



# BEST OF AUSTIN 2009

As voted in Austin Chronicle's  
Reader's Poll 2009



## Architecture & Lodging

### Best Bathroom

#### **Vivo**

2015 Manor Rd  
482-0300  
www.vivo-austin.com

### Best Bed & Breakfast

#### **Kimber Modern**

110 The Circle  
912-1046  
www.kimbermodern.com

### Best Cheap Motel

#### **Heart of Texas Motel**

5303 Hwy. 290 W  
892-0644  
www.heartoftexasmotel.com

### Best Historic Site

#### **Texas State Capitol**

1100 Congress  
305-8400  
www.capitol.state.tx.us

### Best Hotel

#### **Hotel San José**

1316 S. Congress  
444-7322  
www.sanjosehotel.com

### Best Hotel/Motel Pool

#### **Four Seasons**

98 San Jacinto  
478-4500  
www.fourseasons.com/austin

### Best Hotel/Motel Staff

#### **Four Seasons**

98 San Jacinto  
478-4500  
www.fourseasons.com/austin

### Best Motel

#### **Austin Motel**

1220 S. Congress  
441-1157  
www.austinmotel.com

### Best New Building (Past Five Years)

#### **Long Center for the Performing Arts**

701 W. Riverside  
457-5100  
www.thelongcenter.org

### Best Public Art

#### **Austin GuitarTown**

Penn Field  
3601 S. Congress Ste. G-400  
www.austinguitartown.com

### Best Sign

#### **Austin Motel**

1220 S. Congress  
441-1157  
www.austinmotel.com

### Best Window Display

#### **Blackmail**

1202 S. Congress  
326-7670  
www.blackmailboutique.com

## Arts & Entertainment

### Best Actor/Actress

#### **Arthur Simone**

www.arthursimone.com

### Best Art Gallery

#### **Okay Mountain**

1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B  
www.okaymountain.com

## Best Clothing Designer

### Chia

457-9456

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

## Best Comedian/Comedy Troupe

### Master Pancake Theater

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

## Best Composer

### Graham Reynolds

3010 E. 14th 1/2

773-4653

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

## Best Dance Company

### Ballet Austin

501 W. Third

476-9051

[www.balletaustin.org](http://www.balletaustin.org)

## Best Emergent Local Filmmaker

### PJ Raval

507-8158

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

## Best Jukebox

### Casino el Camino

517 E. Sixth

469-9330

[www.casinoelcamino.net](http://www.casinoelcamino.net)

## Best Live Club/Party DJ

### DJ Manny

411 W. Monroe

447-3656

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

## Best Movie Theatre

### Alamo Drafthouse

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

## Best Museum

### Blanton

MLK & Congress Ave

471-7324

[www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org)

## Best New Club

### Shangri-La

1016 E. Sixth

524-4291

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

## Best Party of the Year

### South by Southwest

1000 E 40th St

467-7979

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

## Best Performance Space

### Long Center

701 W. Riverside

457-5100

[www.thelongcenter.org](http://www.thelongcenter.org)

## Best Place to Dance

### Beauty Bar

617 E. Seventh

391-1943

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

## Best Place to See Local Art

### East Austin Studio Tour

Bolm Studios, 5305 Bolm #10

385-1670

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

## Best Scenester/Mover & Shaker

**TIE: Stephen Moser; Henri Mazza**

Stephen MacMillan Moser  
The Austin Chronicle  
4000 N. I-35  
454-5766  
austinchronicle.com

Henri Mazza  
Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz  
320 E. Sixth  
476-1320  
www.originalalamo.com

## Best Theatre Director

**Bonnie Cullum**

The Vortex  
2307 Manor Rd  
478-5282  
www.vortexrep.org

## Best Visual Artist

**Jill Pangallo**

www.jillpangallo.com

## Food & Drink

### Best 24-Hour/Late

**Magnolia Cafe**

www.cafemagnolia.com

### Best Bar Ambience

**TIE: Casino el Camino; House Wine**

Casino el Camino  
517 E. Sixth  
469-9330  
www.casinoelcamino.net

House Wine

408 Josephine  
322-5210  
www.housewineaustin.com

## Best Bar Staff

**TIE: Rio Rita; Nomad**

Rio Rita  
1308 E. Sixth  
524-0384  
www.riorita.net

Nomad  
1213 Corona  
628-4288  
www.myspace.com/nomadbar

## Best Beer Selection

**The Ginger Man**

301 Lavaca  
473-8801  
www.gingermanpub.com

## Best Beer/Wine Prices

**Spec's**

www.specsonline.com

## Best Cheap Date

**P. Terry's**

371-9975  
www.pterrys.com

## Best Farmers' Market

**Austin Farmers' Market, Downtown**

www.austinfarmersmarket.org

## Best Food Event

**'Austin Chronicle' Hot Sauce Festival**

4000 N. I-35  
454-5766  
austinchronicle.com

## Best Intimate Dining

**wink**

1014 N. Lamar Ste. E  
482-8868  
www.winkrestaurant.com

## Best Local Food Company

### Greenling

3913 Todd Ln. #618

440-8449

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

## Best Lunch Delivery

### Jimmy John's

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

## Best Neighborhood Grocery

### Wheatsville Food Co-op

3101 Guadalupe

478-2667

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

## Best Neighborhood/Dive Bar

### LaLa's

2207 Justin

453-2521

## Best Outdoor Dining

Shady Grove

1624 Barton Springs Rd

474-9991

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

## Best Place to Take a First Date

### Alamo Drafthouse

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

## Best Sweets/Goodies

### Tiff's Treats

[www.cookie.delivery.com](http://www.cookie.delivery.com)

## Best Wine Selection

### vino vino

4119 Guadalupe

465-9282

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

## Best Best-Kept Secret

### Love Puppies Brownies

507-5926

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

## Kids

## Best Afterschool Activity

### TIE: YMCA; KidsActing

YMCA Camps

2121 E. Sixth

236-9622

[www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)

KidsActing

2826 Real Street

836-5437

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

## Best Birthday Cakes

### Lucy's Cakes

5320 Bee Caves Rd

347-8585

## Best Bookstore

### BookPeople

603 N. Lamar

472-5050

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

## Best Clothing

### Pumpkin Patch Children's Resale

2324 S. Lamar

804-2008

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

## Best DVD Selection

### Vulcan Video

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

## Best Haircut

### **Birds Barbershop**

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

## Best Party Place

### **Pump It Up**

9330 United #180

832-1110

[www.pumpitupparty.com/austin.html](http://www.pumpitupparty.com/austin.html)

## Best Restaurant

### **Phil's Icehouse**

5620 Burnet Rd

524-1212

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

## Best Shoes

### **Sandy's Shoes**

2438 W. Anderson Ste. C-4

452-8697

## Best Sports/Rec Program

### **TIE: WAYA; YMCA**

YMCA Camps

2121 E. Sixth

236-9622

[www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)

## Best Summer Camp

### **Summer Wonders**

3801 Capital of Tx Hwy N Ste E240-158

346-7039

[www.summerwonders.org](http://www.summerwonders.org)

## Best Teen Hangout

### **Barton Springs**

2101 Barton Springs Rd.

476-9044

[www.cityofaustin.org/parks/bartonsprings.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/parks/bartonsprings.htm)

## Best Texas Amusement Park

### **Schlitterbahn**

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

## Best Toys

### **TIE: Toy Joy; Terra Toys**

Toy Joy

2900 Guadalupe

320-0090

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

### **Terra Toys**

2438 W. Anderson Ste. C-1

445-4489

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

## Best Video-Game Rental/Purchase

### **Game Over Videogames**

911 W. Anderson #106

454-4263

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

## Media

### Best Journalist

#### **TIE: Wells Dunbar and Jordan Smith,**

Wells Dunbar: The Austin Chronicle

Jordan Smith: The Austin Chronicle

[austinchronicle.com](http://austinchronicle.com)

### Best Local Author/Poet

#### **Sarah Bird**

### Best Local Blog

#### **Austinist**

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

### Best Local Blogger

#### **Eileen Smith, 'Texas Monthly,' In the Pink**

Texas Monthly

701 Brazos #1600

320-6900

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

### Best Local Entertainment Website

#### **Austinist**

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

### Best Local News Website

**TIE: KVUE; KXAN**

KVUE

459-6521

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

KXAN

476-3636

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

### Best Local Non-'Chronicle' Publication 'Texas Travesty'

University of Texas at Austin, PO Box D  
471-7898

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

### Best Local TV News

**KVUE**

3201 Steck

459-6521

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

### Best Locally Produced TV Show

**'Austin City Limits'**

KLRU

2504-B Whitis

471-4811

[www.klr.org](http://www.klr.org)

### Best Music Station

**KGSR 107.1FM**

8309 N. I-35

832-4000

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

### Best Photographer

**Sandy Carson**

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

### Best Public-Access TV Show

**'Cookin' Good With the Cola Sisters'**

PO Box 302102

782-HEAT

### Best Radio Music DeeJay

**Jason Dick, 101X**

101X FM

8309 N. I-35

832-4000

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

### Best Radio Talk/News Host

**Deb O'Keefe, 101X**

101X FM

8309 N. I-35

832-4000

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

### Best Sportscaster

**Mike Barnes, KVUE**

KVUE

3201 Steck

459-6521

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

### Best Sportswriter

**Cedric Golden, 'Austin American-Statesman'**

Austin American-Statesman

305 S. Congress

445-3500

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

### Best Talk/News Station

**KUT**

2504 Whitis

471-1631

[www.kut.org](http://www.kut.org)

### Best TV Anchor

**Judy Maggio, KEYE**

KEYE

10700 Metric

835-0042

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

### Best TV Reporter

#### **Quita Culpepper, KVUE**

3201 Steck  
459-6521  
www.kvue.com

### Best Weatherperson

#### **Jim Spencer, KXAN**

KXAN  
908 W. MLK  
476-3636  
www.kxan.com

## Outdoors & Recreation

### Best Annual Event

#### **Austin City Limits Music Festival**

www.aclfestival.com

### Best Basketball Court

#### **Gregory Gym**

UT campus  
Speedway & 21st  
471-6370

### Best Bike Ride

#### **Lady Bird Lake**

Colorado River between Tom Miller Dam  
and Longhorn Dam  
974-6700

Trail Foundation

PO Box 5195

733-3989

www.cityofaustin.org/parks; www.townlaketrail.org

### Best Bowling Alley

#### **Dart Bowl**

5700 Grover  
452-2518  
www.dartbowl.com

### Best Day Trip - Wet

#### **Hamilton Pool**

24300 Hamilton Pool Rd  
512/264-2740  
www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/hamilton\_pool.asp

### Best Day Trip – Dry

#### **TIE: Enchanted Rock; Fredericksburg**

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area  
16710 RR 965, Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce

106 N. Adams, Fredericksburg

830/997-6523

www.fredericksburg-texas.com

### Best Fitness Classes

#### **TIE: Yoga Yoga; 24 Hour Fitness**

Yoga Yoga

490-1200

www.yogayoga.com

24-Hour Fitness

1000 E. 41st

458-2424

www.24hourfitness.com

### Best Gear/Sporting Goods

#### **TIE: Whole Earth Provision Co.; REI**

Whole Earth Provision Co.

1014 N. Lamar

476-1414

REI

www.rei.com

### Best Golf

#### **Lions Municipal**

2901 Enfield

477-6963

www.cityofaustin.org/parks/lions.htm

## Best Local Team

### UT Longhorns

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

## Best Place to Camp

### Inks Lake

3630 Park Road 4 W, Inks Lake

512/793-2223

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/inks/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/inks/)

## Best Place to Skate

**TIE: Playland Skate Center; the Veloway**

Playland Skate Center

8822 McCann

452-1901

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

Veloway

4900 La Crosse

974-6700

[www.ci.austin.tx.us/bicycle](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/bicycle)

## Best Place to Tube

### Comal River, Landa Park

192 Landa Park Dr, New Braunfels

[www.nbtexas.org/index.aspx?nid=156](http://www.nbtexas.org/index.aspx?nid=156)

## Best Pool/Billiards

**TIE: The Grand; Buffalo Billiards**

The Grand

4631 Airport

454-1986

Buffalo Billiards

201 E. Sixth

479-7665

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

## Best Scenic View

### Mount Bonnell

3800 Mount Bonnell Dr

[www.cityofaustin.org/parks](http://www.cityofaustin.org/parks)

## Best Swimming Hole

### Barton Springs

2101 Barton Springs Rd

476-9044

[www.cityofaustin.org/parks/bartonsprings.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/parks/bartonsprings.htm)

## Best Swimming Pool

### Deep Eddy

401 Deep Eddy Ave

[www.deepeddy.org](http://www.deepeddy.org)

## Best Tennis Court

### Caswell Tennis Courts

2312 Shoal Creek Blvd

478-6268

[www.cityofaustin.org/parks/tennis.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/parks/tennis.htm)

## Services

### Best Appliance/TV Repair

#### Mr. Wizard's Electronics

1507 W. North Loop

454-1137

### Best Auto Service/Repair

#### Yost Automotive

5415 N. Lamar

374-9678

### Best Barbershop

#### Birds Barbershop

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

### Best Bicycle Repair

#### The Peddler Bike Shop

5015 Duval

220-6766

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

### Best Car Wash

#### Genie Car Wash

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

## Best Computer Repair

**TIE: Happy Mac; Mr. Notebook**

Happy Mac  
601-A E. 53rd  
420-9191  
[www.austinhappymac.com](http://www.austinhappymac.com)

Mr. Notebook  
2401 Rio Grande  
474-6060  
[www.mrnotebook.com](http://www.mrnotebook.com)

## Best Dry Cleaner

**EcoClean**

2915 Guadalupe  
236-8645  
[www.ecocleanaustin.com](http://www.ecocleanaustin.com)

## Best Florist

**Freytag's Florist**

2211 W. Anderson  
[www.freytags.com](http://www.freytags.com)

## Best Hair Salon

**Roar**

201 E. Fifth #107  
474-7627  
[www.roar-roar.com](http://www.roar-roar.com)

## Best Landscape Services

**Fertile Ground Gardens**

7603 Basil  
340-0432  
[www.fertilegroundgardens.com](http://www.fertilegroundgardens.com)

## Best Laundromat

**Wash Day Laundry**

7626 Hwy. 71 W. #103  
906-2760  
[www.washdaylaundry.com](http://www.washdaylaundry.com)

## Best Movers

**Heavenly Care Moving**

13266 Pond Springs  
340-0551  
[www.heavenlycaremoving.com](http://www.heavenlycaremoving.com)

## Best Pedicure/Manicure

**TIE: Pure Nails; Nails of America**

Pure Nails  
2110 S. Lamar  
284-6000

Nails of America & Spa

1000 E. 41st #220  
374-1911

## Best Printer/Copies

**FedEx Kinko's**

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

## Best Shoe Repair

**Austin Shoe Hospital**

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

## Best Spa

**Milk + Honey**

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

## Best Tailor

**Acce Tailors**

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

## Best Tattoo Artist

**Karen Slafter: Resurrection Tattoo**

2108-D S. Lamar  
851-8288  
[www.reztattoo.com](http://www.reztattoo.com)

## Best Veterinarian

**Oak Springs Veterinary Hospital**

9324-C Hwy. 290 W  
288-1040  
[www.austinvet.net](http://www.austinvet.net)

## Shopping

### Best Antiques/Collectibles

#### Uncommon Objects

1512 S. Congress

442-4000

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

### Best Car Dealership

#### Howdy Honda

5519 E. Ben White

443-4300

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

### Best Clothing

Buffalo Exchange

2904 Guadalupe

480-9925

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

### Best Comic-Book Store

#### Austin Books & Comics

5002 N. Lamar

454-4197

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

### Best Computer Store

#### Discount Electronics

1011 W. Anderson

459-0026

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

### Best Convenience Store

#### TIE: Whip In; Monarch

Whip In

1950 S. I-35

442-5337

Monarch Food Mart

1402 E. 38 1/2

478-4492

### Best Drugstore/Pharmacy

#### Peoples Rx

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

### Best DVD Rental/Purchase

#### Vulcan Video

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

### Best Furnishings

#### Home: TIE: Four Hands; IKEA

Four Hands

2090 Woodward

371-7575

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

IKEA

1 IKEA Way, Round Rock

828-4532

[www.ikea-usa.com](http://www.ikea-usa.com)

### Best Gardening Store

#### TIE: Natural Gardener; the Great Outdoors

Natural Gardener

8648 Old Bee Caves Rd

288-6113

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

Great Outdoors

2730 S. Congress

448-2992

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

### Best Green Business

#### Eco-Wise

110 W. Elizabeth

326-4474

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

### Best Liquor Store

#### Twin Liquors

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

### Best Local Bookstore

#### BookPeople

603 N. Lamar

472-5050

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

## Best Local Hardware Store

### **Breed & Co.**

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

## Best Music Gear

### **Guitar Center**

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

## Best Naughty Business

### **Forbidden Fruit**

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

## Best New Local Business

### **TIE: Domy Books; House Pizzeria**

Domy Books

913 E. Cesar Chavez

476-3669

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

House Pizzeria

5111 Airport

600-4999

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

## Best Pet Store

### **Bark 'n Purr Pet Center**

4604 Burnet Rd

452-3883

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

## Best Record/CD Store

### **Waterloo Records & Video**

600-A N. Lamar

474-2500

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

## Best Shoe Selection

### **Nordstrom's**

Barton Creek Square

2901 Capital of TX Hwy. S

691-3500

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

## Best Small Record/CD Store

### **End of an Ear**

2209 S. First

462-6008

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

## Best Thrift Store

### **Goodwill**

[www.austingoodwill.org](http://www.austingoodwill.org)

## Best Vintage

### **Room Service Vintage**

107 E. North Loop

451-1057

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



# Austin Title

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