Baden-Württemberg is a region where the arts scene is multifaceted, inventive and backed by strong support from the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts.

The Stuttgart Ballet is world class and the State Opera in Stuttgart has been voted “Opera of the Year” multiple times. In addition, Stuttgart’s Staatsgalerie (State Gallery of Arts) is famous for having one of the most important and impressive Classic Modern art collections in the world.

Yet arts and culture are not only restricted to the state capital. Baden-Württemberg is home to 14 larger theater houses, 48 smaller private theaters and over 200 off-theaters/independent theaters and dance companies.

A wealth of drama and film festivals, music festivals, musicals, orchestras and cultural initiatives offer plenty of choices when it comes to quality entertainment and arts. Eleven state-run and numerous
municipal and private museums supplement Baden-Württemberg's rich cultural landscape.

Top Degrees in Music and Arts

Almost no other region compares to Baden-Württemberg when it comes to the variety of choices for university level degrees in the fields of music and fine arts. With five state universities of music, two state academies for fine arts, including the Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design (Hochschule für Gestaltung Karlsruhe, HfG), the Academy of Pop Music in Mannheim, the Film Academy Ludwigsburg and the Academy for Performing Arts, students have every opportunity to explore their artistic talents in any field imaginable.

The five state universities for music, including those for the performing arts, are located in Freiburg, Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Stuttgart and Trossingen, and are first class for musical excellence. The quality education these universities offer combine outstanding academic standards with the preparation for a professional musician's career.

The state academies of fine arts, located in Stuttgart and Karlsruhe, are amongst the leading art academies in Germany. They provide high-class education in the traditional arts while also setting new standards. The Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design for example cooperates closely with the Center for Art and Media in Karlsruhe (ZKM Karlsruhe), a leading institution in the field of media arts.

The Academy of Pop Music in Mannheim (Popakademie Mannheim) is the place where many national and international careers in the music business have started. And more than just a few Hollywood careers in producing or directing found their start at the Film Academy in Ludwigsburg. The Academy for Performing Arts (ADK Ludwigsburg) is also located in Ludwigsburg and is widely known for its top quality education in the performing arts for both movies and the stage.

Support for Arts and Culture

The budget of the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts for culture amounts to nearly 600 million euro per year. Since 2011, the funding for arts and culture has increased by around 50 percent.

In 2023, nearly 160 million euro from this budget are designated for the two state theaters and over 14 million euro for the three “Landesbühnen” (State Stages). In addition, over 90 million euro go to support the art and music academies. The cultural budget also includes more than 68 million euro for the state museums and nearly 20 million euro for the two state libraries. Over 23 million euro go to archives such as the Baden-Württemberg State Archives and the German Literature Archive in Marbach.

Non-governmental theaters, festivals and orchestras as well as municipal theaters receive funding of over 76 million euro, while a further 132 million euro is provided for general arts and culture funding, including music, theater, literature, dance, visual arts, subculture, film and media as well as for culture in rural areas funded by the regional councils.
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