Calling all culture vultures …

Hannover’s State Opera House and Playhouse (Schauspielhaus) occupy leading positions in international league tables. Their repertoires include both new interpretations of established classics and the world premieres of new works. The Opera House Ball is a social event par excellence, celebrated under a new thematic motto every year.

The Cupola Hall of Hannover Congress Centrum (HCC), which is Germany’s biggest concert hall, regularly serves as the venue for appearance by leading stars of classical music. A further major draw for visitors is the “TANZtheater INTERNATIONAL” dance drama festival, at which top-ranking dance companies appear year after year. And the numerous independent theatres, which attract loyal audiences with their high standards of performance, add colour and diversity to the cultural scene. The “Theatre Night” is an annual opportunity to make an eventful tour of over 20 theatrical venues in the city.

The GOP Varieté, a variety theatre that has achieved a world-wide reputation, serves up artistry, comedy and magic, garnished with music and cabaret. MIMUSE, the biggest festival of cabaret and small-scale performance in northern Germany, takes place in Langenhagen twice a year, in the spring and the autumn. Lovers of musicals are delighted by the shows put on at the Theater am Aegi or in the baroque Garden Theatre in Herrenhausen Gardens. Highlight events of incredible diversity take place throughout the entire region, some of them in the most unexpected venues. The Garbsen Blues Matinee, for example, is a high-calibre attraction and a place of rendezvous for lovers of soul, blues and rock.

Hannover Region’s “Summer of the Arts” is a series of events organised jointly by more than 30 institutions, and offers both small, intimate concerts and performances by great names of the international music scene. These take place in the charming settings provided by abbeys, churches, country houses, palaces, gardens and barns.
Lower Saxon State Theatre Hannover

Hannover State Opera House

The magnificent opera house, which was built by Georg Friedrich Laves in 1852 and seats 1202, is located right in the heart of Hannover. Its artistic programme has shaped the cultural image of the state capital of Lower Saxony far beyond the boundaries of the city and region. Hannover State Opera House has one of the largest permanent ensembles in the German-speaking area, with more than 30 singers and 30 dancers on permanent contracts. Lower Saxony State Orchestra and the State Opera chorus guarantee unbeatable musical quality each and every night.

Every year, audiences can enjoy numerous opera and ballet premieres, as well as a broad repertoire and first-rate concerts in the Laves building in the eponymous Opernplatz. Junge Oper Hannover was established in 2010 and performs on the two studio stages of the “Ballhof” theatre in the Old Town. It is the youth section of the State Opera House and performs musical theatre for children and young adults.

The Opera Ball resonates far beyond Hannover Region and every year, more than 4,000 guests flock to the ballroom on the two evenings. A different motto is chosen each year, which shapes the décor of the opera hall and foyers. After the opening dance by the debutantes, guests can enjoy a glittering night at the ball and escape to a different world that changes from year to year. This unique event is always a complete sellout.

Schauspiel Hannover

Schauspiel Hannover – the city’s premier dramatic venue – not only opts for the tried-and-tested works of famous authors such as Dürrenmatt, Fallada, Dostojevskij or Shakespeare, but also performs plays by lesser-known dramatists like Nis-Momme Stockmann or Marius von Mayenburg. Contemporary authors, such as Judith Schalansky and Jonathan Safran Foer, round off the repertoire. The bill features not only classics, but also many premieres, with performances in the Playhouse, Cumberland Theatre and Gallery, as well as Ballhof Eins and Zwei.

Playhouse

Playhouse - or ‘Schauspielhaus’ - was opened in 1992 and seats 630. In addition to the theatre’s own directors Florian Fiedler and Tom Kühl, and business manager and artistic director Lars-Ole Walburg, the theatre also stages productions by guest directors.

Cumberland

The Cumberland Theatre opened in October 2009. It has around 170 seats and is a new venue for modern drama, special projects and adaptations. The historic staircase in the Cumberland Gallery is still used for small productions.

Ballhof

The “Ballhof” consists of two auditoriums, Ballhof Eins and Zwei, and is the venue for modern themes. It is also home to the youth sections of Hannover’s theatre companies.
The annual Theatre Night allows guests to experience a cross-section of the impressive range of dramatic art that is performed in Hannover. From 6 in the evening until midnight, theatre fans can travel around between approx. thirty venues and put together their own medley from an entertaining mix of classical drama, dance theatre, variety, comedy and staged readings. There is a free shuttle bus service between all the venues.

[www.hannover.de/buehnen](http://www.hannover.de/buehnen)

**GOP Variety Theatre**

Hannover is the one of the most important variety theatre locations in Germany. In winter alone, GOP shows are performed daily to audiences of around 2,400. Since the theatre re-opened in 1992, its young cast have created shows that have given a totally new slant on the concept of variety theatre. From the word go, GOP captured the hearts of Hannover’s theatregoers.

- Georgstrasse 36
- 30159 Hannover
- Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 30 18 67 - 10
- [www.variете.de](http://www.variете.de)

**Neues Theater**

The oldest private theatre in Hannover has delighted audiences with its comedies, murder mysteries and special productions for more than 52 years. Although it receives no state subsidies, this traditional establishment is meanwhile a household name in the local art and culture scene. It can hold an audience of 152 and all seats are close to the stage.

- Georgstrasse 54
- 30159 Hannover
- Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 36 30 01
- [www.neuestheater-hannover.de](http://www.neuestheater-hannover.de)

**Theater am Aegi**

Whether children’s musical, dramatic theatre, ballet or comedy – Hannover has always had the perfect venue for all these events: the Theater am Aegi.

- Aegidientorplatz 2
- 30159 Hannover
- Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 989 33 0
- [www.theater-am-aegi.de](http://www.theater-am-aegi.de)

**HMTMH**

With around 500 public events a year, Hannover University of Music, Drama and Media (HMTMH) is one of the largest organisers of cultural events in Lower Saxony. Exceptionally varied concerts are performed at the Richard Jakoby Hall in Emmichplatz, the Chamber Music Rooms in Plathnerstrasse and Uhlemeyerstrasse, and the Studio Theatre in the Expo Plaza.

- Emmichplatz 1
- 30175 Hannover
- Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 31 00 - 200
- [www.hmtm-hannover.de](http://www.hmtm-hannover.de)

**die hinterbuehne**

Since it opened in 2006, die hinterbuehne has been home to Theater Flunderboll. The permanent cast stages works by contemporary writers. Die hinterbuehne envisages itself as an open stage, and presents selected plays by guest performers. The programme ranges from cabaret and comedy to spoken theatre, also including staged readings.

- Hildesheimer Strasse 39 a
- 30169 Hannover
- Tel. +49 (0) 511 / 350 60 70
- [www.die-hinterbuehne.de](http://www.die-hinterbuehne.de)
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Kulturzentrum Pavillon

This cultural centre is located in the heart of the city near the central railway station (Hauptbahnhof) and features events from the worlds of music, cabaret, comedy, literature and drama. It also deals with sociocultural topics. The programme is varied, topical, high-class and entertaining. This is also where the well-known MASALA World Beat Festival takes place.

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Theaterwerkstatt Hannover

This professional independent theatre group has its own auditorium at Kulturzentrum Pavillon and puts on ambitious productions. It focuses equally on works for children and young people and performances for adults. The theatre workshop tours throughout Germany and abroad and has won several prizes at international drama festivals.

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WGC-Theater

The WGC-Theater has been part of Hannover's cultural scene for 35 years. Audiences are transported off to the world of cabaret, comedy, music and enduring works of literature. More than 180 events are staged here every year.

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Marlene Bar & Bühne

Marlene Bar & Bühne offers a wide selection of events throughout the year. The repertoire ranges from jazz to classical music, from comedy & cabaret to drama, from rock and pop to a-cappella & chanson. Audiences can enjoy food and drink at their seats and enjoy the performance in a relaxing bar atmosphere.

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THEATER in der LIST

THEATER in der LIST ranks as one of the top venues for ambitious drama for children, teenagers and adults. The professional cast has the courage to take artistic risks and try out different dramatic forms. Guest performances by other drama groups, including international ensembles, round off the programme.
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TAK – the cabaret venue

Theater am Küchengarten (usually abbreviated to TAK) is the only professional cabaret theatre of its kind in Lower Saxony. On 180 evenings a year, TAK presents cabaret, musical cabaret and sophisticated nonsense. The theatre can accommodate 123 spectators, who can also enjoy the in-house catering before the performance and during the intermission.

Mittwoch: Theater e. V.

Classics? Political works? Experimental or absurd theatre? Or even comedies? It is difficult to pigeonhole Mittwoch: Theater and the programme it presents. At the highest point in Hannover (87 metres above sea level), the Lindener Theatre enthusiasts pay homage to the Mexican painter and icon Frida Kahlo starting in autumn 2016.

THEATER an der GLOCKSEE

For more than 25 years, this “insider tip beside the River Ihme” has performed professional dramatic art which touches the spectators’ emotions. Eclectic audiences in the extremely versatile auditorium enjoy contemporary drama, in-house productions, projects and experimental theatre.

Kulturzentrum Faust

The former loading bay forms the stage in the Kulturzentrum Faust. The centre offers cultural highlights in all genres: from independent drama groups and well known stage artists to poetry slam and the extremely lively improv theatre scene. Staged readings, concerts and films round off the programme.

DESiMOs Spezial Club

Every week, there are performances by top comedians and cabaret artists and once a month, the host DESIMO presents his MIX-Show with surprise guests: always four comedians in highly diverse genres, all of whom are guaranteed to have audiences howling with laughter. And always presented in the nostalgic, cozy atmosphere of the old Apollo cinema.

Theater Nordstadt

Since 1985, Theater Nordstadt has presented one or two ambitious theatre productions at the Bürgerschule cultural and communication centre, plus a number of readings or musical revues. The ensemble focuses on unknown plays by well-known dramatists, including thrilling premieres. This is an insider tip for fans of extraordinary productions.
fensterzurstadt 22

fensterzurstadt is a joint project by professional theatre artists who stage their productions mainly on stage at Alte Tankstelle Striehlstrasse, a former filling station. The works are a mixture of entertainment, staged musical experiments, plays and performance and have won various cultural awards.

Compagnie Fredeweß 23

Modern dance at a high professional level. In addition to the dance evenings, the company presents opportunities for children and young people to see modern and contemporary dance, and try it out and perform it themselves. The community dance projects, which are open to all, attract people of all ages from various countries.

Theatrio FigurentheaterHaus 24

Theatrio puppet theatre can seat 150 and performs more than 40 different productions every year. The artistically designed puppets of the regular ensembles “Die Füchse”, “Marmelock”, “Neumond” and “Seiler” as well as guest performances by puppet theatres from all over Germany present works for audiences of all ages.

Klecks-Theater 25

The Klecks-Theater currently has a repertoire of 14 productions for children aged between 3 and 12 and three new works are added every year. The plays deal with life itself and all the risks, opportunities and burning issues it involves. The Klecks-Theater takes its young audiences seriously in an entertaining way and treats them as equals.

hebebühne Hannover 26

hebebühne is an artistic project which combines different expressive forms of music, literature, drama and media. Different ensembles work together on different productions and projects at hebebühne. The project was initiated by Bengt Kiene (singer, actor, author) and Holger Kirleis (pianist, composer, music performer).

MeRz Theater 27

MeRz Theater is an independent theatre which has earned a good reputation, not only with regular visitors, for its productions of fairy tales. The performances of a wide range of well known tales appeal to large audiences. It also presents works of modern poetry and contemporary music.
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Uhu-Theater der Kleinkunst e. V. 28

This venue in the “Südstadt” district of Hannover offers a range of high-class entertainment, comedy, music and cabaret. Top artists never fail to delight their audiences. The very personal atmosphere and good catering are the perfect way to round off an evening at the theatre.

Daphne de Luxe

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KleinkunstBühne 29

The KleinkunstBühne presents entertainment in an intimate setting. It is designed as a theatre-cum-restaurant, where guests can enjoy a drink and delicious food while they watch the programme on stage. The bill is highly diverse, ranging from cabaret, comedy and acrobatics to music. KleinkunstBühne Hannover is barrier-free.

Theatersaal Langenhagen 30

This venue features guest performances by cabaret artists, comedians and musicians from Germany and abroad. It provides a stage for household names and newcomers from the world of variety, drama and musical. Along with Kleinkunstbühne daunstärs, it is home to the MIMUSE Festival – the largest cabaret festival in northern Germany.

Deister Amphitheatre 33

Theatrical works have been performed in the middle of the forest in Barsinghausen for more than 80 years. From May to September, Deister Amphitheatre delights audiences with three different works. This is theatre for the whole family, including comedies, classics and musicals. This traditional venue also stages a number of highly popular special events.

Amtshof Burgwedel 31

From gypsy to jazz, classical concerts and cabaret – the cultural spectrum on the bill at Amtshof Burgwedel has something to suit every taste. The programme changes from year to year, but the “Cultural Spring” and “Cultural Autumn”, featuring different musical soloists and ensembles, are permanent annual fixtures.

bauhof hemmingen 32

bauhof hemmingen presents culture in a beautifully restored former farmhouse. The farm is the venue for crossover, contemporary and also classical cultural events. The bill ranges from cabaret, comedy, theatre, variety and readings to a capella concerts, jazz, world music, classical music and much more.

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**Isernhagenhof**

On a former farm on the main road in Isernhagen FB, culture is now the name of the game: Chamber music and orchestral concerts, Advent exhibitions and night flea markets, famous artists, opera afternoons and world piano classics - the Isernhagenhof offers a varied cultural programme.

Hauptstr. 68
30916 Isernhagen FB
Tel. +49 (0) 5139 / 272 38
www.isernhagenhof.de

**Hermannshof**

This is where the music is: experimental, soft, shrill, usually live or recorded. Works of art made of steel or straw, performances and multimedia, rural art or lighthouse projects. Hermannshof is a byword for top-level culture.

Röse 33
31832 Springe-Völksen
Tel. +49 (0) 5041 / 85 30
www.hermannshof.de

**Landestrost Palace**

The respected and popular cultural centre in Landestrost Palace in Neustadt am Rübenberge attracts visitors from far and wide. The beautiful renaissance building on the banks of the River Leine is put to highly contemporary use and provides the setting for a “Culture in the Palace” series that includes exhibitions, concerts, song recitals and special ‘Schloss Landestrost’ workshops.

Schloßstr. 1
31535 Neustadt
Tel 05032 / 899 - 154
www.schloss-landestrost.de

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**Info counter in the New Town Hall**

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The map does not show the theatres in the surrounding region (Nos. 30-36).
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Hannover Region