

## Certified Retirement Community Community Assessment

### Tab 2-L - Performing Arts

#### West Columbia

- Enjoy performances by the Columbia High School Theatre, Band and Choir
- Enroll in Jana's School of Dance

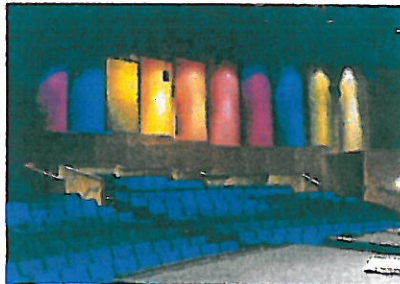
#### Lake Jackson ( 20 minutes)



The Clarion at Brazosport College – is a magnificent 600-seat performance hall designed to meet the highest acoustical standards. Features a stunning two-story lobby graced with a commissioned bronze sculpture entitled “Spirit of Music”; approx. 29,000 sq ft of custom designed spaces for performances, appreciation and learning opportunities of music.

[www.clarion.brazosport.edu](http://www.clarion.brazosport.edu)

#### Clute (25 minutes)



- The Center for the Arts and Sciences – has been recognized by “Frommer’s Texas” as one of the Ten Best Museums in Texas. Features an art gallery & studio, a museum of natural science, a planetarium and two theatres; offers summer workshops for children. The Brazosport Museum of Natural Science is home of the largest seashell collection in the south, with more than 14,000 on display. The Center is home to four member groups and seven organizations. Hosts many special events. Biennially, the major fund raiser is held – the Elizabethan Madrigal Feast. “Step into the past to provide for the future” enjoy dinner and performances in the main hall of the Warwick Castle with Queen Elizabeth I. [www.bcfas.org](http://www.bcfas.org)

- Brazosport Center Stages Theater – the longest continuously operating theater on the Texas Gulf Coast; produces 5 plays a year as well as a summer production for children. [www.bcfas.org](http://www.bcfas.org)
- Brazoswood Symphony Orchestra – comprised of volunteers from our local area. The orchestra produces six major concerts each year, the family concert and the Pops concert. [www.bcfas.org/symphony](http://www.bcfas.org/symphony)

### **Alvin (30 minutes)**

Alvin Community College Theatre –370 seating; drama department produces five plays a season. Full stage house, fully computerized lights & sound, four flying electrics and fully equipped scene shop & costume shop enhance each performance.

[www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu)

Alvin Opry House – live country and comedy stage shows; 300 seating; family atmosphere. [www.alvinopry.com](http://www.alvinopry.com)

### **Galveston (90 minutes)**



The Grand 1894 Opera House – listed in the National Register of Historic Places; proclaimed “The Official Opera House of Texas” by 1993 by the Texas Legislature. The theatre can accommodate groups of 50 to as many as 1,000.

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

### **Houston (90 minutes)**

Houston has many performing arts venues, too numerous to name, but the Houston Theatre District ([www.houstontheatredistrict.com](http://www.houstontheatredistrict.com)) is the best source for performance information for the Alley Theatre, Houston Ballet, Houston Grand Opera, Houston Symphony, Alley Theatre and Theatre under the Stars to name a few.