

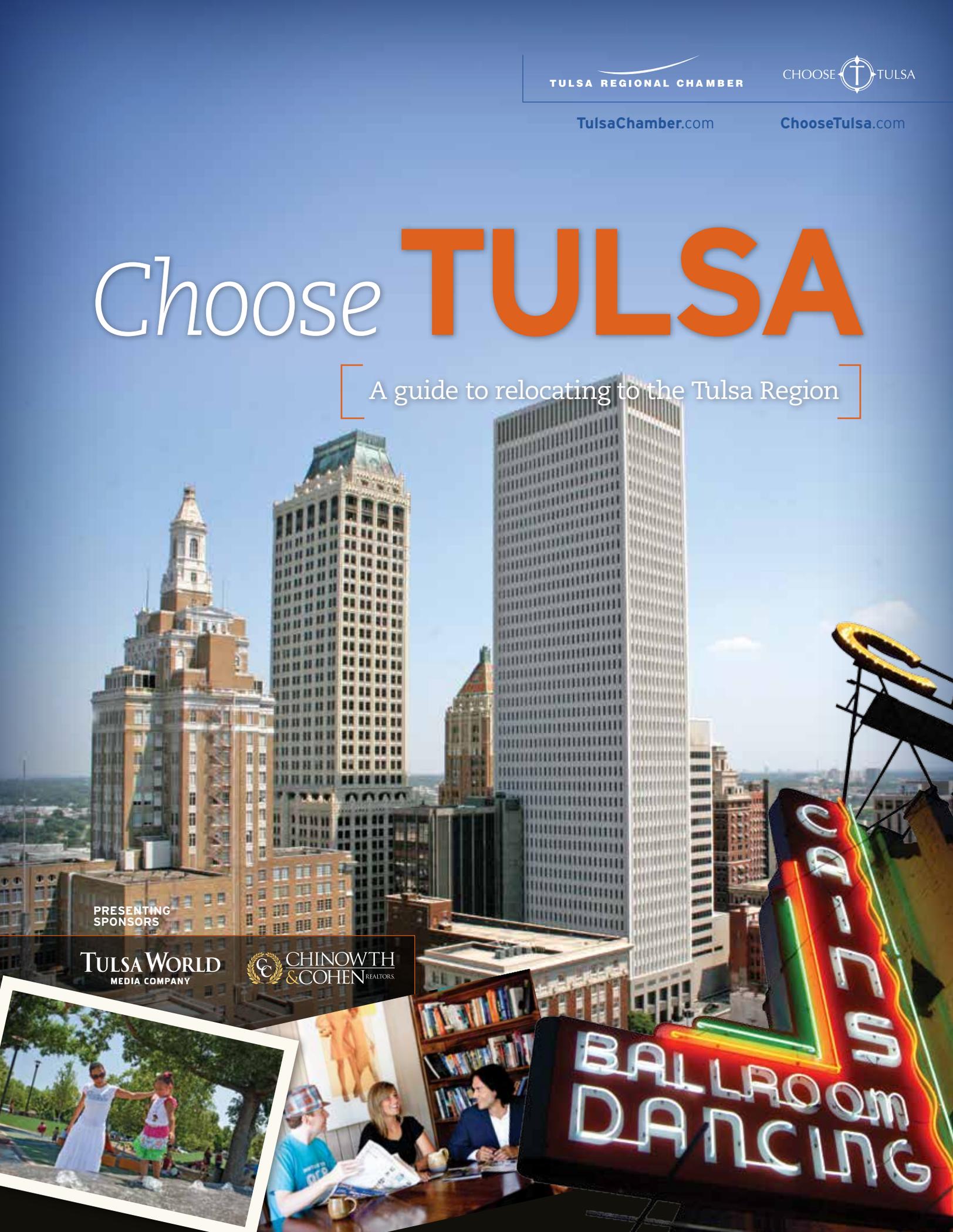
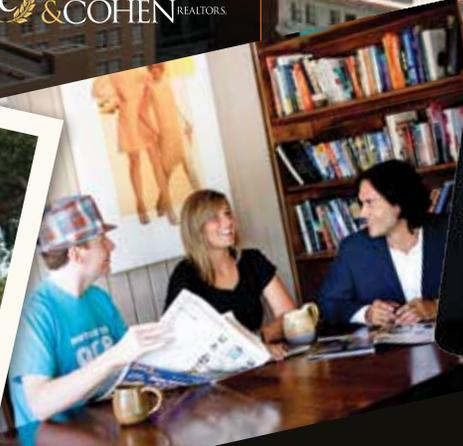
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Second LARGEST CITY IN OKLAHOMA

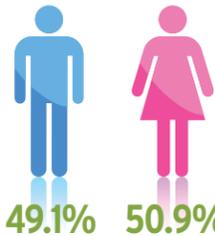
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46th-largest city in the United States

SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

964,340



MEDIAN AGE: **37**

\$65,434

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

444,052

NO. OF EMPLOYEES

420,204

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

COMING & GOING

BY AIR **17** non-stop flights to several national destinations
55 -plus departures a day

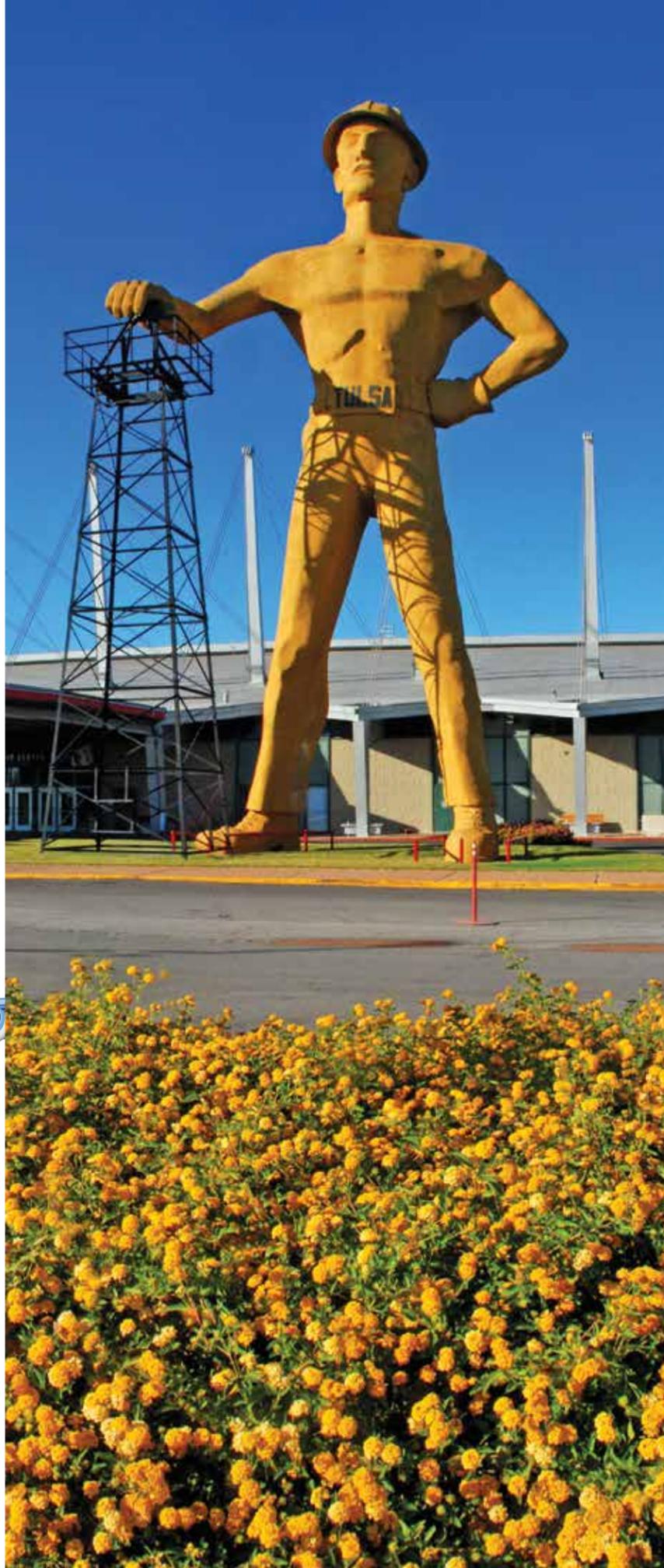


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- » **EASY-TO-NAVIGATE** grid
- » **SHORT COMMUTE TIME**
- » Tulsa Transit bus service offers **CURB-TO-CURB TRANSPORTATION**

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



Welcome to TULSA

Welcome to Tulsa, where East Coast sophistication, southern charm and western quirkiness thrive in a city built on the fortunes of oil barons and are seeded with the cultural affluence they brought to the heart of the Wild West.

It's a city where musicians and artists coexist with cowboys and business executives, where coats and ties go with jeans, where locals brag they have been to the "Center of the Universe" and where lakegoers, mountain bikers and backpackers finish their weekends with an opera and a meal at a five-star restaurant.

It's a city whose low cost of living and short commutes times – the second-shortest among major American cities – go hand-in-hand with its walking districts, museums, music venues, parks and schools, fostering a quality of life that has garnered accolades from a host of national publications.

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," they are transforming the city's landscape again today.

Nestled between the lush Ozark hills and miles of wild prairie, this former oil boom town anchors a bustling metropolis of about 1 million residents who have embraced a new boom: One of culture, downtown revitalization, thriving entertainment districts and a renewed optimism for the future of what has been called America's most beautiful city.

An architectural masterpiece, the BOK Center, and a new baseball park spurred the rebirth of Tulsa's downtown five years ago, and today, downtown's landscape is changing by the minute as caches of oil boom-era art deco buildings are refurbished, and as new restaurants and nightlife venues reinvigorate the city's core.

We invite you to be part of the story. We're Tulsans, and we're happy you're here.

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 Arts District is known as the "Carnegie Hall of Western swing" and is the home of Bob Wills and his Texas playboys.



Why TULSA?

We have a quirky, somewhat unexplained landmark in Tulsa known as the Center of the Universe. The distinct, 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 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 sits comfortably at home in 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 diverse population and lifestyle.

Every Tulsan has a different answer for why this Oklahoma oddity is the city for them. Tulsa is big enough to offer high-end restaurants and stores, an array of nightlife activities and big-city sights, but is also small enough to make everyday life convenient. From cost of living benefits, friendly residents and cultural amenities, Tulsans have a variety of reasons for sticking around.

Tulsa stories

JUAN MIRET

Occupation: Communications Specialist

“Tulsa represents the new American face — a face that reflects both old traditions and new memories.” –JUAN

Juan Miret likes to call Tulsa “chévere,” which roughly translates from Spanish as “cool.” The city, he says, has a diverse array of cultures that stems from its foundation — a former Creek Indian gathering place — and continues today as immigrants from all over the world and their descendants celebrate their heritage while sharing a common loyalty to their new home city. Multiculturalism is in Tulsa's blood, Miret says.



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

Business is Booming

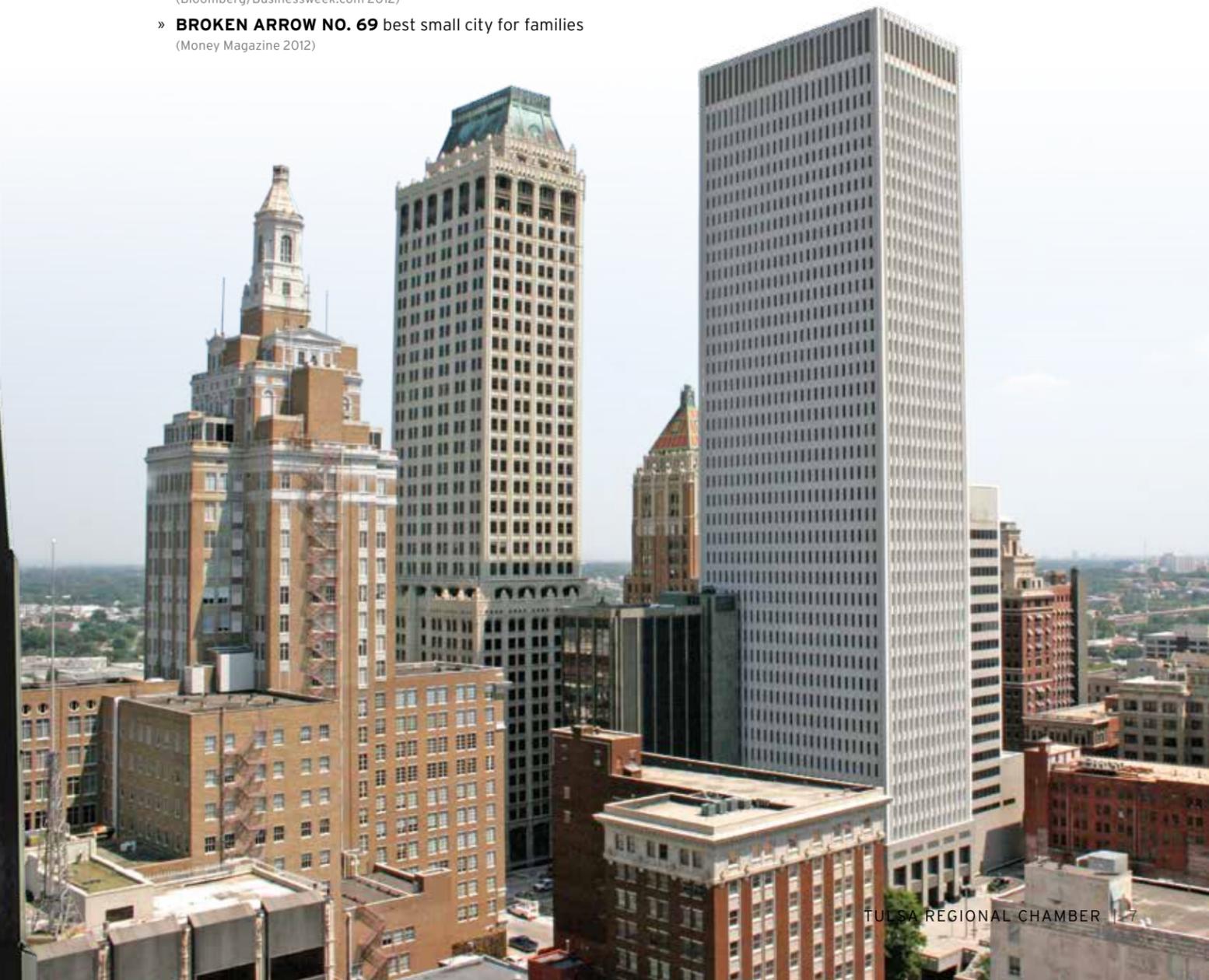
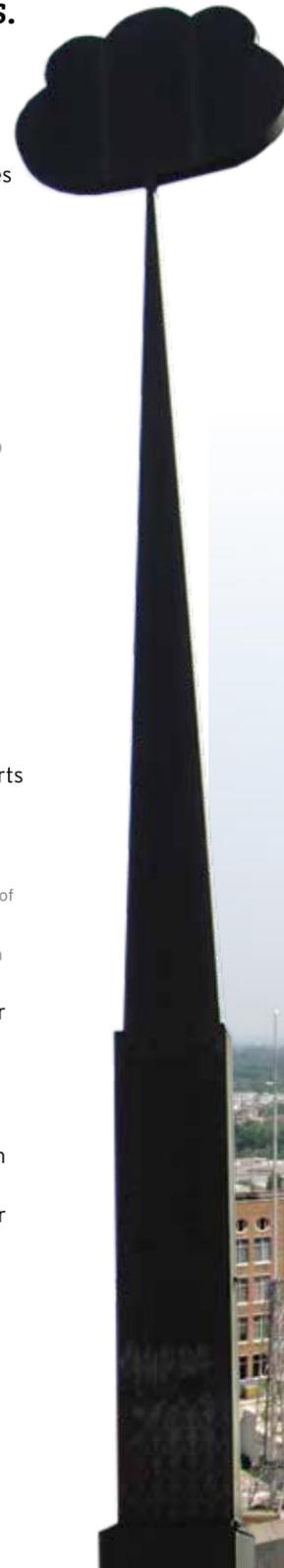
- » **NO. 1** city Top 10 Most Budget-Friendly Metros (Apartment Guide 2014)
- » **NO. 1** best state for Unemployment Insurance Taxes (Site Selection Group 2015)
- » **NO. 1** best city for young entrepreneurs in the U.S. (Forbes 2013)
- » **NO. 1** city nationwide for young entrepreneurs (NerdWallet 2013)
- » **NO. 2** city to start a business (WalletHub 2015)
- » **NO. 2** in the country for the location of secure data centers (The Boyd Co. 2012)
- » **NO. 3** in national home value growth (Zillow.com 2012)
- » **NO. 4** best city nationally to start a business (NerdWallet 2013)
- » **NO. 4** among U.S. cities for consumer banking (NerdWallet 2013)
- » **NO. 4** nationally among Tier II cities for new and expanded facilities (Site Selection Group 2015)
- » **NO. 5** most affordable big city in the U.S. (Yahoo Finance/Kiplinger 2014)
- » **NO. 5** city for out-of-state house hunters (Trulia.com 2012)
- » **NO. 6** in the country for percentage growth in exports (Brookings Institution 2012)
- » **NO. 7** best state for Corporate Taxes (Site Selection Group 2015)
- » **NO. 7** state for personal income growth (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2014)
- » **NO. 7** best city for starting a business (WalletHub.com 2014)
- » **NO. 7** among medium-sized cities for young entrepreneurs (Under30CEO 2013)
- » **NO. 8** among U.S. cities for manufacturing (Bureau of Labor Statistics 2012)
- » **NO. 9** financially-fit city in the nation (CredAbility 2012)
- » **NO. 10** among cities to start a career (WalletHub 2015)
- » **TOP 10** in FDI strategy for mid-sized cities (FDI Magazine 2013)
- » **NO. 18** best city for freelancers (NerdWallet 2014)

Life is Good

- » **NO. 1** affordable city in the U.S. (Relocate America 2010)
- » **NO. 1** most budget-friendly metro (Apartment Guide 2014)
- » **NO. 1** city nationwide most bang for your buck with apartment rent (Apartment Guide 2013)
- » **NO. 8** best city for military personnel and veterans to live and work (Military Friendly Cities 2013)
- » **NO. 8** among U.S. cities for best family spring break destination (Livability.com 2013)
- » **TOP 10** best music scene (Livability.com 2012)
- » **NO. 21** most literate city (Central Connecticut State University 2013)
- » **NO. 15** “booming” suburb (Broken Arrow) in the nation (Coldwell Banker 2013)
- » **TOP 25** best city for retirees (Forbes 2012)
- » **NO. 38** among U.S. best cities (Bloomberg/Businessweek.com 2012)
- » **BROKEN ARROW NO. 69** best small city for families (Money Magazine 2012)

Housing is Stable

- » **NO. 2** housing market (MSNBC 2010)
- » **TOP 3** city for starter homes (Zillow.com 2011)
- » **TOP 5** real estate market for value gain (Zillow.com 2011)
- » **NO. 5** place to buy a home (CNBC 2010)



ENJOY LIFE

without breaking the bank

The numbers don't lie: Money goes further in Tulsa. And it's not for a lack of value.

This is a city where "quality of life" is more than a buzzword. It's a mantra that city and community leaders have championed for years and every Tulsan recognizes as a tangible benefit to life here.

For some, quality of life means a morning jog on a stretch of the Tulsa area's 180-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail system, which includes 40 miles lining the picturesque Arkansas River shoreline. For others, it means hanging out in Brookside, a hip entertainment district lined with bars and boutiques. It might mean catching a concert at downtown's BOK Center or the world-famous Cain's Ballroom, shopping at Utica Square, browsing an art gallery in the booming Brady Arts District or watching your children play at one of our 125 parks.

For others still, quality of life means enjoying a slower-paced lifestyle where stress is washed away by short commute times and the laid-back, Midwestern friendliness of Tulsa's residents.

Once honored as one of America's most livable cities, Tulsa stands with the best of them. The difference: you don't have to break the bank to live here.



Tulsa stories

ARIANA JAKUB

Occupation: Artist

"When I came here, I felt that people were just a lot more genuine and interested in who you are as opposed to what you did."

— ARIANA

Ariana, an artist, moved reluctantly from New York City to Tulsa after marrying a Tulsan several years ago. She says she found a bustling and growing arts scene and a small-town attitude uncharacteristic of a city its size. As a bonus, she rents a house at half of what she paid for a New York apartment each month.

Photo by Zach Litwack

BY THE NUMBERS*

COST OF LIVING:

12 percent **below** national average

PER CAPITA INCOME:

11.6 percent **above** national average**



AVERAGE HOUSE, TULSA:

\$192,223

AVERAGE HOUSE, USA:

\$289,237

DIFFERENCE: **33.5 percent**

AVERAGE APARTMENT RENT, TULSA: **\$600**

AVERAGE APARTMENT RENT, USA: **\$877**

DIFFERENCE: **31.6 percent**

ENERGY COST, TULSA: **\$126.88**

ENERGY COST, USA: **\$162.48**

DIFFERENCE: **21.9 percent**



GAS, TULSA: **\$2.20**

GAS, USA: **\$2.40**

DIFFERENCE: **8.3 percent**



POTATOES: 15.9 percent less

GROCERIES (AVG.): 15.1 percent less

DETERGENT: 15.1 percent less

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS: 13 percent less

EGGS: 11.4 percent less

PIZZA: 8.3 percent less

GROUND BEEF: 7.5 percent less

Compared to national average.

*Council for Community and Economic Research Cost of Living Index, third-quarter 2013

**U.S. Census



Comfortably COSMOPOLITAN

Sophisticated.

It's a word used to describe the cocktail lounges on Tulsa's iconic skyscraper-lined Boston Avenue, the boutiques on Cherry Street and the world-famous Philbrook Museum of Art, which houses its pieces in a former oil baron's sprawling estate. It's often applied to Tulsans themselves, many of whom have a flair for the arts and were educated at our prestigious private universities, such as the University of Tulsa.

Tulsans enjoy the sophisticated side of life, and they have plenty of ways to express it. The Brady Arts District, anchored by the historic Brady Theater, has become known for its First Friday Art Crawl, which draws thousands of visitors to the district's galleries, bars and performance venues for a special lineup of displays and performances on the first Friday of every month. One of the region's most celebrated and sophisticated shopping centers, Utica Square, is just a few miles away, offering some of the city's most luxurious dining and shopping and some of its best mid-century architecture.

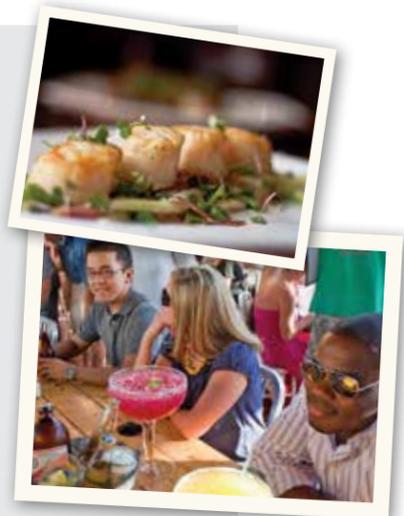
The Tulsa Opera is the 18th-oldest opera company in North America – and just one of the gems that make Tulsa's cultural scene shine. Ballet, symphonic performances and other performing arts share the spotlight with a myriad of cultural events, activities, architecture, music and art - including 18 of Frederic Remington's 22 bronzes.

Tulsa's sophistication was seeded by oil tycoons who brought it from some of the country's most sophisticated cities, but it has been tempered by the congeniality of Oklahoma. That's why Tulsans like to say their city is comfortably cosmopolitan.

Comfort and class: What more could you want?

» TULSANS EAT LOCAL

Tulsans are foodies. Locally-owned restaurants dominate our walking districts, and it's a favorite local pastime to indulge in those chefs' unique culinary creations. From families whose culinary traditions have been passed down through generations to upstart entrepreneurs experimenting with the latest culinary trends, Tulsa chefs are good at what they do. Many local restaurants have farm-to-table practices that bring local ingredients straight from local farms, ensuring patrons have the freshest food possible.



» MUSIC IS ALIVE

One of the most thriving local music scenes in the region, Tulsa is a haven for fresh styles and up-and-coming artists. Musicians in Tulsa get their big breaks playing for some of the city's many trendy bars, often tucked away in renovated warehouses in the city's urban core. A new city Film and Music Office seeks to nurture and advocate for musicians, ensuring they get the connections they need to live comfortably in a city in love with music.

Meanwhile, the city is a hotspot for music festivals. The Center of the Universe Festival, the Tulsa Mayfest and the Oklahoma Blues Festival are just a few of the musical festivities that entertain Tulsans throughout the year.

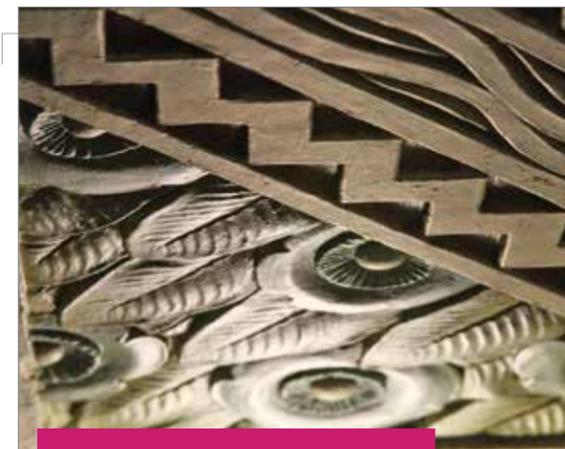


Tulsa stories

MARK GIBSON
Occupation: Musician

"Do you want to live somewhere where you can make a living easily as an artist, or try to elbow your way onto an already-established music scene?" – MARK

Mark Gibson moved from Austin, Texas to find a thriving music scene that still embraces small-time musicians and is active enough for new artists to find plenty of work. By living in Tulsa, Mark said he is able to focus on his music full-time instead of having to work three other jobs to support himself.



DID YOU KNOW?

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

It's where ENERGY HAPPENS

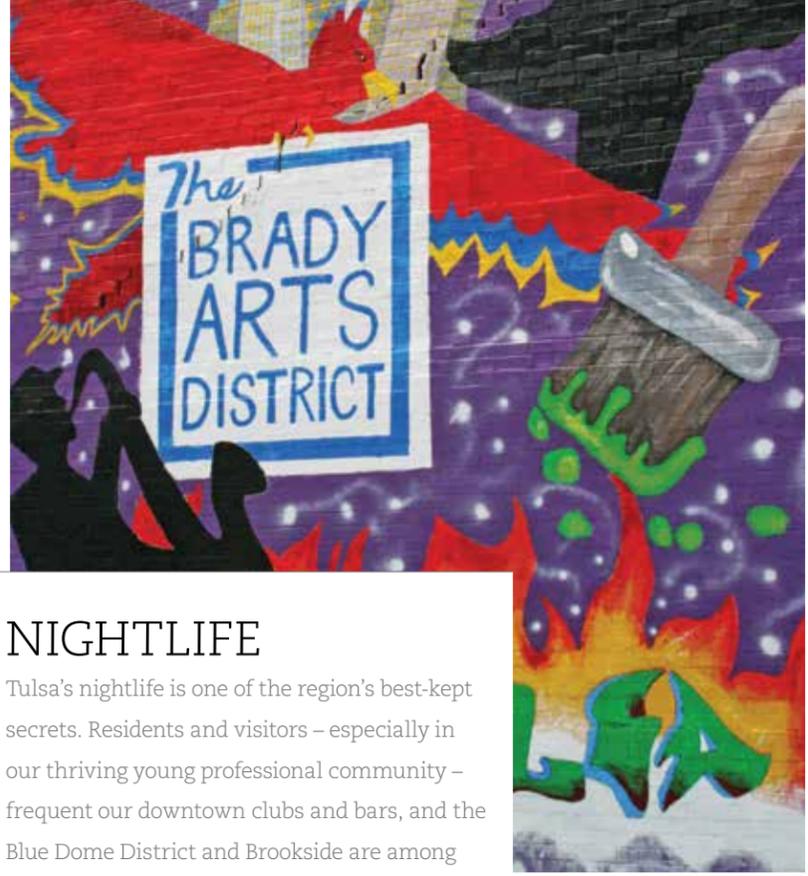
Once known as the Oil Capital of the World, today Tulsa is home to a different kind of energy.

An undeniable surge of excitement has captivated this city, perpetrated by the rebirth of its historic urban core, an influx of young professionals, interest in arts and entertainment opportunities.

Historic entertainment districts like downtown's Brady, Blue Dome and Greenwood districts are seeing development at record paces, with new eateries, bars, galleries, performing arts venues and loft apartments opening regularly.

Downtown's revitalization began in 2008 with the opening of its 18,500-seat, 550,000-square-foot arena, the BOK Center. Designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, this venue attracts premier entertainers who perform to sold-out crowds and is the No. 20 venue in the world for ticket sales. It also hosts Tulsa's WNBA basketball team, the Tulsa Shock.

In 2009, ONEOK Field opened in the Greenwood District as a new home for the city's Double-A baseball team, the Tulsa Drillers.



» NIGHTLIFE

Tulsa's nightlife is one of the region's best-kept secrets. Residents and visitors – especially in our thriving young professional community – frequent our downtown clubs and bars, and the Blue Dome District and Brookside are among the trendiest nightlife spots in the region. From pumping dance clubs to relaxed wine bars, Tulsa's night scene has something for everyone.



More recent additions have come in downtown's Brady Arts District. There, cultural enthusiasts can find a modern-art branch of Tulsa's famous Philbrook Museum; the Woody Guthrie Center, a museum dedicated to famous Oklahoma Dust Bowl-era musician Woody Guthrie; and Guthrie Green, a popular urban park that was recognized by World Architecture News as the world's best example of urban design in 2014.

And what's to come is just as exciting.

Construction is set to begin on a 50-acre park on the banks of the Arkansas River. A Gathering Place for Tulsa, as it's called, promises to rival the urban parks of any major city in the country.

The Tulsa Zoo is in the midst of transforming itself into a world-class attraction, and the Tulsa suburb of Sand Springs has set its eyes on developing what would be the world's largest freestanding bronze statue – an international tourist attraction larger than the Empire State Building, at 217 feet.

» BY THE NUMBERS DEVELOPMENT BOOMING DOWNTOWN

Nearly \$1 billion: Private and public investment completed or announced since 2008

1168: Existing housing units

962: Housing units planned/under construction

4: New hotels announced / under construction



Tulsa stories



CAROLINE GUERRA

Occupation: Law Student, The University of Tulsa

"Tulsa has enough going on that if you are bored, it's your fault." – CAROLINE

Caroline has lived in Tulsa for two years and still hasn't quite experienced all the city has to offer. She's especially proud of its seemingly endless supply of restaurants. From old favorites to trendy new bistros, Tulsa's eats can keep you busy for years.

Find YOURSELF

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

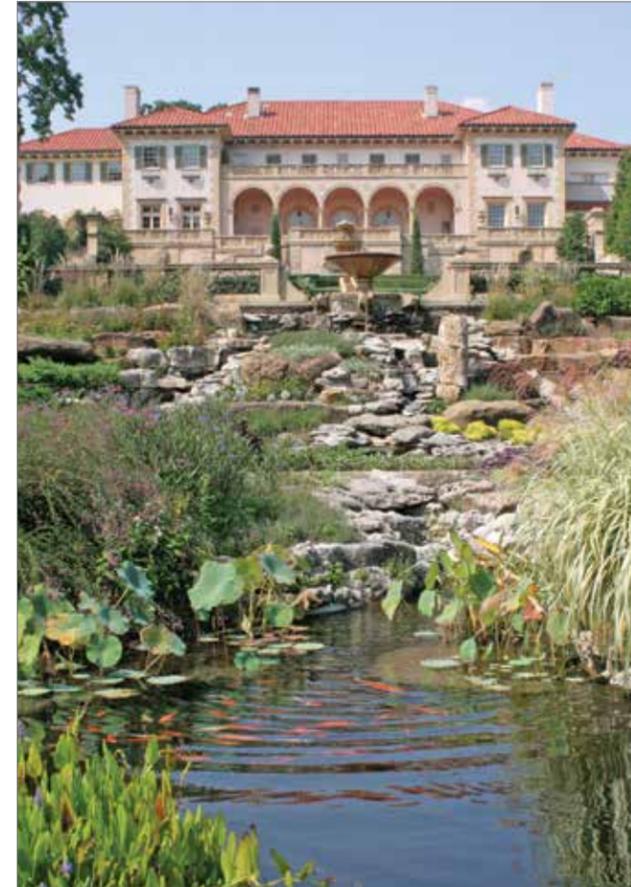
Broadway series, an extensive international collection of art and welcomes headlining talent from around the world.

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.

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.



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 to include a museum, home and gardens.

A new branch of the museum, **Philbrook Downtown**, specializes in Native American and modern art, and sits at the heart of the **Brady Arts District**. This area also features several smaller art galleries and an urban park that has been named the world's best example of urban design.

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.



Tulsa Spotlight Theater is home to the longest continually-running play in North America with its presentation of "The Drunkard" 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.

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 housing gallery space, studios, 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. Admission is free and open to the public.

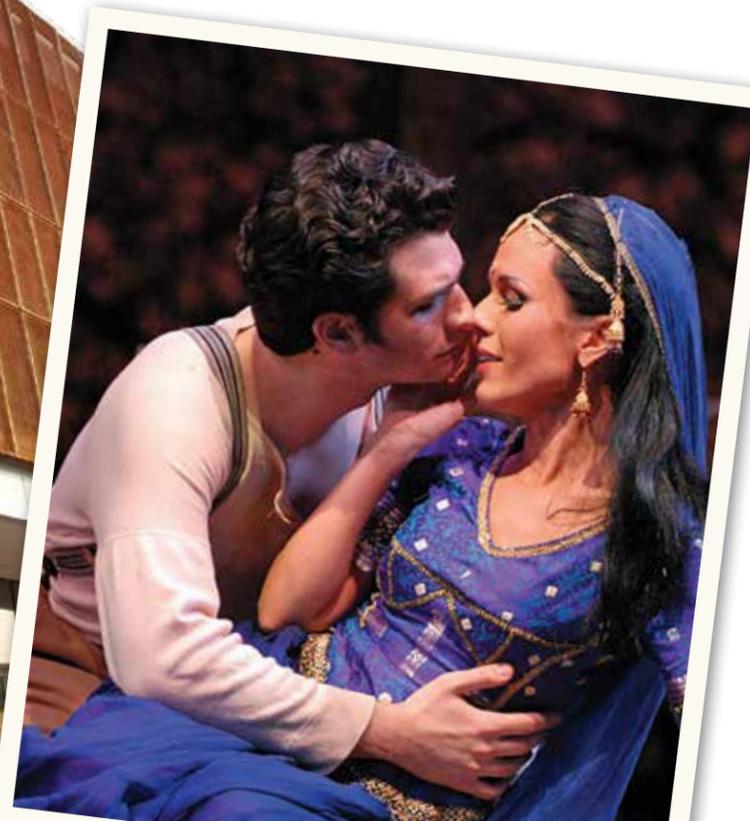
Visual Arts

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**

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 tree trunk carvings 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.

“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

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.

Former home of Sam and Lucy Mackey, the **Mabel B. Little Heritage House** was built in the

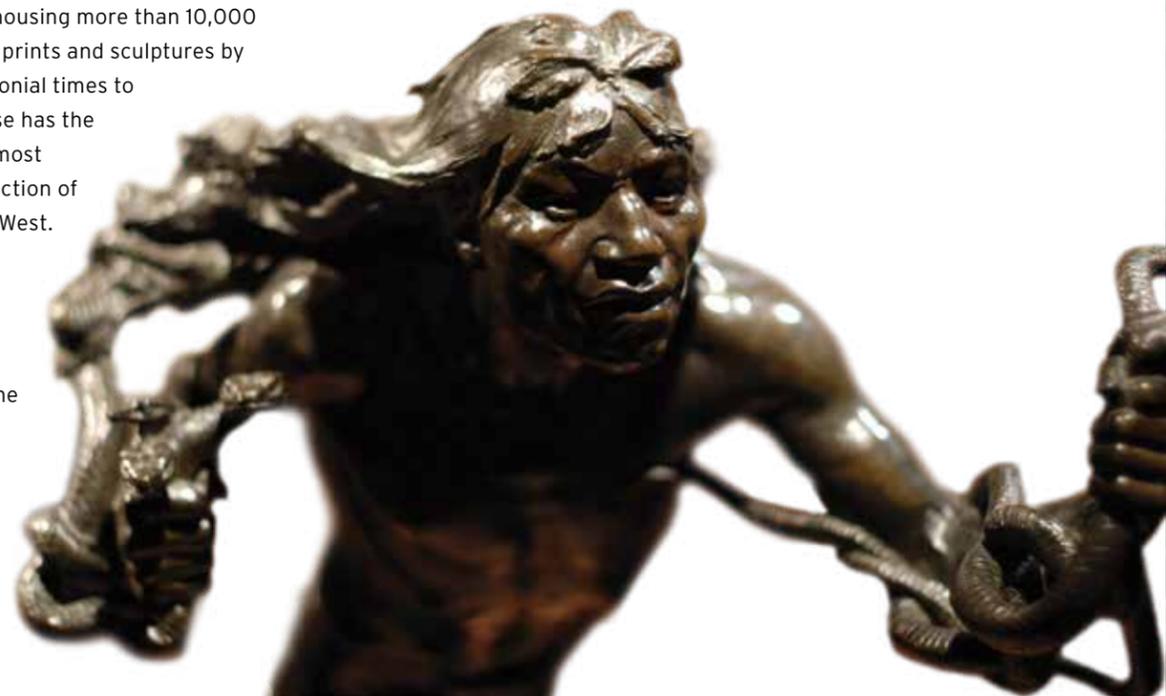
1920s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Known as the “Black Wall Street,” Tulsa’s Greenwood District once stretched for 20 blocks and was the largest and richest of Oklahoma’s 50 black communities. Today, the **Greenwood Cultural Center** and the Mabel B. Little Heritage House 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.

One of the newest additions 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.

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.



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.



Fondly nicknamed the “Old Lady on Brady,” the 100-year-old **Brady Theatre** in downtown has played host to countless big-name performers, including Journey, Kansas, B.B. King, Will Rogers, Robin Williams and Randy Travis. Today, it anchors the bustling Brady Arts District and stands as one of the greatest monuments to Tulsa’s rich cultural heritage.

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, this celebrated, world-famous concert venue is an icon of music history, and widely considered the birthplace of the Western swing genre as the home base for Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys in the 1930s. Today, it remains one of the world’s most successful small concert venues, hosting internationally known artists and nurturing local, homegrown talent.

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. It’s where Count Bassie 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.

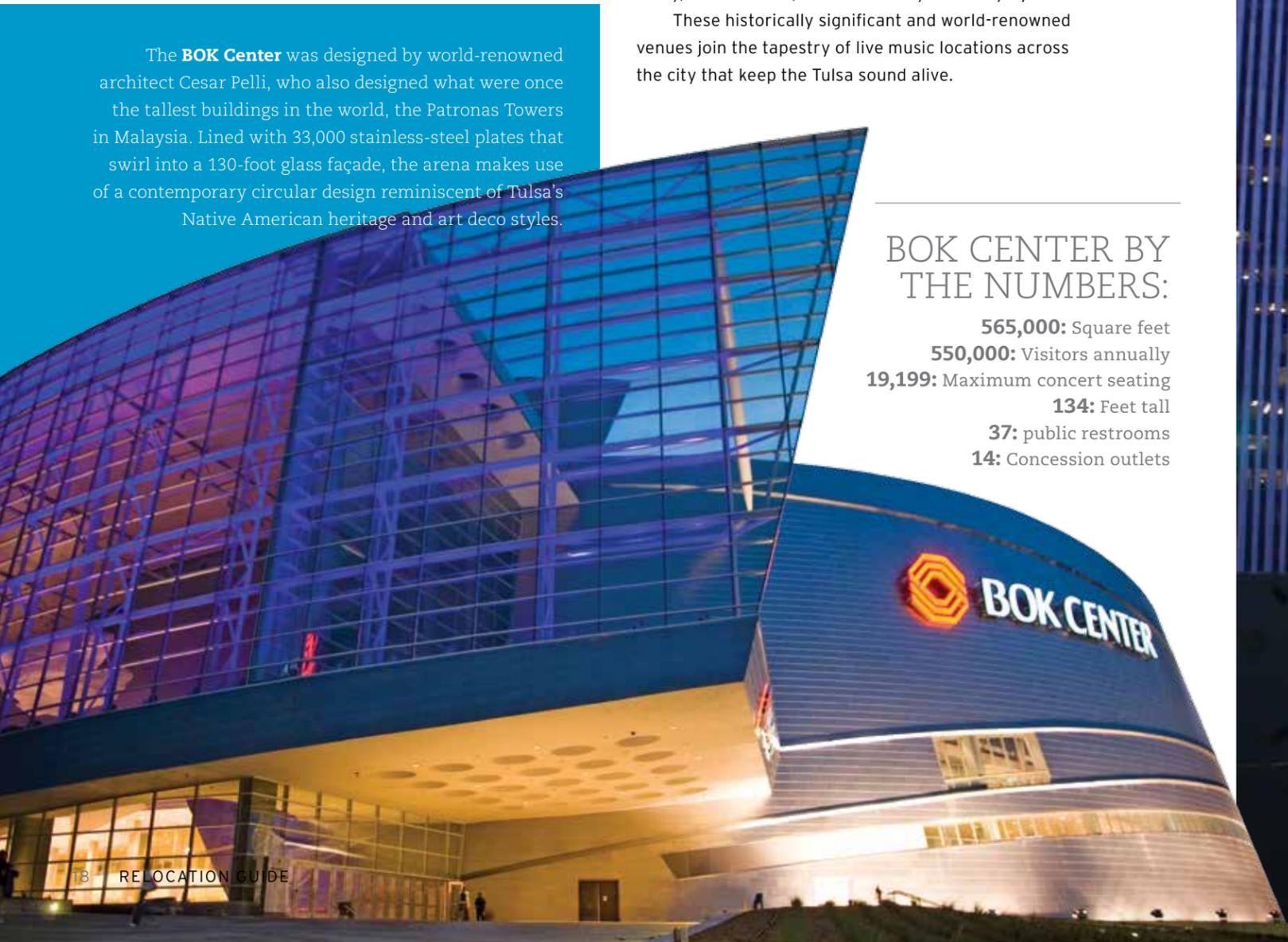
When the world’s most renowned performers come to the heartland, they come to the **BOK Center**. The 18,000-plus-seat arena transformed Tulsa’s downtown landscape, spurring economic growth and development, all by hosting today’s hottest names in music and entertainment, including Lady Gaga, Reba McEntire, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Paul McCartney and Miley Cyrus.

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

The **BOK Center** was designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, who also designed what were once the tallest buildings in the world, the Petronas Towers in Malaysia. Lined with 33,000 stainless-steel plates that swirl into a 130-foot glass façade, the arena makes use of a contemporary circular design reminiscent of Tulsa’s Native American heritage and art deco styles.

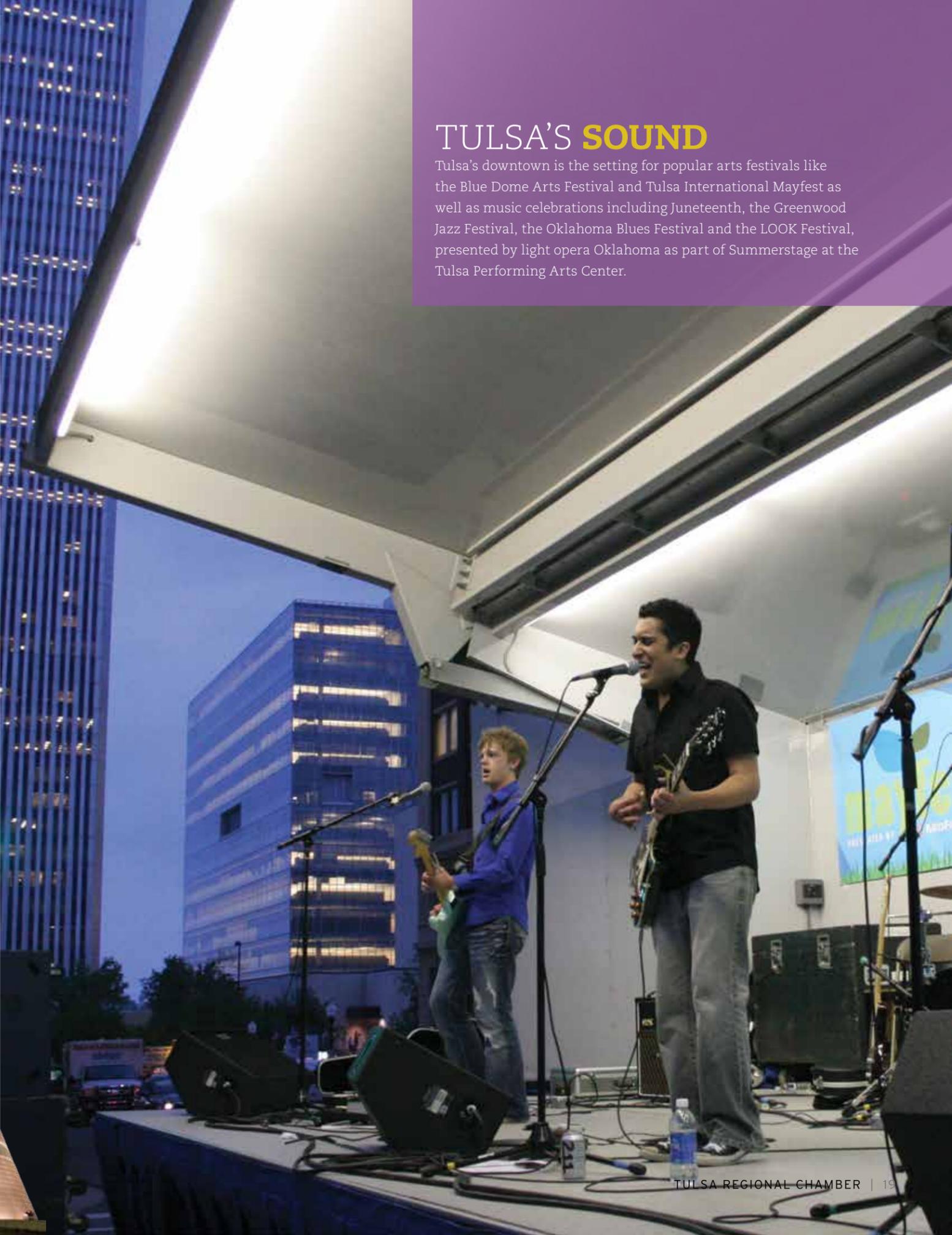
BOK CENTER BY THE NUMBERS:

- 565,000:** Square feet
- 550,000:** Visitors annually
- 19,199:** Maximum concert seating
- 134:** Feet tall
- 37:** public restrooms
- 14:** Concession outlets



TULSA'S SOUND

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Downtown

No better blend of the past, present and future can be found in Tulsa than in downtown. 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. In 2012, downtown Tulsa welcomed a new urban garden and performance space in the Brady Arts District. The **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**, named for a former gas station sporting an iconic blue dome, is a center of 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," the 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.

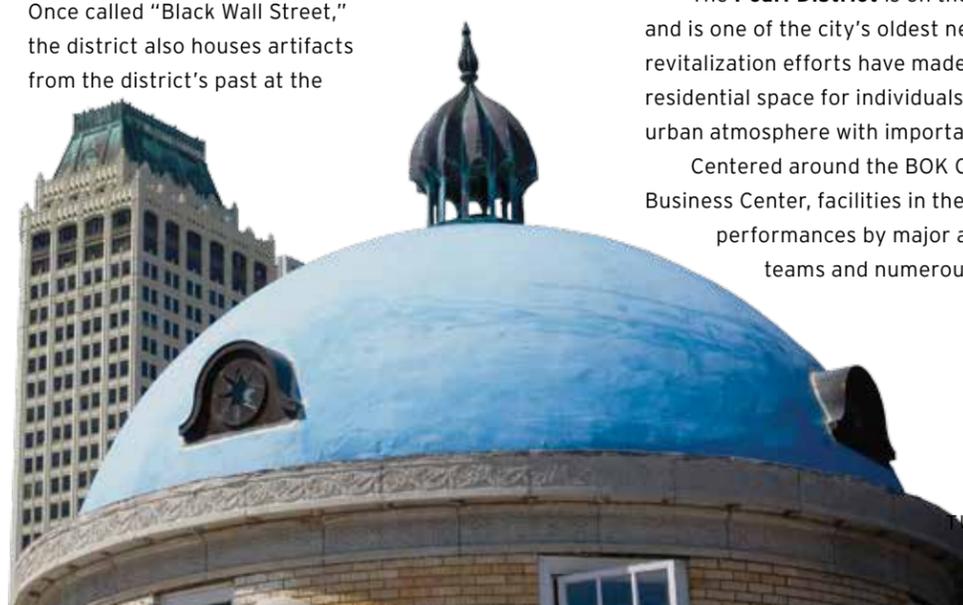
The **Deco District** is home to the artifacts left behind by the oil barons who once called Tulsa home. Through art deco walking tours provided by the Tulsa Historical Society and private tour companies, visitors can marvel at the many art deco buildings still standing in downtown Tulsa, providing some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

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

Sobo District, or the South Boston (Avenue) 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.

Centered around the BOK Center and the nearby Cox Business Center, facilities in the **BOK Center District** offer performances by major artists, professional sports teams and numerous conferences every year.



Weekend FUN

Fairs, festivals

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**, **Junefest** 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 1 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 BOK Center downtown.

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 winter festival has become a Tulsa tradition.



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

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 the region's largest daily attraction, welcoming more than 550,000 guests each year. Located in Mohawk Park, the third-largest municipal park in the United States, the zoo is home to more than 3,500 animals and about 500 species. The zoo will continue to evolve as it brings its 20-year master plan to life. Information about the zoo's growth plans is available at buildingbeyond.org.

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

Oklahoma Aquarium

OKAQUARIUM.ORG

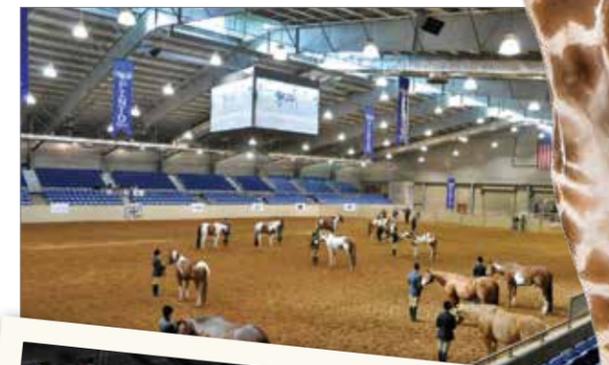
On the west bank of the Arkansas River in the suburb of Jenks, the Oklahoma Aquarium is the state's only freestanding aquarium, containing more than 200 exhibits with several thousand animals representing different marine environments from around the world, including a shark tank.

Discovery Lab:

Tulsa Children's Museum

TULSACHILDRENSMUSEUM.ORG

Discovery Lab is a place where kids and their families have fun and experience hands-on learning with unique exhibits and activities. Whether it's discovering how ordinary packing tape can be used to create a crazy suspension bridge or how to use a motor, Discovery Lab can keep kids occupied for hours.



DID YOU KNOW?

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





Sports

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 WNBA's **Tulsa Shock**, which plays in the BOK Center, is Tulsa's major sports franchise, featuring many of the league's rising stars and a fast-paced style of play that keeps fans coming back.

Baseball is America's favorite pastime and that holds true in Tulsa. The Double-A minor league **Tulsa Drillers** have 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, and the new **Tulsa Roughnecks**, a new professional soccer team playing in the USL PRO league.



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 Club**, which served as host for the 2007 PGA 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.



The Great Outdoors

With 125 city parks, 180 miles of area pedestrian and bicycle trails and a region with hiking and lakes activities, the outdoor enthusiast can't go bored in Tulsa.

Tulsa has 40 miles of shoreline along the Arkansas River, and the river's signature feature, **River Parks**, offers 26 miles of asphalt-surfaced trails that weave past shoreline restaurants, gathering areas, playgrounds and sculptures. River Parks offers dual trails for pedestrians and cyclists, plus seasonal enjoyment of fishing, rowing, kayaking and disc golf.

The **Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area** is a favorite of hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders. This heavily-wooded knob on the west bank of the Arkansas River offers 45 miles of dirt trails that deliver everything from easy strolls to strenuous hikes. If you find the right spot, the mountain offers stunning views of the Tulsa skyline.

One of Tulsa's favorite gathering places, the 34-acre historic **Woodward Park** is also one of the city's most charming sites. Specializing in spring flowers, it's a favorite spot for wedding photos. The park also houses the **Tulsa Garden Center**, which has an elaborate garden and one of the region's finest horticultural libraries, with 5,000 volumes on horticulture-related subjects.

The nation's third-largest municipal park, **Mohawk Park**, houses the Tulsa Zoo, Oxley Nature Center, golf and Lake Yahola, a popular destination for local runners. Just northwest of downtown is the **Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Gardens**, with 170 acres of unspoiled land, nature trails and Osage Hills vistas. It is open Saturdays, April through October.

For cyclists, Tulsa certainly doesn't disappoint. In addition to biking trails available year round at River



Parks and Turkey Mountain, the city has the nationally-recognized cycling event **Tulsa Tough**, which 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 runners come from all over the world - and from right here in Tulsa - every year for the **Tulsa Run** and **Route 66 Marathon**, both held annually in the fall.

The region has plenty to offer, as well. 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



DID YOU KNOW?

Oklahoma is one of four states to harbor more than 10 distinct ecological regions out of 13 nationally, and it has more per square mile than any other state. Northeast Oklahoma has six of the state's ecoregions, from the forested Ozark highlands to sweeping prairie.

as it once was, restored through careful management including the reintroduction of bison and controlled burns.

With a combination of more than 200 manmade and natural lakes, Oklahoma's Green Country, as the northeastern quadrant of the state is called, offers travelers and natives alike a wide variety of options for all of their fishing, swimming and other aquatic activities. Northeastern Oklahoma has dozens of lakes large enough for boating, but it's also home to the "Big Three" of Oklahoma's lakes. **Lake Eufaula**, **Lake Tenkiller** and **Grand Lake O' the Cherokees** are sure to offer once-in-a-lifetime memories that won't disappoint.

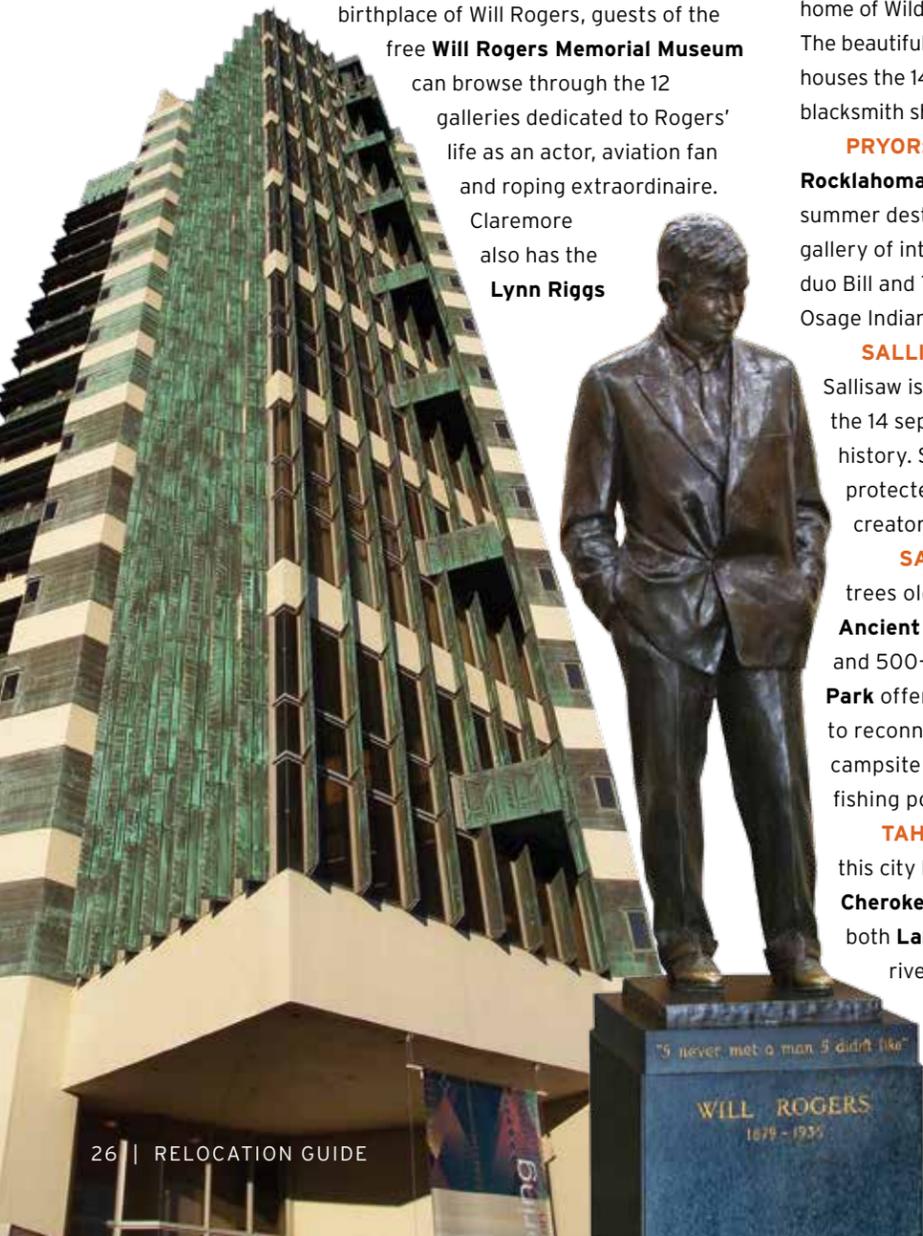
To the east of Tulsa, the **Illinois River** offers enchanting scenery and superb facilities for canoeing, camping and weekend float trips.

Daytrips

Northeastern Oklahoma is known for its rolling hills, bubbling streams, lush prairie fields and quaint, historic small towns. Favorite activities among locals and visitors alike include historic Route 66, numerous Native American cultural sites and wineries situated on bluffs in the Ozark foothills.

BARTLESVILLE: Rich in black-gold history, one of Bartlesville's main attractions is **Woolaroc**, the 3,600-acre ranch retreat of oilman Frank Phillips that today serves as a wildlife preserve and museum. The city also boasts Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper, **Price Tower**.

CLAREMORE: Best known as the birthplace of Will Rogers, guests of the free **Will Rogers Memorial Museum** can browse through the 12 galleries dedicated to Rogers' life as an actor, aviation fan and roping extraordinaire. Claremore also has the **Lynn Riggs**



Memorial, which honors the playwright who inspired the musical "Oklahoma!"

MUSKOGEE: Hurlled into the spotlight by Merle Haggard's 1969 hit song "Okie from Muskogee," Muskogee is a rich source for Native American history with both the **Five Civilized Tribes Museum** and the **Ataloa Lodge and Museum**. Other attractions include the 60-acre **Castle of Muskogee** and a retired naval submarine, the **U.S.S. Batfish**.

PAWHUSKA: Home to the Osage Nation, this town is rich in the tribe's history and culture. It is the home of the oldest tribally-owned and continuously-operated **Osage Tribal Museum**. Pawhuska is also the gateway to the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve as well as host to **Cavalcade**, the world's largest amateur rodeo.

PAWNEE: Perched on Blue Hawk Peak sits the dream home of Wild West entertainer, the infamous Pawnee Bill. The beautifully-preserved **Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum** houses the 14-room Lillie Mansion, an original ranch blacksmith shop, 1903 log cabin and a barn built in 1926.

PRYOR: Host of two popular summer music events, **Rocklahoma** and **Country Fever**, Pryor is a popular summer destination. Visitors can also browse through the gallery of internationally known father/daughter painting duo Bill and Traci Rabbit as well as view Cherokee and Osage Indian artifacts at the **Coo-Y-Yah Museum**.

SALLISAW: Rich in Native American culture, Sallisaw is home to the **14 Flags Museum** honoring the 14 separate nations that helped shape Oklahoma's history. Sallisaw also is place of the historically protected landmark, **Sequoyah's Cabin**, home of the creator of the Cherokee alphabet.

SAND SPRINGS: Explore a forest full of trees older than the U.S. itself. The **Keystone Ancient Forest** is home to 300-year-old cedars and 500-year-old post oak trees. **Keystone State Park** offers yet another opportunity for visitors to reconnect with nature through its hiking trails, campsite and picnic areas, as well as a children's fishing pond.

TAHLEQUAH: Home to the Cherokee Nation, this city hosts the Cherokee village of Tsa-La-Gi in the **Cherokee Heritage Center**. It is also the gateway to both **Lake Tenkiller** and the **Illinois River**, a popular river rafting destination.

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.



The **River Spirit Casino** pays tribute to the heritage of the Muskogee (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. In 2015, a \$335 million expansion will transform the casino into a Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffet-inspired waterfront resort with a luxury 500-room, 22-floor hotel.

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.

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

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

15TH STREET EAST OF PEORIA AVENUE

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 caters to every taste.

Brady Arts District

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

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

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 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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tulsa's Woodland Hills Mall is one of the largest malls in Oklahoma.



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.

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.

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.

Rose District, Broken Arrow

ROSEDISTRICT.COM

A unique and up-and-coming collection of trendy restaurants and mom-and-pop shops defines the suburb Broken Arrow's downtown district. The district also hosts a large performing arts center. It's worth the short drive from Tulsa's downtown.

Shops of Seville

101ST STREET & SOUTH YALE AVENUE

This quaint collection of upscale shops invite 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 a major bookstore or catch the latest flick at a recently remodeled luxury movie theater with new reclining seats. Then, shop a variety of other stores - from home to sports to fashion - and finish off with a great meal at a local restaurant.

Tulsa Hills

WEST 71ST STREET AND U.S. HIGHWAY 75

The city's largest retail development in decades, Tulsa Hills offers 1.5 million square feet of retail space anchored by national chains. From upscale Italian food to buffalo wings and clothing shops to electronics stores, Tulsa Hills has something for everyone.

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

SIMON.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.



Where TO LIVE

From refurbished downtown lofts to elegant historic neighborhoods and spacious suburban sprawls, the Tulsa 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 buildings with recent developments of LEED-certified homes.

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. Farther 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, 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 the Creek Turnpike offers convenient access to the interstate highway system.

» AN URBAN REVIVAL

The population of downtown Tulsa is growing rapidly, with a 20-30 percent increase seen over the last 10 years. Dozens of projects are in varying stages of completion downtown — 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 100,000. 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 the city, **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 **Sapulpa** also offer new housing and apartment developments for Tulsa commuters.

» THE ROSE DISTRICT

Broken Arrow's city center is called the Rose District, and it's fast becoming an area destination for daytime window shopping and nightlife, with a performing arts center and a growing collection of places to eat and drink. The area began 2014 undergoing a streetscape renovation to encourage walking and sidewalk dining.



» SUBURBAN LIFE

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

DID YOU KNOW? Tulsa is in a temperate climate zone allowing residents the variety of four different seasons throughout the year. While the city is in Oklahoma, Tulsa has not suffered a major tornado in many years.



Educational PROWESS

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, 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.

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 in Tulsa, The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa and Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow help accommodate nontraditional students with a variety of graduate and undergraduate programs.

All qualifying high school graduates living in Tulsa County have access to **Tulsa Achieves**, a program that pays up to 100 percent tuition and fees for Tulsa Community College.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION 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.



Strength in 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 area



and northeastern 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 is 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.



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, 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 employers, 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.

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 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.

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Transportation is a key industry for Tulsa. The city is centrally located in the United States along a major east-west corridor with rail and air access, as well as waterway access to national and international ports.

Major companies include Macy's, which has announced plans to open a major fulfillment center, 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.

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 metropolitan area.

A small business incubator in downtown Tulsa called The Forge has nurtured startup companies since 2010, and in 2013 its tenants and graduates contributed more than \$1.5 million to the regional economy. 36°N, a new Chamber-sponsored entrepreneurial basecamp and co-working space, will open in early 2016.

» PUBLIC COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN TULSA

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

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| QuikTrip Corp. | Frontier Field services, LLC |
| Seminole Energy Services, LLC | National Truck Parts, Inc. (CCI Corporation) |
| Manhattan Construction Co. | Explorer Pipeline Co. |
| McGraw Davisson Stewart, Inc. | GHS Holding Co., Inc. (Blue Cross Blue Shield) |
| NGI 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 Pipeline Construction | Mazzio's Corporation |
| Samson Investment Co. | |
| T.D. Williamson, Inc. | |



Tulsa: A 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.

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.

» 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
- 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 is 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.



» YOUTH-MINDED

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

Tulsa's active, concerned and involved young adult population has joined to create one of the nation's largest young professionals organizations. 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.



» TULSANS CARE

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.



mosaic The Tulsa Regional Chamber's diversity business council, Mosaic, seeks to leverage the Tulsa area's diversity and promote the tangible financial benefits of an inclusive workplace culture. Through talent recruitment initiatives and business retention and expansion efforts, Mosaic seeks to catapult the Tulsa region into the forefront of diversity and inclusion. More information can be found at MosaicTulsa.com.

Sites to SCOUR



For businesses

TO GET CONNECTED:

TulsaChamber.com

TO GET ECONOMIC DATA

GrowMetroTulsa.com

TO POST JOBS

TulsaWorld.com (Jobs section)

TO FIND DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

TulsaDowntown.org

FOR FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE

MosaicTulsa.com

FIND EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

LetsDoBusinessTulsa.com

For young professionals

TYPros.org



For individuals

TO FIND A HOME

TulsaHousingSearch.org
TulsaRealtors.com

TO FIND PUBLIC SERVICES

CityofTulsa.org

TO FIND THINGS TO DO

VisitTulsa.com
DoWhat.ThisLandPress.com
TulsaPeople.com
TulsaDowntown.org
TulsaKids.com

TO FIND A JOB

TulsaWorld.com
ChooseTulsa.com

TO GET CONNECTED

TulsaChamber.com

TO FIND CHILD CARE

CCRCTulsa.org

TO FIND SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

Ability-Resources.org
Gateway.org



For local news

TulsaWorld.com

For veterans

CityofTulsa.org
(Veteran's Resource Center)

For Entrepreneurs

TheForge-Tulsa.com



For relocation assistance

ChooseTulsa.com

» CHOOSETULSA.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, ChooseTulsa.com was created. The site provides tools and resources for recruiters and potential employees to make the employment process seamless.

Resources provided by ChooseTulsa.com include:

- » Stories from residents on why they choose Tulsa
- » Regional job listings
- » Cost of living calculator
- » Housing, health care and education information
- » Relocation contact information
- » Community and culture profiles





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