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## **CRAVE THE ARTFUL CUISINE OF CLEVELAND PLUS**

Region's Food Scene Reflects Its Rich Culture, Broad Diversity and Beautiful Landscape

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** – Cleveland Plus is a region rich in arts and culture. Home to the nation's second largest performing arts center, the country's most concentrated square mile of arts and culture, thousands of miles of natural wine country and a burgeoning culinary scene, Cleveland Plus is quickly becoming a food and cultural epicenter that is often defined by the 117 different ethnicities it represents.

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### **Cheers! Salud! Prost! Cleveland Plus Brews**

Whether you're looking for a dark, chocolaty lager or a fragrant Indian pale ale, Cleveland Plus is a region that has earned its reputation as a place that knows its beer. Visitors can grab a cold one at one of the regions many microbreweries – from Youngstown to Kelley's Island.

#### **Great Lakes Brewing Company**

Great Lakes Brewing Company, which is comprised of a brewery and brewpub, was the first microbrewery in the state of Ohio and today remains Ohio's most celebrated and award-winning brewer of lagers and ales. The Brewpub offers guests of all ages a memorable dining experience from start to finish, including their famous brats and pierogies.

216.771.4404, [www.greatlakesbrewing.com](http://www.greatlakesbrewing.com)

#### **Willoughby Brewing Company**

The Willoughby Brewing Company, or WBC (as its followers refer to it), features an array of microbrews from classic American wheat ales to traditional German lagers. For a unique taste, try their Railway Razz jammed with deep-red berries or the Mad Cow Milk Stout which gets its full body and sweet finish from the addition of milk sugar.

440.975.0202, [www.willoughbybrewing.com](http://www.willoughbybrewing.com)

#### **The Cornerstone Brewing Company**

The Cornerstone Brewing Company serves up its signature microbrews with hearty portions of comfort food in their two locations in Berea and Madison. The beers are naturally carbonated and have low foam due to Cornerstones' method of cask fermentation.

440.239.9820 (Berea), 440.983.4520 (Mentor), [www.cornerstonebrewing.com](http://www.cornerstonebrewing.com)

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**Ohio Brewing Company**

Located across the street from Canal Park (home of the Akron Aeros minor league baseball team), is the Ohio Brewing Company pub and restaurant. The pub offers more than 20 beers on tap including the ruby red Cardinal Ale, the Gold Medal Winner of the World Beer Championships, and the Maple Porter, an Ohio-inspired brew.

330.376.3008, [www.ohiobrewing.com](http://www.ohiobrewing.com)

**Cellar Rats Brewery**

Now beer drinkers can sample microbrews alongside their wine-drinking counterparts! Cellar Rats Brewery, created by the assistant winemaker at Debonne Vineyards, opened in the award-winning winery and draws on numerous brewing traditions to make its beers, but always adds its own interpretations based on the changing seasons.

[www.ratbrew.com](http://www.ratbrew.com)

**Rocky River Brewing Company**

This 5,000-square-foot award-winning brewpub and restaurant, styled in a turn-of-the-century architectural style, offers a casual dining experience and award-winning, hand-crafted beers brewed with expertise.

440.895.2739, <http://rrbc.squarespace.com>

**Put-in-Bay Brewing Company**

If you're enjoying an island excursion at Put-in-Bay, make sure to hit up the Put-in-Bay Brewing Company to enjoy their selection of hand-crafted beers including the slightly sweet Summer Brew made from an English recipe, the dark Fat Man's Friend Brew made from roasted malts, and the smooth, lightly hopped Ole Cotton Top Irish Red.

419.285.4677, [www.putinbaybrewery.com](http://www.putinbaybrewery.com)

**MORE GREAT BREWS**

Here are some additional local Cleveland Plus brews and breweries:

- **Indigo IMP Beer:** Cleveland, [www.indigoimpbrewery.com](http://www.indigoimpbrewery.com), 216.881.0650
- **Cleveland ChopHouse and Brewery:** Cleveland, [www.chophouse.com](http://www.chophouse.com), 216.623.0909
- **Rock Bottom Brewery:** Cleveland, [www.rockbottom.com](http://www.rockbottom.com), 216.623.1555
- **Fat Heads Cleveland:** North Olmsted, <http://fatheadscleveland.com>, 440.801.1001
- **The Brew Keeper:** North Ridgeville, [www.brewkeeper.com](http://www.brewkeeper.com), 440.377.6599
- **Brewkettle:** Strongsville, [www.thebrewkettle.com](http://www.thebrewkettle.com), 440.239.8788
- **RooBrew Fine Craft Beers:** Akron, [www.roobrew.com](http://www.roobrew.com), 330.703.3947
- **Thirsty Dog Brewing Company Beer:** Akron, <http://thirstydog.com>, 330.252.BREW
- **Akron's Hoppin Frog Brewery Beer:** Akron, [www.hoppinfrog.com](http://www.hoppinfrog.com), 330.352.4578
- **Rust Belt Brewery:** Youngstown, [www.rustybrew.com](http://www.rustybrew.com), 330.423.3818
- **Kelley's Island Brewery:** Kelley's Island, [www.kelleysislandbrewpub.com](http://www.kelleysislandbrewpub.com), 419.746.2314

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## **From Cabernet to Ice Wine**

The wine growing families in Cleveland Plus produce some of the finest grapes and nationally recognized wines in the nation. The uniqueness of these grapes occurs during their growth when cool winds blowing over the icy lake slow the growth of tender buds in the spring, the warm breezes extend the summer season into fall and the valleys collect cold spring air. Below are just a few of the area wineries and vineyards, but visit the Ohio Wine Association at [www.ohiowines.org](http://www.ohiowines.org) to learn more or to find an Ohio Wine Trail to follow.

### **Vermilion Valley Vineyards (NEW)**

Recently opened in Lorain County, Vermilion Valley Vineyards features spacious views in the completely modern and totally green tasting facility. The vineyard, which is said to be the next wine-making jewel of Ohio, features red and white varietals ranging from Pinot Noir and Dornfelder to Chardonnay and Traminette. Lambrusca varieties like Concord, Niagara and Pink Catawba also will be available.

440.965.5202, [www.vermilionvalleyvineyards.com](http://www.vermilionvalleyvineyards.com)

### **Quarry Hill Winery & Orchard (NEW)**

Head to this expansive estate vineyard where the orchard is adapted to produce both fruit and grape wines. Located in Berlin Heights, the rolling acres of farmland offers spectacular panoramic views as you sip the grown-on-site wines and enjoy food from the market.

419.706.8005, [www.quarryhillwinery.org](http://www.quarryhillwinery.org)

### **Paper Moon Vineyards (NEW)**

Just off Route 2 in Vermilion sits Paper Moon Vineyards, serving a selection of regional and vinifera wines. The tasting room offers views of the vineyard, pond, foliage and an occasional bald eagle.

440.967.2500, [www.papermoonvineyards.com](http://www.papermoonvineyards.com)

### **Debonne Vineyards**

A family-owned and operated estate winery producing Vinifera and French Hybrid varietals, enjoy wine tastings, cellar and vineyard tours throughout the year. And, check out their musically-themed wines and labels created by local artist Hector Vega including Jazz White, Harmony and Razzberry Riesling.

440.466.34.86, [www.debonne.com](http://www.debonne.com)

### **Ferrante Winery & Ristorante**

Tucked into the heart of the vineyards, Ferrante offers a luscious contemporary oak-laden atmosphere. Visit the tasting bar to sample a range of nationally award-winning red, white and blush wines.

[www.ferrantewinery.com](http://www.ferrantewinery.com)

### **Grand River Cellars Winery & Restaurant**

Located in the heart of the Grand River Valley Wine Region, this unique winery dates back to 1972. Grand River Cellars offers a sense of warmth and welcome.

440.298.9838, [www.grandrivercellars.com](http://www.grandrivercellars.com)

### **Firelands Winery**

Firelands makes extraordinary wines available at reasonable prices. The winery is the pioneer in establishing European Vinifera grape varieties in the east. Introducing these vines, and subsequently new wines, to the area has only added to Firelands gaining a distinctive reputation as a leader in producing diverse local wines.

419.625.5474 [www.firelandswinery.com](http://www.firelandswinery.com)

**Mon Ami Winery**

One of the oldest wineries in the region, Mon Ami is known for its sweeter varietals including the production of local champagne. Additionally, guests can choose the formal dining room or more casual Chalet for a relaxing and warm dining experience.

800.777.4266, [www.monamiwinery.com](http://www.monamiwinery.com)

**Heineman Winery**

A trip to Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island wouldn't be complete without a tour and tasting at the historic Heineman Winery. For more than a century, this winery has been producing some of Ohio's finest wines, while providing tours of the nearby Crystal Cave. Winery open mid-April through late October.

419.285.2811, [www.heinemanswinery.com](http://www.heinemanswinery.com)

**Maize Valley Winery**

Located in Hartville, Maize Valley Winery makes wine tasting fun. They offer a range of wines in their 150-year-old barn where visitors can purchase locally grown produce and more than 80 different mets and cheeses. Also stick around for wagon rides, a tour of the farm, bocce ball and a corn maze.

330.877.8344, [www.maizevalleywinery.com](http://www.maizevalleywinery.com)

**The Cleveland Independents**

The Cleveland Independents ([www.clevelandindependents.com](http://www.clevelandindependents.com) or 216.932.3322) is a group of locally owned and operated restaurants that share a commitment to their community and a passion for excellence in food and service. The group offers specials and discounted online gift certificates. Only six years old, Cleveland Independents now boasts nearly 90 members, making it the largest organization of its kind in the country.

**New on the Culinary Front**

French, American and Italian cuisines highlight the flavors entering the region's burgeoning culinary scene.

**L'Albatros** – Chef Zack Bruell is back for more in his newest endeavor, L'Albatros. The brasserie serves cravable neo-French cuisine. Enjoy the upscale elegance of this European menu in a clean, sophisticated environment that is neither stuffy nor overdone.

216.791.7880, [www.albatrosbrasserie.com](http://www.albatrosbrasserie.com)

**The Greenhouse Tavern** – Chef Jonathan Sawyer evokes the farm-to-plate movement in his new restaurant, The Greenhouse Tavern. Sawyer and his wife (and business partner) believe that the proximity of the farm to the restaurant directly correlates with the quality of food. This new restaurant exhibits this concept with an eclectic French overtone. It's also the first LEED-certified restaurant in Ohio. Nearly everything in this upscale eatery is made of recycled materials.

216.443.0511, [www.greenhousetavern.com](http://www.greenhousetavern.com)

**Bar Symon** – Born and raised in Cleveland “Iron” chef Michael Symon, who owns and operates two of the country's most acclaimed restaurants, Lola and its more casual sister, Lolita, adds to his superior culinary repertoire with Bar Symon, an American bar and brasserie located in Avon. Here a snobbish gourmand and a white-collar twenty-something can comfortably rub elbows during happy hour. The low price point and eclectic spin on classic bar food creates a masterful concept that has critics talking.

440.933.5652, [www.barsymon.com](http://www.barsymon.com)

**B Spot and Bar Symon at The Q**

In addition to the location in Avon, two additional Michael Symon locations are open in Quicken Loans Arena. The B Spot, located in the main concourse near the CAVS Team Shop, features Symon's famous burgers, brats and craft beers. In the Huntington Bank Level upstairs, guests can find Bar Symon at The Q featuring an abbreviated menu of the restaurant in Avon with specialty items like his rosemary and goat cheese mac & cheese and snack items.

[www.theqarena.com/news/symon\\_091002.php](http://www.theqarena.com/news/symon_091002.php)

**Restaurant Dante (Coming Soon)** – Serving up his inspiring modern American cuisine, Chef Dante Bocuzzi is a legend among Cleveland foodies. Dante came home to Cleveland after 16 years of working in some of the best restaurants throughout the world. He was Executive Chef at Charlie Palmer's flagship restaurant, Aureole, in New York City. His impressive resume also includes restaurants in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, France, England, Taiwan, China, and Italy, where he was the Executive Chef at Giorgio Armani's famed Armani/NOBU in Milan. He will be opening Restaurant Dante sometime this fall in Tremont.

216.274.1200, [www.restaurantdante.us](http://www.restaurantdante.us)

**The Chocolate Bar (Coming Soon)** – Chocoholics prepare. Cleveland Plus native, Joe Novak, is bringing this wildly popular restaurant that focuses on this beloved sweet treat to Euclid Avenue in downtown Cleveland this November. The Chocolate Bar, which is designed specifically for women, is a restaurant that serves lunch, dinner, cocktails and, of course, dessert. A full 50 percent of the menu is dedicated to sweets including tarts, cakes, crepes, ice cream, fondue and brownies. The Chocolate Bar will be the second of its kind in the United States.

<http://originalchocolatebar.com>

**Chinato (Coming Soon)**

Chef Zack Bruell will soon open Chinato, an Italian restaurant, in the thriving East Fourth Street neighborhood. While the menu is still very much under wraps, Bruell plans to style this restaurant so that customers feel like they're walking into an old-fashioned sepia photograph. The casual but elegant nature of the restaurant will be comparable to L'Albatros and will feature simple ingredients with profound taste.

**Eating Niche**

Classic candies? Ethnic foods? 20 different kinds of grilled cheese? If it's niche and delicious, Cleveland Plus offer it.

**b. a. Sweetie Candies** – From wax lips to PEZ dispensers to gourmet jellybeans, this amazing store has every delight for every sweet tooth. You have to see it to believe it.

216.739.2244 or 888.267.9340 [www.sweetiescandy.com](http://www.sweetiescandy.com)

**Sokolowski's University Inn**

Run by the third generation of Sokolowski family members, the University Inn is famous for its Polish menu featuring pierogi, bratwurst, cabbage and noodles and the kind of food that grandma used to make.

216.771.8967, [www.sokolowskis.com](http://www.sokolowskis.com)

**Melt Bar + Grilled** – Grilled cheese is a favorite to all, old and young. But this isn't your typical piece of American cheese slabbed between two slices of white bread. Melt features more than 20 different takes on the original all with their own unique twist. Try a "Parmageddon" stuffed with onions, kraut and a potato and cheese pierogi. This amazing restaurant receives national attention – we encourage you to see why.

216.226.3699 [www.meltbarandgrilled.com](http://www.meltbarandgrilled.com)

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**Baricelli Inn** –The restaurant at the Baricelli Inn serves European/American cuisine in seven romantic and cozy dining parlors, many with wood-burning fireplaces. But what makes this restaurant unique, is its exquisite selection of cheese. Capturing the diversity and richness of Europe and the farmlands of America, Baricelli "blooms" over 40 varieties of the finest, hand-crafted and properly aged goat, cow and sheep milk cheeses in its state-of-the-art affinage cooler.

216.791.6500, [www.baricelli.com](http://www.baricelli.com)

**Slyman's** – While certainly not the "haute couture" of upscale culinary, the highly coveted Slyman's Deli has been serving Cleveland's best corned beef sandwiches for countless generations.

216.621.3760 [www.slymans.com](http://www.slymans.com)

### **Das Schnitzel Haus**

Tastebuds are tempted at Das Schnitzel Haus, featuring authentic German food in Parma. The menu is adorned with homemade schnitzels, goulash, potato pancakes, bratwurst, sauerbraten, spetzel, pierogies and much more.

440.886.5050, [www.dasschnitzelhaus.com](http://www.dasschnitzelhaus.com)

## **Notable Neighborhoods**

With national recognition as a foodie's paradise, the likes of a true "Iron" Chef and more than 117 ethnicities represented, the Cleveland food scene is growing at a wild pace. But many of the nicest restaurants that encircle the region truly bring to life the unique neighborhoods in which they're located. So, make an all encompassing trip out of the neighborhoods visited for, what you thought was, just a special dining experience.

## **OHIO CITY**

Just across the Cuyahoga River and west of downtown, Ohio City is home of the West Side Market. The landmark, easily identified by its graceful clock tower, is the site of 180 booths offering a tempting assortment of fresh produce, bakery, meats and other specialties from around the world. In addition to a number of incredible ethnic eateries, Ohio City has many lovely renovated Victorian-era homes.

### **Light Bistro**

Chef Matthew Mathlage's Light Bistro has a menu of small plates and larger dishes meant for sharing. The menu encompasses everything from pickled heirloom tomato soup to grilled ostrich with creamy shallot orzo.

216.771.7130, [www.lightbistro.com](http://www.lightbistro.com)

### **Momocho**

Modern Mexican food including six different kinds of guacamole (one is made with goat cheese and poblano chiles) and chilaquiles with smoked trout, crab and a fried egg.

216.694.2122, [www.momocho.com](http://www.momocho.com)

### **Ponte Vecchio**

Guests can satisfy their taste buds with Ponte Vecchio's Northern Italian cuisine while enjoying an uncanny panoramic view of downtown Cleveland and the Cuyahoga River. Located on a viaduct in the Stonebridge neighborhood, this upscale restaurant features al fresco dining in the summer and daily happy hour specials.

216.556.8200, [www.pontevecchioristorante.com](http://www.pontevecchioristorante.com)

**Flying Fig**

Owned by Cleveland Chef Karen Smalls, the Flying Fig prides itself on using locally sourced ingredients with a creative flare. The restaurant presents sleek décor with classic cuisine. 216.241.4243, [www.theflyingfig.com](http://www.theflyingfig.com)

**Bar Cento**

Inspired by the Romans and their love affair with neighborly, warm cafés and restaurants comes Bar Cento. This cool little spot in Ohio City offers up a menu with eclectic pizzas and other small plate offerings. Afterwards, guests should head over to McNulty's Bier Markt (which is attached) featuring a rotating selection of draft beers and 80 bottled beers, many of them Belgian or Belgian-style.

216.274.1010, [www.barcento.com](http://www.barcento.com)

**Phnom Penh**

Phnom Penh serves up superb Cambodian dishes that won't break the bank. This BYOB restaurant offers every Thai noodle combination possible plus an incredible array of soups.

216.357.2951, 216.251.1230 or [www.ohiorestaurant.com](http://www.ohiorestaurant.com),

**SHAKER HEIGHTS**

Shaker Square has the feel of a historic downtown, with its two light-rail Rapid Transit Lines, coffee and ice cream shops, choice restaurants and six-screen cinema. Visit this east side neighborhood to take in the finer things in life.

**fire, food & drink**

Guests can enjoy fire, food and drink's freshly prepared meats, seafood and a variety of items from their wood-fired ovens at reasonable prices in an exciting atmosphere. The food is simple and comes from the freshest local produce in the area. Chef Douglas Katz creates a unique seasonally-based menu and one of the best brunches in town.

216.921.3473, [www.firefoodanddrink.com](http://www.firefoodanddrink.com)

**Sergio's SARAVA**

A Brazilian cross-cultural menu features main entrees and an array of small plates that encourage diners to discover new taste sensations in a relaxing, fun environment.

216.295.1200, [www.sergioscleveland.com](http://www.sergioscleveland.com)

**Felice's Urban Café**

Located in a restored turn of the century home, Felice's Urban Cafe offers Spanish and American food such as: grilled octopus with avocado, fennel, and lemon, chorizo with whipped parsnips, Baricelli cheese plate, chicken thighs, fish stew, St. Louis ribs and much more.

216.791.0918, <http://coolplacetoeat.com/felice.html>

**TREMONT**

Historic Tremont has a reputation as one of Cleveland's hidden hotspots for entertainment, art and dining. A blue collar neighborhood with a rich cultural heritage, Tremont's newest residents are urban professional and artists. Just off of Lincoln Park, the neighborhood's landmark epicenter, you'll discover hidden galleries and boutiques, pubs and lounges the locals would like to keep to themselves and award-winning restaurants.

**Lolita**

Owned and operated by celebrity Chef Michael Symon, this trendy American-style bistro in Tremont is sure to provide an original menu using Cleveland's local ingredients. The award-winning restaurant features a wood burning oven, small plates and house cured meats.

216.771.5652, [www.lolabistro.com](http://www.lolabistro.com)

**Parallax**

A sophisticatedly designed space is the backdrop for the Chef Zack Bruell's expertly prepared sushi, fresh fish and seafood, and grill items such as steaks, chops, and the signature dish, chicken with pomme frites.

216.583.9999, [www.parallaxtremont.com](http://www.parallaxtremont.com)

**Fahrenheit**

Contemporary American regional cuisine comes to life with the talents of Chef Rocco Whalen. Whalen's Asian insinuations combined with a wonderful imagination make this fare unique. The menu changes every six weeks, but features some items that hang around from menu-to-menu to appease the regulars who have their long-standing favorites.

216.781.8858, [www.fahrenheittremont.com](http://www.fahrenheittremont.com)

**Bistro on Lincoln Park**

This Mediterranean bistro with French, Italian and Spanish highlights, offers a unique blend of flavors in a relaxed environment. Chef Pete Joyce combines modern, creative, and traditional cooking techniques to create a seasonal menu of eclectic dishes made with local ingredients.

440.570.5393, [www.bistroonlincolnpark.com](http://www.bistroonlincolnpark.com)

**DOWNTOWN/MIDTOWN**

Visitors can catch a trolley or simply stroll through the bustling avenues of downtown Cleveland, where the liveliness of daytime work hours evolves into the excitement of a nightlife bursting at the seams. Guests can find themselves in the center of this metropolis brimming with exciting things to see and do including major sports events, concerts, theatrical performances, museums and historical landmarks.

**Johnny's Downtown**

If you're looking for luxury, head to Johnny's Downtown this summer for cozy, private dining in the wintertime and al fresco dining on the street-side patio during the summer. This white-table-clothed eatery features a scrumptious menu of northern Italian dishes and desserts.

216.623.0055, [www.johnnyscleveland.com](http://www.johnnyscleveland.com)

**Lola**

Be a part of the Lola craze! Lola is an upscale, nationally recognized restaurant owned by celebrity "Iron" Chef Michael Symon. This American bistro with Midwestern twists and turns uses locally grown and raised organic meats and produce.

216.621.5652, [www.lolabistro.com](http://www.lolabistro.com)

**MUSE**

The award-winning MUSE, located in the Ritz-Carlton, offers a menu of contemporary American cuisine that is designed to offer meals as wholesome and fresh as they are appetizing, artistic expressions.

216.623.1300, [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

**One Walnut Restaurant**

One Walnut offers a refined atmosphere and a sophisticated culinary experience reflective of Chef Marlin Kaplan's commitment to make dining at a special occasion every night. The menu features an intertwinement of traditional American basics with an international flair.

216.575.1111, [www.onewalnut.com](http://www.onewalnut.com)

**Table 45**

Chef Zach Bruell was the first Clevelander to introduce Cleveland Plus to California fusion cuisine set to a Bauhaus backdrop. Today, he again is pushing the envelope with an entirely new concept called World Cuisine – a cross-cultural blend of cooking techniques that combines various styles, cultures and ingredients from North Africa, South America, Europe and Asia.

216.707.4045, [www.tbl45.com](http://www.tbl45.com)

**BEACHWOOD**

Match tidy neighborhoods with a touch of upscale amenities and you've got the city of Beachwood. Located east of Cleveland, Beachwood features various cultural entities including the notable Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and incredible shopping opportunities at the luxury-focused Legacy Village, the charming La Place Fashion Center and the designer-filled stores at Beachwood Place.

**Moxie, The Restaurant**

With a focus on fresh and seasonal ingredients, Moxie tempts the palate with inspired appetizers and entrees.

216.831.5599, [www.moxietherestaurant.com](http://www.moxietherestaurant.com)

**Red, The Steakhouse**

Recognized by *Playboy*, *Esquire* and *Gourmet Magazine*, Red, The Steakhouse provides a steakhouse experience guests are not likely to find anywhere else. Exceptional food (everything fresh, everything from scratch) is served in a sleek yet intimate setting.

216.831.2252, [www.redthesteakhouse.com](http://www.redthesteakhouse.com)

**Arts + Culture Events**

Take a break from the eating and drinking to check out the Cleveland arts and cultural scene.

**Now – Jan 18, 2010:** Comprised of approximately 75 paintings, sculptures and works on paper by Paul Gauguin and his contemporaries, **Paul Gauguin: Paris, 1889** is the first exhibition to focus on 1889 as a critical juncture in Gauguin's artistic development. The Cleveland Museum of Art is the only U.S. location showing the exhibition before it travels to Amsterdam.

216.421.7340, [www.clevelandart.org](http://www.clevelandart.org)

**Jan. 12 – June 27, 2010:** PlayhouseSquare continues its **2009-2010 KeyBank Broadway Series** for audiences of all ages. Performances include "[Chicago](#)," "[In the Heights](#)," "[Xanadu](#)," "[August: Osage County](#)," "[Grease](#)" and "[Fiddler on the Roof](#)."

216.664.6050, [www.playhousesquare.com/broadway/index.html](http://www.playhousesquare.com/broadway/index.html)

**Feb. 12 – March 7, 2010:** Set in the early 1900s, "**The Great White Hope**," a play performed at the Karamu House, is loosely based on the life of African American boxer Jack Johnson, renamed Jack Jefferson in the story. After becoming the first African American heavyweight champion of the world in 1908, the play follows his tumultuous career and explores the nature of racism and racial conflict in American society.

216.795.7077, [www.karamu.com](http://www.karamu.com)

**March 7 – May 30, 2010:** **Art of the American Indians: The Thaw Collection**, a major traveling exhibition, developed by the Fenimore Art Museum, making its debut at the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) in March 2010, explores Native North American art from the Eastern Woodlands to the Northwest through more than 140 masterpieces spanning 2,000 years.

216.421.7340, [www.clevelandart.org](http://www.clevelandart.org)

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**March 18 – 28, 2010: The Cleveland International Film Festival** is the flagship event of the Cleveland Film Society, which has presented the festival every spring for more than three decades. The movie-packed festival features more than 240 films originating from close to 60 countries.

216.623.3456, [www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org)

**April 8 – May 16, 2010:** The Great Lakes Theater Festival rounds out its 2009-10 season with a **Spring Repertory** by pairing Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming's outrageous Off-Broadway hit "[Bat Boy: The Musical](#)" with Shakespeare's magical masterpiece, "[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)."

216.795.7000, [www.greatlakestheater.org](http://www.greatlakestheater.org)

**April 9 – May 2, 2010:** Set in Akron, "**Bill W. and Dr. Bob**" is a dramatic play performed at the Cleveland Play House that tells the story of the two men who pioneered Alcoholics Anonymous (in Akron, Ohio) – and the wives who founded Al-Anon.

216.795.7000, [www.clevelandplayhouse.com](http://www.clevelandplayhouse.com)

**April 15 – 25, 2010:** The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual **Tri-C JazzFest**, the largest music festival in Ohio, achieved its reputation as an international educational and cultural festival by providing local and international artists the opportunity to showcase their creative work and by highlighting the enduring elements and important directions in this distinctly American music.

216.987.4400, [www.triczjazzfest.com](http://www.triczjazzfest.com)

**June 12, 2010:** International and national guest artists join the Cleveland Plus community for **Parade the Circle** in University Circle. Drawing more than 60,000 people every year, this free community arts celebration incorporates the drama and artistry of colorful floats, giant puppets, bright costumes, handmade masks, stilt-walkers, dancers and musicians.

216.791.3900, [www.universitycircle.org](http://www.universitycircle.org)

**July – Sept. 2010:** A summer in Cleveland Plus wouldn't be complete without attending **Blossom Festival**, where The Cleveland Orchestra performs each summer in a unique outdoor venue.

216.231.7300, [www.clevelandorchestra.com](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com)

### **Overnight Accommodations**

For visitors looking for discounted rates and packages to local hotels, visit [www.positivelycleveland.com/visiting/accommodations](http://www.positivelycleveland.com/visiting/accommodations).

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