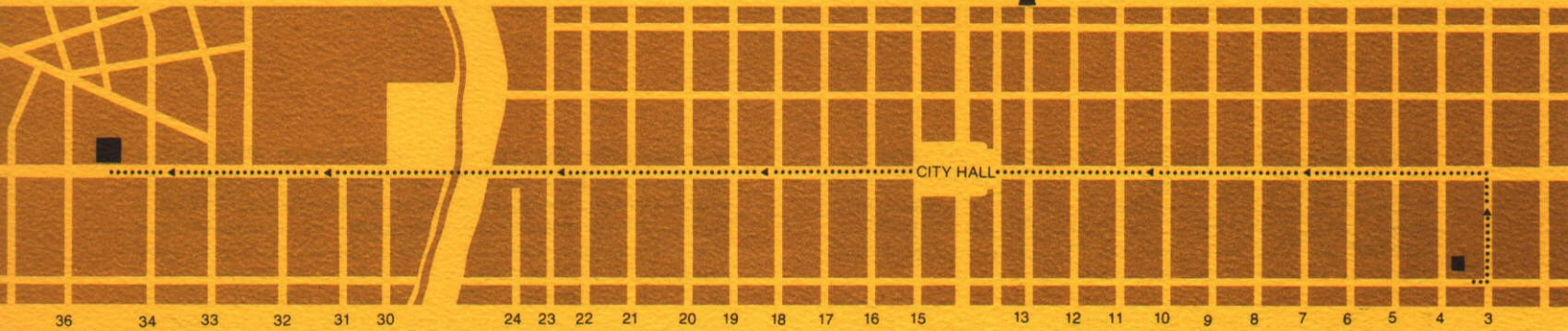


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## Places to Visit and Things to Do in the University City Community

Once you're settled in your new office at the Science Center you'll find more than enough opportunities to keep yourself busy in the University City community. A great variety of cultural, recreational, and entertainment groups in our new neighborhood invite you to participate in the many activities they offer. You won't have to go too far or look too long for something to do after work or during your lunch hour. In fact, the hardest part is choosing among the different things you can see and do in University City.

### Places to Visit

**University Museum.** The University Museum houses a world famous collection of archaeological and anthropological specimens uncovered in nearly 300 expeditions dating back to 1889. Primitive civilizations from every corner of the globe are represented -- the Near East, Pacific Oceania, Africa, and the Americas. The Tut exhibit, which recently toured the US, has revived interest in the University Museum's own large collection of mummies and Egyptian artifacts. The museum's education department sponsors free popular films for adults and children over five years old. Films for children are shown on Saturdays at 10:30am in Harrison Auditorium. Films for adults are shown on Sundays at 2:30pm also in Harrison. The museum sponsors a Sunday concert series, performed by past and present members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, at no charge. If you've run out of ideas for birthday and holiday presents,

visit the museum's two gift shops. The Children's Shop offers books, toys, and games that cost no more than \$5. Many of the toys and games are from American Indian, African, and other cultures.

The Museum Shop offers books, crafts, jewelry, reproductions of museum objects, and even a few authentic pieces from time to time. The hours for the shops are the same as the museum's visiting hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm; Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. The museum is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 243-4000. The University Museum is located at 33rd and Spruce Streets.

**Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA).** ICA is an art gallery based on the European Kunsthalle model, a public institution that maintains no permanent collections but, instead, shows temporary exhibitions. As its name indicates, ICA exhibits the work of contemporary artists from around the world. But ICA is also one of the few well-known Philadelphia institutions that devotes exhibitions to local artists. Many of ICA's exhibitions travel to other institutions. This has helped to make ICA an internationally recognized gallery. ICA is open to the general public whenever an exhibition is being shown, but is otherwise closed. From Oct. 18 through Nov. 18, ICA is exhibiting Richard Artschwager's Theme(s), the work of a New York-based contemporary artist. ICA shows are always free. ICA's hours are: Tuesdays from 10am to 7:30pm; Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm; Sundays from noon to 5pm. The gallery is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 243-7108. ICA is located at 34th and Walnut Streets, in Penn's Fine Arts Building.

**Drexel University Museum's Rincliff Gallery.** The Rincliff Gallery is a very handsome art museum whose collection is visually enhanced by natural light coming from several large skylights. The collection numbers more than 5,000 pieces, and includes 19th century paintings and furniture, ceramics, Boehm porcelain, textiles, sterling silver, miniature furniture pieces, and the Rittenhouse clock. The Rincliff Gallery is open to the public at no charge. At present, the gallery is understaffed and can arrange visits by



technically demanding sets. Michael Cristofer's The Shadow Box, winner of the 1977 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, will be performed by the Trinity Square Repertory Company. Also, Arthur Miller's adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's An Enemy of the People will be performed by the Goodman Theatre group. In addition, Annenberg offers a Theatre for Children series of musicals intended for, and performed by, children. Single ticket prices for adult productions range from \$7 to \$11, depending on seat location and performance night. Subscription, group, and student rates are also offered at 20 to 25% discount. The plays are usually sold out, so it's smart to reserve seats ahead of time. For ticket and performance schedule information, call 243-6791, or pick up a brochure at the Annenberg Center Theatre at 3680 Walnut Street.

**International House.** International House is the residence of about 450 persons from 67 different countries who study and work in the Philadelphia area. The oldest international center in the US, International House was founded to promote encounters between different cultures and nationalities. International House sponsors a wide variety of programs that bring together more than 45,000 Philadelphians each year! The International Cinema Series shows excellent films and documentaries from all parts of the world. Occasionally, the filmmakers themselves introduce and discuss their films with the audience before and after each showing. Films are usually shown at 7:30pm and 9:30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with a 4pm matinee on Fridays only. Admission is \$1.50, except for \$1 matinees. You can save money by buying series tickets: 5 admissions cost \$5 and 11 admissions cost only \$10. For film schedule and feature information, call 387-5125, ext. 222 or 201. Cafe of the Five Continents offers a daily international menu of inexpensive lunches and dinners. Special programs also include ethnic entertainment along with your meal. You can hear a balalaika orchestra as you eat a Russian meal, be serenaded by Latin American music with your Mexican dinner, or enjoy traditional folksongs as you celebrate Bastille Day with a French country dinner. But anytime you dine at the Cafe of the Five Continents you can hear a charming variety of accents and languages from conversations at neighboring tables. Folklife Festivals are a regular happening at International House, highlighting a particular culture's music, dance, crafts, children's games, food, drink, and folk stories. Also, foreign language conversation courses, darkroom and music practice room facilities, Discover America trips, wine bar, game rooms, and a library are available at International House at various charges. International House offers these services at discount prices, or even for free, to members. You can be a member of International House for \$25 per year for individuals and \$35 for couples.

Individual students pay only \$15 per year and student couples \$25. For more information on memberships, programs, schedules, and fees, call 387-5125. International House is located at 37th and Chestnut Streets.

**Penn Union Council.** PUC organizes many of the social events held on Penn's campus. Popular movies are shown on Friday and Saturday nights, usually at 7:30pm and 10pm. This fall's offerings include Jaws, Grateful Dead Movie, Invasion of the Body Snatchers, Heaven Can Wait, Interiors, and Annie Hall. Movies are shown at Irvine Auditorium, located at 34th and Spruce Streets, for only \$1. PUC also sponsors A Little Night's Music series, where popular rock, folk, and country bands perform. PUC has signed Patti Smith, Little Feat, James Cotton, and the B-52s for appearances this year. Music concerts are staged at Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street. PUC's performing arts committee offers dance, comedy, mime, and cabaret acts, also at Houston Hall. Second City, a comedy group based in Chicago that appears weekly on local television, and the Pocket Mime Theatre are scheduled for November. You can also view PUC student art exhibits at Houston Hall. The exhibits change every month, opening on the first Friday of the month with a free wine and cheese reception from 5pm to 7pm. The art gallery is open every day from 10am to 5pm. For more information on programs and prices, call 243-7581 for each week's listings.

**Drexel University's Creese Student Center.** The Creese Student Center is the hub of social activity on Drexel's campus. If you want to see popular films -- like Magic, Buddy Holly Story, Hooper, Superman, An Unmarried Woman -- the Student Center is the place to go. Films are usually shown on Fridays at 4, 7, and 9:30pm for the low price of \$1. Drexel's Drama Society puts on theatrical productions at Creese in November, February, and May. The Student Center also hosts a variety of musical events throughout the year -- gospel choir, chamber music, madrigal and varsity singers, glee club, full orchestra, and a jazz ensemble. Creese also sponsors dances -- folk dancing, fraternity parties, and a 50s mixer are scheduled in the coming months. For more information on programs and schedules, call 895-2515. The Creese Student Center is located at 32nd and Chestnut Streets.

**University City Arts League.** The Arts League has the most complete selection of arts, crafts, and recreational workshops in the University City area. The Arts League catalog lists more than 80 courses! These include dance workshops in ballet, disco, exercise, jazz, modern, and tap. Drawing, painting, watercolor, calligraphy, sculpture, and photography are also offered. Music classes include instruction in banjo,



appointment only. However, the staff encourages you to make an appointment. They're proud of their collection and want to show it off! For appointments, call 895-2424. The Rincliffe Gallery is located at 32nd and Chestnut Streets, on the third floor of Drexel's Old Main Building.

**R. Tait McKenzie Sculpture Gallery.** If you've gone to a Phillies game at Veterans' Stadium in South Philadelphia, you can't have missed the giant sculptures of football and baseball players by R. Tait McKenzie that ring the stadium. McKenzie, a well-known local artist who is on the Philadelphia Art Commission, is doing several more very large pieces for the city. If you want to examine his work more closely, the R. Tait McKenzie Sculpture Gallery holds 99 of his smaller pieces on various sports themes. The gallery charges no admission fee and is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 3pm. For more information, call 243-6101. The gallery is located at 3701 Walnut Street in Penn's Gimbel Gymnasium.

**University City Science Center Gallery.** UCSC has its own art gallery that devotes space to exhibits of the work of local Philadelphia artists. The exhibits change every month, so you get a good sampling of what our city's artists are creating. The gallery is open from 9am to 5pm on weekdays only, and there is no charge for admission. For more information, call 387-2255. UCSC's gallery is located at 3624 Science Center.

**Wistar Institute.** The Wistar Institute maintains a permanent exhibit on various aspects of embryology, genetics, and developmental anatomy. The Institute's museum is best known for its display of pre-natal and post-natal skeletons in progressive stages of development. The exhibit includes other anatomical specimens as well as large photographs and slide projections. Don't be intimidated if you don't know anything about anatomy or genetics. The museum provides you with a portable taped message, lasting about 40 minutes, that explains each exhibit in sequence. There is no charge for admission, and the museum is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10am to 4pm. For more information, call 243-5284, ext. 349. The Wistar Institute is located at 36th and Spruce Streets.

**Botanical Garden and Greenhouse.** If you can't make it out to Longwood Gardens or the Morris Arboretum, the Botanical Garden and Greenhouse on Penn's campus offer a small but representative collection of domestic and exotic plants. The Botanical Garden is a quiet, secluded area with pleasantly manicured shrubs, flower beds, and trees. The Biopond, complete with lily pads, frogs, and goldfish, is located on the grounds of the Botanical Garden. The controlled environment of the Greenhouse allows many varieties of plants

to flourish. You normally wouldn't be able to get a close look at these plants because they would perish in Philadelphia's changing climate. There are no formal display areas or tours of the Greenhouse, but the public is welcome to wander its aisles from 9am to 5pm, weekdays only, at no charge. The Botanical Garden, of course, is open at all times. For more information, call 243-7120. The Botanical Garden and Greenhouse are located on Hamilton Walk at 38th Street, behind Penn's Biology Building.

## Things to Do

**Philadelphia Civic Center.** The Civic Center is Philadelphia's showcase for entertainment, sports, and special events. The Civic Center regularly stages a number of popular shows -- the Flower and Garden Show, Boat Show, Custom Car and Van Show, and the Mummers String Bands Show of Shows. Two new shows are included this year: the International Photography Show and the Gem and Antique Show. Children especially enjoy the "in person" appearances of favorite cartoon characters at the Civic Center -- Bugs Bunny, the Flintstones, Yogi Bear, Batman and Robin, and Wonder Woman are all scheduled to appear in the next few months. Young and old alike can appreciate concert performances by the Boston Pops Orchestra in the Civic Center's auditorium. Sports fans will be able to watch the Philadelphia Fox, the city's first women's professional basketball team, compete in 18 home games this season. The Firebirds hockey team, an exciting alternative to the Flyers, also competes at the Civic Center. For schedule and ticket information on these events, call the Civic Center Box Office at 823-7400. The Civic Center also has a museum that is open to the public for free. From Oct. 26 to Nov. 25, the Civic Center Museum will exhibit a number of Rolls-Royce cars from 1906 to the present. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 5pm, and on Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. The museum is closed on Mondays. For more information on museum exhibits, call 823-8350. The Civic Center and Museum are located at 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard.

**Annenberg Center Theatre.** The Annenberg Center on Penn's campus regularly schedules excellent plays performed by leading theatre companies. There are actually two modern, comfortable theatres at the Annenberg Center. The Annenberg School Theatre, the smaller of the two, stages plays requiring simple productions and sets. These plays make up in boldness and innovation what they may lack in spectacle. This season's offerings include Joe Orton's hilarious Loot, performed by the Pittsburgh Public Theatre, and A Kurt Weill Cabaret, created and performed by Martha Schlamme and Alvin Epstein. The Zellerbach Theatre stages plays requiring elaborate and



guitar, harmonica, and recorder. Other workshops develop your skills in ceramics, weaving, jewelry making, auto maintenance, bicycle repair, creative writing, and judo. Course fees range from \$30 to \$65, depending on the materials required for instruction. Classes meet for one hour every week for nine weeks. Don't worry if you didn't sign up for fall workshops because the Arts League operates on a four-term year round schedule. The League also sponsors field trips, a lecture series, and exhibitions of various artists' works from around the country. You can get a University City Arts League catalog and other information by calling 382-7811. The Arts League is located at 4226 Spruce Street.

**Lee Cultural Center.** The Lee Center, part of Philadelphia's Department of Recreation, provides a broad-based program of activities for the University City community. If you're interested in music theory, meditation, jewelry making, or dance, you can sign up for various workshops and classes held at the Lee Center. The Lee Center also has arts and crafts for children and adults, flute/saxophone/woodwind lessons for small groups, and may soon offer a drama workshop. All activities are open to the public, and you don't have to be a resident of the community to participate. Fees are charged for classes and workshops, but they are minimal. For more information, call 686-1776, ext. 73171. The Lee Cultural Center is located at 44th and Haverford Streets.