

# Local Arts Employers

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One of the best ways of finding a job is to FIRST decide which company or organization you would like to work for. How do you do that? By researching employers using printed directories and web sites that list companies by industry.

The following electronic and print resources can help you identify employers in the Philadelphia area in the visual, communication and performing arts fields. Once you've identified your "top" employers, you can review their job listings online or call their job hotline number.

The **Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance** publishes an annual *Cultural Resource Directory* with information on their 300 member organizations. These organizations represent arts service groups, community and cultural centers, councils, agencies and foundations, dance companies, theaters, music groups, education programs, galleries, museums, historic and cultural preservation organizations, horticultural and zoological societies, libraries and archives, literary groups and publications, media arts, multi-disciplinary art centers. For a listing of these member organizations, with links to their websites, as applicable, see [www.philaculture.org/mship/members.htm](http://www.philaculture.org/mship/members.htm). You'll also find an on-line **Job Bank** with full & part time listings, as well as internships, at [www.philaculture.org/jobs/job.cfm](http://www.philaculture.org/jobs/job.cfm).

The **Greater Philadelphia Film Office** exists to attract and facilitate film production in the area. It serves as a resource for directors and crews shooting films here and for the local film/video industry as a whole. The GPFO publishes an annual *Greater Philadelphia Film and Video Guide*, which is a directory of the goods, services, people and resources connected with the film industry in our region. It is a one-of-a-kind listing for information on local companies and contacts. **As a student, you can get a free copy of this guide** by visiting the GPFO office at 100 S. Broad Street, Suite 600. You will be required to show your student ID. GPFO also maintains an excellent **Job Hotline** with announcements of cast and crew opportunities on upcoming productions. The Job Hotline can be accessed via the web at [www.film.org/filmmakers/hotline.php](http://www.film.org/filmmakers/hotline.php).

The **Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia** is a member-based service organization of 60 non-profit, professional theatres in the Philadelphia region. It also has a great web site with free **job listings** for artistic,

administrative, and production jobs, along with internship listings and audition notices. For a membership fee of \$40, you can join the organization and get a personal web page with a headshot and bio on their site. Check out your options at [www.theatrealliance.org](http://www.theatrealliance.org).

**The Avenue of the Arts** is an independent non-profit organization. Its central mission is to promote the activities of the 27 cultural organizations found here on Broad Street, including the *Academy of Music*, *Philadanco*, the *Firehouse Art Center*, *Freedom Theatre* and *Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz & the Performing Arts*. Learn more about each of the member organizations at [www.avenueofthearts.org](http://www.avenueofthearts.org).

**Want to locate galleries or boutiques in your neighborhood to find your own job leads?** Take a virtual visit at <http://philadelphia.citysearch.com>. The site lets you search a number of categories, along with Performing Arts and Visual Arts events.

**Wondering which companies hire students in your major?** Find listings of local companies and arts organizations on these sites:

**Americans for the Arts:**

[http://ww2.americansforthearts.org/scriptcontent/index\\_members\\_search.cfm](http://ww2.americansforthearts.org/scriptcontent/index_members_search.cfm)

**Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:**

[www.philachamber.com/directory.asp](http://www.philachamber.com/directory.asp)

**Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation:**

[www.gophila.com/culturefiles](http://www.gophila.com/culturefiles)

**Don't forget to check the Career Services on-line jobs database at [www.uartscareers.com](http://www.uartscareers.com).** You can register yourself on this site & then apply for positions. For more information on UArtsCareers, see our HELPFUL HANDOUT "Making the Most of UArtsCareers" at [www.uarts.edu/src\\_careers/pdf/UArtsCareers.pdf](http://www.uarts.edu/src_careers/pdf/UArtsCareers.pdf).

