An urbanized nerve center for culture in the suburban outpost of Marin County.

Downtown San Rafael is the center of business, culture, arts, and special events in Marin County. The downtown arts district, located along the spine of Fourth Street, serves as the hub of local business and community life. It features numerous arts-related organizations and a vibrant events schedule, including Second Fridays Art Walk. The district is anchored by Arts Works Downtown, an arts center with four galleries, nearly 30 artists’ studios, and artist housing; the California Film Institute – home to the Mill Valley Film Festival; the Falkirk Cultural Center; and Youth in Arts, providing visual and performing arts training for children and a gallery for young artists.

The Downtown San Rafael Arts District provides a unique place to create and appreciate arts and culture – a place for people to come together, make connections, and get involved in the community. The district leverages the arts to promote inclusiveness and encourage community conversations on social issues such as affordable housing and homelessness, multiculturalism, and the environment.

The California Cultural Districts program was developed by the California Arts Council, in partnership with Visit California and Caltrans.

The mission of the California Arts Council, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California’s diverse populations; serving as thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services.
District Highlights

1. Art Works Downtown
   1337 4th St.

2. Falkirk Cultural Center
   1408 Mission Ave.

3. Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center
   1118 4th St.

4. Copperfield’s Books
   850 4th St.

5. Fenix
   919 4th St.

6. Riley Street Art Supply
   1138 4th St.

7. George’s Nightclub
   842 4th St.

8. Garzoli Gallery
   930 B St.

9. Mountain Play
   1554 4th St.

10. The Belrose
    1415 5th Ave.

11. Open Secret Bookstore
    923 C St.

12. San Rafael Public Library
    1100 E St.

13. Marin Society of Artists
    1515 3rd St.

14. Marin Shakespeare Company
    514 4th St. (Location not pictured)

15. Rebound Bookstore
    1611 4th St.

16. Youth in Arts
    917 C St.

17. Italian Street Painting Marin
    5th and A streets

18. Community Media Center of Marin
    819 A St.

19. Bananas at Large
    1504 4th St.

20. Seawood Photo
    1601 4th St.