

ARTS

The Minneapolis Saint Paul area is home to nearly 60 museums including the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Minnesota Children's Museum and the nationally acclaimed Walker Art Center. Only Chicago and Washington, D.C. have more museums.

GQ magazine recently named Minneapolis one of the world's "Seven Best Art Cities."

Minneapolis Saint Paul has the fourth most active jazz scene in the country, behind only New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

ORDWAY CENTER

Middle of the country, but hardly middle of the road.

Minneapolis Saint Paul isn't just home to this year's Republican National Convention, it's a vibrant place to work, live and visit. From a thriving business environment, inventive residents and a flourishing arts and theater community, to picturesque landscapes and a burgeoning culinary scene, Minneapolis Saint Paul has much to offer. Everywhere you turn, there's something to impress. Those who live here, love it. Those who visit are astonished by how wonderful it is. It's a place of contrasts where the people are humble yet proud, driven yet friendly and committed to both work and play. What people experience here is the best of all worlds. To put it simply, there's more to life in Minneapolis Saint Paul.



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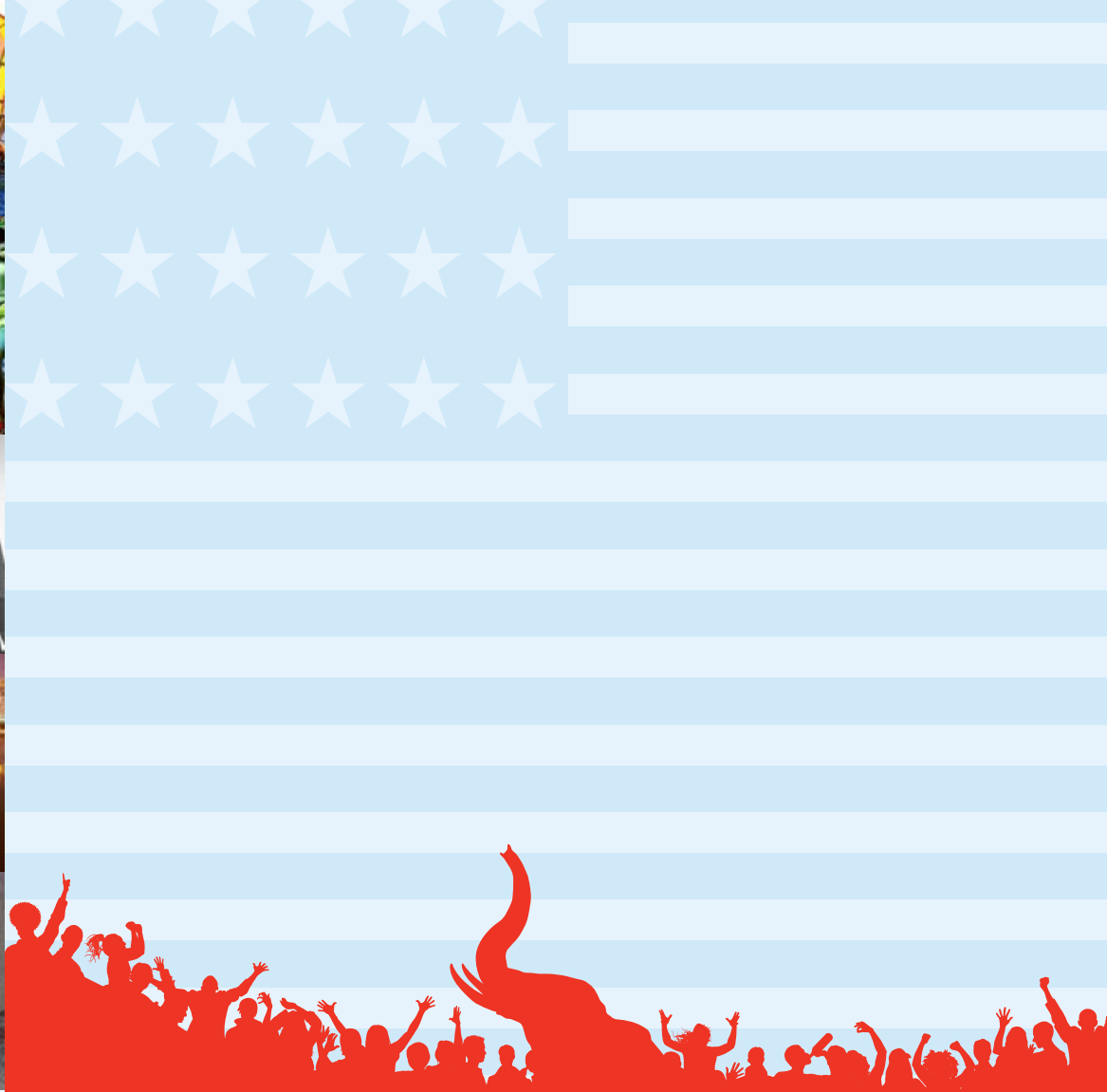
MINNEAPOLIS SKYWAY

INDUSTRY

Minnesota is home to 19 Fortune 500 companies, more per capita than any other U.S. state except one. When it comes to Fortune 1000 companies, we're second to none.

The state ranks third in patent intensity. Our inventions include: the Pacemaker, Thinsulate®, Post-it® Notes, Rollerblades®, Cheerios®, Spam® and more.

More than 8,000 health care companies line Minnesota's "Medical Alley," starting at the world-renowned Mayo Clinic.



**A convention you won't forget.
(Of course, neither will the elephant.)**



Minneapolis Saint Paul is one of only a few U.S. cities with all four major professional sports teams – Minnesota Twins baseball, Minnesota Vikings football, Minnesota Wild hockey and Minnesota Timberwolves men's basketball. In total, 10 pro teams play in the metro area.

We invented shopping as it is today, with the country's first enclosed mall (**Southdale**) and also **Mall of America** – the biggest shopping and entertainment complex in the country, which features the nation's first Nickelodeon Universe theme park.

Three of the five nominees for this year's "Best Chef: Midwest" James Beard Award (the culinary industry's equivalent of the Oscar) are from Minneapolis Saint Paul.

ENTERTAINMENT

FIRST AVENUE



THEATER

Minneapolis Saint Paul has more theater seats per capita than any other U.S. city outside of New York.

There are 75 professional theaters that call Minneapolis Saint Paul home.

Minneapolis Saint Paul boasts three regional Tony Award-winning theaters including the Children's Theatre Company, Theatre de la Jeune Lune and the stunning **Guthrie Theater** on the Mississippi Riverfront.

The number of Minnesotans who make their living as a performance artist is three times higher than the national average.

GUTHRIE THEATER



MINNESOTA WILD



LAKE CALHOUN

Minnesota boasts **more than 90,000 miles of shoreline** – more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.

Despite the popular catch phrase, "Land of 10,000 Lakes," there are **11,850 lakes** in Minnesota – 929 of them are in Minneapolis Saint Paul.

Minnesota ranks first in the nation for golfers and golf courses per capita. According to the National Golf Foundation, it ranks fourth among top golf destinations in the U.S.

RECREATION

