73 Best Websites for Artists

By Watercolor Artist Staff

Don’t waste your time “surfing.” Find the go-to art sites right here.

www.askart.com
- A database of information on artists and their works, including biographical information, images, and links to their portfolios.
- A valuable resource for artists looking for inspiration or information on specific artists.

www.artic.edu/aic
- The website for the Minneapolis Institute of Art, featuring exhibitions, collections, and events.
- Provides information on the institute’s facilities, programming, and educational resources.

www.artchive.com
- An online resource for art lovers, offering a wide range of art-related content.
- Features art news, artist profiles, and a comprehensive database of art resources.

www.artcyclopedia.com
- A comprehensive resource for art lovers, offering information on artists, art movements, and art history.
- Provides access to art-related content, including articles, biographies, and art-related resources.

www.artdiet.com
- A website for artists, offering nutrition and wellness information specifically tailored for artists.
- Features recipes and articles on nutrition, health, and wellness.

www.artexhibitions.com
- A directory of current and upcoming art exhibitions worldwide, organized by country and city.
- Provides information on exhibition dates, opening times, and entry fees.

www.artfido.com
- An online resource for artists, offering information on art-related topics, including art history, art theory, and art market information.
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www.artlister.com
- A website for artists, offering information on art-related topics, including art history, art theory, and art market information.
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www.artquotes.net
- A website for artists, offering a comprehensive database of quotes from famous artists.
- Provides a searchable database of quotes, sorted by artist and category.

www.artresource.com
- A website for artists, offering comprehensive information on art-related topics, including art history, art theory, and art market information.
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www.artrev.com
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www.artist-magazine.com
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www.artspy.com
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www.artstudio.com
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Take a workshop with your favorite artist from the comfort of your own studio with Creative Catalyst’s instructional videos. Visit the site to browse the catalogue and read the blog to catch the news on new productions.

www.ccppvideos.com

While the quality of the instructional videos on YouTube may not be phenomenal, the range of offerings for watercolor artists certainly is. At last glance, there were more than 3,500 short watercolor videos available. The trick is narrowing the search to suit your needs. Get specific.

www.youtube.com

Use this handy list of juried events around the country to plan your yearly art fair schedule.

www.artfaircalendar.com

Find leads for just about anything you want to do with your art, including contests and competitions, jobs and internships, scholarships, grants and fellowships, art fairs, and other calls for entry.

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Exhibitions/Competitions

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Need some creative support? Our lively forum has you covered. Registered members can also take part in the bimonthly All-Media Paint-Off challenges to win prizes.

http://forum.artistsnetwork.com

A nonprofit organization, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to advancing the arts in America. Their site keeps you apprised of important art legislation and makes it easy for you to be heard with one-click tools, tips and information you need to contact your local legislators.

www.americansforthearts.org

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www.nea.gov

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Learn how to make a living making art, or find out who’s hiring.


Typically, you can purchase products from retailers’ sites, whereas manufacturers’ sites contain information about the materials.

www.wetcanvas.com Interact with fellow artists on a wide range of topics in one of the many forums, browse the extensive article index, give and receive feedback in online art critiques, be inspired by the library of reference images and experiment with the site’s “virtual palette” color mixing tool.

Community

Connect with other artists in your area by finding a watercolor society near you on our society listings page. Sign up on several different organizations’ sites to receive their newsletters in your inbox.

www.artistsnetwork.com/article/wcm_societies.asp

A nonprofit organization, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to advancing the arts in America. Their site keeps you apprised of important art legislation and makes it easy for you to be heard with one-click tools, tips and information you need to contact your local legislators.

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Typically, you can purchase products from retailers’ sites, whereas manufacturers’ sites contain information about the materials.

www.watercolorartistmagazine.com
Where to buy:
- Art Xpress (www.artxpress.com)
- Dick Blick Art Materials (www.dickblick.com)
- Art Supply Warehouse (www.aswexpress.com)
- Cheap Joe’s Art Stuff (www.cheapjoes.com)
- Jerry’s Artarama (www.jerryartarama.com)
- MisterArt.com (www.misterart.com)
- Utrecht Art Supplies (www.utrechtart.com)
- Savoir Faire (www.savoirfaire.com)

Where to learn more about the materials:
- National Art Materials Trade Association (www.namta.org)
- Winsor & Newton (www.winsornewton.com)
- Royal & Langnickel (www.royalbrush.com)
- Daler-Rowney (www.daler-rowney.com)
- Daniel Smith Art Materials (www.danielsmith.com)
- Jack Richeson & Co. (www.richesonart.com)
- Da Vinci Paints (www.davincipaints.com)
- Caran d’Ache (www.carandache.ch)
- Golden Artist Colors (www.goldenpaints.com)
- Liquitex Artist Acrylics (www.liquitex.com)
- Loew-Cornell (www.loew-cornell.com)
- Holbein Artist’s & Designer’s Materials (www.holbeink.com)
- Natural Pigments (http://naturalpigments.com)
- Fredrix Artist Canvas (www.fredrixartistcanvas.com)
- Fabriano (www.carrierfabriano.it)
- ArtAffairs (www.artaffairs.com)
- American Frame (www.americanframe.com)
- Hartford Fine Art (www.hartfordfineart.com)
- FrameTek (www.frametek.com)

Just for Fun
- www.absolutearts.com
- www.artcafe.net
- www.guardian.co.uk/quiz/questions/0,717367,00.html
- www.worldofwatercolor.com
- www.artistsnetwork.com/article/wc-best-websites.html

The biographical essays on well-known artists are particularly insightful.

Create an instant Jackson Pollock painting online with this spunky generator. You’re just a click away from abstract expressionist delight.

Check out inspirational art articles at The Painter’s Keys, and sign up to receive a free twice-weekly e-newsletter. A selection of videos is also available on the site.

At a loss for what to say at your art group’s critique meetings? Let the Instant Art Critique Phrase Generator do it for you. The tool promises authority and confidence, though not accuracy.

Find out what the host of the popular NPR and PBS travel shows has to say about museums and galleries all over the world. Rick Steves gives you the inside skinny on what to skip and what to savor on your next art-inspired trip.

Rejuvenate your art by taking a trip and let The New York Times guide you. Read articles, watch slide shows and take a peek at the art party circuit.

Get your how-to fix at World of Watercolor, the online magazine for watercolor artists.