

Modern Love

Find out how the steel town of Pittsburgh grew into a hotbed of contemporary arts and culture. By [Natasha Mekhail](#)

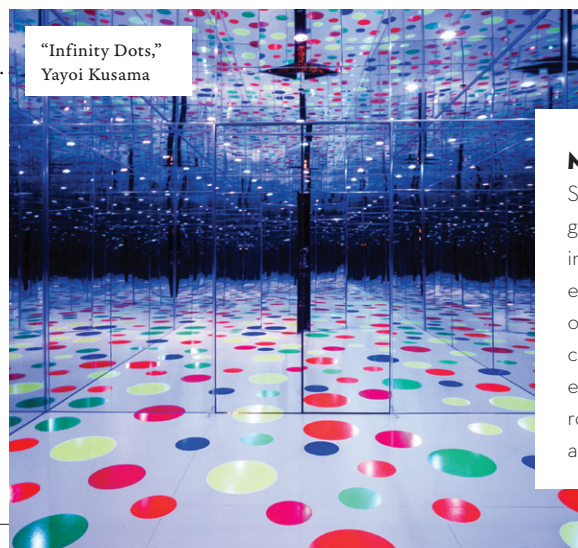


PHOTOS: ABBY WARHOLA (MUSEUM); MATTRESS FACTORY (KUSAMA); RICHARD NOWITZ/ALAMY (FALLINGWATER)

THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM

Before soaring to fame in New York, Andy Warhol (born Andrew Warhola) grew up in a working class Pittsburgh neighborhood. Follow his legendary career, from early commercial work as a Madison Avenue advertising illustrator to his haunting silent-film series "Screen Tests" (you can even make one of your own), at the largest museum in the US devoted to a single artist. warhol.org

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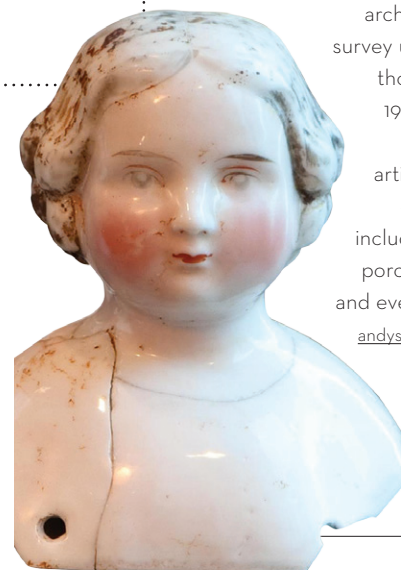


"Infinity Dots," Yayoi Kusama

MATTRESS FACTORY

Spread over three buildings, including a former grocery store, this repository of outsized art installations is a completely immersive experience. Get up close to mixed media sculpture or enter rooms transformed into mirrored chambers, baffling optical illusions or even cast entirely in darkness. Whatever the gallery's rotating collection presents, you're sure to leave a little transformed yourself. mattress.org

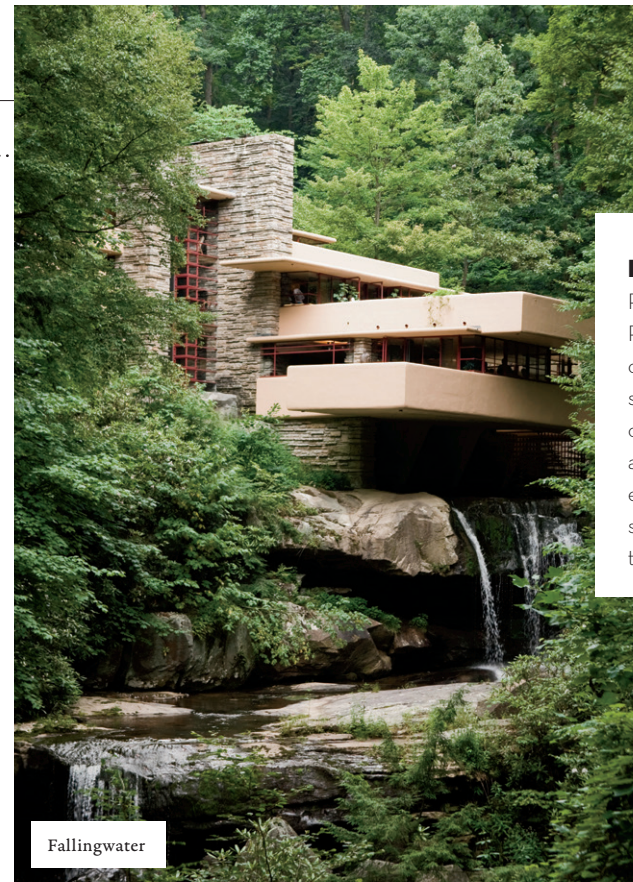
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ANDY'S WINE BAR

Named for the two "Andys" (Warhol and steel magnate Andrew Carnegie) who symbolize Pittsburgh's pillars of art and industry, Fairmont Pittsburgh's lobby lounge comes alive at night to the sounds of live jazz. A gathering spot for guests and locals alike, the entire hotel is a museum. During excavation in 2007, an archaeological survey uncovered thousands of 19th-century mercantile artifacts, now on display, including china, porcelain dolls and even a pistol. andyswinebar.com

Fallingwater



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FALLINGWATER AND KENTUCK KNOB

Frank Lloyd Wright completed his residential masterpiece, Fallingwater, in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands (90 minutes outside Pittsburgh) in 1939. Five decades later, the home, set over a natural waterfall and fixed to a cliffside, remains one of the coolest houses on the planet. About 15 minutes away, Kentucky Knob is more understated but a superb example of the original starchitect's minimalist Usonian style. Both are open to the public for guided tours (check the sites for seasonal hours). fallingwater.org; kentuckknob.com

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QUANTUM THEATRE

Most theaters design a set around a play - Quantum takes the play and goes out to find the theater. The company has no permanent venue for shows, but instead identifies sites throughout the city that fit each work. The result: Lope de Vega in a rose garden, Ibsen in a carriage house. And for more custom flavor, Quantum partners with nearby restaurants to offer unique-to-the-neighborhood catering. quantumtheatre.com



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3 MULTI-DUTY VENUES

01 BAR MARCO

The top floor is an exhibition space, the main a trendy resto-bar, and the cellar a communal table for chef-hosted dinners - all of it in a restored firehouse. barmarcopgh.com

02 ROW HOUSE CINEMA

This art-house cinema connects to the craft beer store and taproom next door, letting you select, among its hundreds of labels, something to savor during the show. rowhousecinema.com

03 HABITAT

Fairmont Pittsburgh's restaurant hosts a popular monthly culinary class, introducing diners to cooking and pairing styles like sake and sushi or bourbon and BBQ. habitatrestaurant.com