



Austin Title

BEST *of* AUSTIN 2010

As voted in Austin Chronicle's Reader's Poll 2010



Architecture & Lodging

Best Affordable Motel:

Hostelling International
2200 S. Lakeshore
444-2294
www.hiaustin.org

Best Bathroom:

Driskill Hotel
604 Brazos, 474-5911
www.driskillhotel.com

Best Bed & Breakfast: TIE:

Austin Folk House; Kimber Modern

Austin Folk House Bed & Breakfast
506 W. 22nd, 472-6700
www.austinfolkhouse.com

Kimber Modern
110 The Circle, 912-1046
www.kimbermodern.com

Best Downtown View:

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

Best Historic Site:

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

Best Holiday Display:

Zilker Tree Festival and Trail of Lights
2100 Barton Springs Rd.
974-6700
www.cityofaustin.org/zilker

Best Hotel:

Hotel San José
1316 S. Congress
444-7322
www.sanjosehotel.com

Best Hotel/Motel Pool: TIE:

Hotel San José; Hotel Saint Cecilia

Hotel San José
1316 S. Congress
444-7322
www.sanjosehotel.com

Hotel Saint Cecilia
112 Academy, 852-2400
www.hotelstcecilia.com

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:

The Austonian
200 Congress
866-396-7128
www.theaustonian.com

Best Public Art:

Knitta Please
www.magdasayeg.com

Best Sign:

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

Best Trailer:

Hey Cupcake!
1600 S. Congress
476-CAKE
www.heycupcake.com

Best Window Display: TIE: Blackmail; Anthropologie

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

Anthropologie
601 N. Lamar, 236-9301
www.anthropologie.com

Arts & Entertainment

Best Actor/Actress: TIE:

Martin Burke;
Meredith McCall
1510 Toomey, 476-0541
www.zachscott.com

Best Art Gallery:

Okay Mountain
1312-B E. Cesar Chavez
www.okaymountain.com

Best Clothing Designer: TIE:

Linda Asaf; Chia Guillory
Linda Asaf Design
1405 W. Sixth, 377-6937
www.lindaasaf.com

Chia
457-9456
www.chiahats.com

Best Comedian or Comedy Troupe:

Master Pancake Theater
www.twitter.com/
masterpancake

Best Composer:

Graham Reynolds
3010 E. 14 1/2
773-4653
www.grahamreynolds.com

Best Dancer or Dance Company: TIE:

Ballet Austin; Little Stolen Moments
Ballet Austin
501 W. Third
476-9051
www.balletaustin.org

Best Drag Performer: TIE:

Rebecca Havemeyer;
Saffire Trinity Stone
www.rebeccahavemeyer.com
www.facebook.com/saffire.
stone

Best Emergent Local**Filmmaker:** PJ Raval

507-8158

www.unraval.com

Best Jukebox:

Casino el Camino

517 E. Sixth, 469-9330

www.casinoelcamino.net

Best LGBTQ Hangout: TIE:Rain on 4th; Cheer Up
Charlie's

Rain on 4th

217 W. Fourth, 494-1150

www.rainon4th.com

Cheer Up Charlie's

1104 E. Sixth, 431-2133

www.cheerupcharlies.

blogspot.com

Best Live Club or Party DJ: TIE:

DJ Hella Yella; Toddy B

www.myspace.com/toddyb

Best Movie Theatre:

Alamo Drafthouse

Various locations

www.originalalamo.com

Best Museum:

The Blanton Museum of Art

MLK & Congress, 471-7324

www.blantonmuseum.org

Best New Club:

Barbarella

615 Red River, 476-7766

www.barbarellaustin.com

Best Party of the Year: TIE:QueerBomb; South by
Southwest

QueerBomb

www.queerbomb.org

South by Southwest

1000 E. 40th, 467-7979

www.sxsw.com

Best Performance Space:Long Center for the Perform-
ing Arts

701 W. Riverside, 457-5100

www.thelongcenter.org

Best Place To Dance:

Barbarella

615 Red River, 476-7766

www.barbarellaustin.com

Best Place To See Local Art:

East Austin Studio Tour

Big Medium

5305 Bolm #12, 385-1670

www.eastaustinstudiotour.com

Best Scenester/Mover &**Shaker: TIE:**

Mike Litt; Paul Soileau/Re-

becca Havemeyer

www.ilovemikelitt.com

www.rebeccahavemeyer.com

Best Theatre Director:

Ken Webster

511 W. 43rd, 479-PLAY

www.hydeparktheatre.com

Best Video-Game Studio/**Developer:**

BioWare

3110 Esperanza Crossing

#110, 382-8682

www.bioware.com

Best Visual Artist:

Federico Archuleta

www.graffitiwestern.com

Food & Drink

Best 24-Hour/Late:

Kerbey Lane Cafe

Various locations

www.kerbeylanecafe.com

Best Bar Ambience:

East Side Show Room

1100 E. Sixth

467-4280

www.eastsideshowroom.com

Best Bar Staff:

Péché

208 W. Fourth

495-9669

www.pecheaustin.com

Best Beer Selection:

The Ginger Man

301 Lavaca

473-8801

aus.gingermanpub.com

Best Beer/Wine Prices:

Spec's

Various locations

www.specsonline.com

Best Cheap Date:

Torchy's Tacos

Various locations

www.torchystacos.com

Best Cocktail Menu:

East Side Show Room

1100 E. Sixth

467-4280

www.eastsideshowroom.com

Best Farmers' Market:

Barton Creek Farmers Market

2901 Capital of TX Hwy. S.,

443-0143

bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org

Best Food Event: TIE:

'The Austin Chronicle'

Hot Sauce Festival;

ASA's Dining for Life

The Austin Chronicle

4000 N. I-35, 454-5766

austinchronicle.com

AIDS Services of Austin

7215 Cameron, 458-2437

www.asaustin.org

Best Intimate Dining: TIE:

Wink; Justine's

Wink

1014 N. Lamar, 482-8868

www.winkrestaurant.com

Justine's Brasserie

4710 E. Fifth, 385-2900

www.justines1937.com

Best Local Cocktail:
Mexican Martini

Best Local Farm:
Boggy Creek Farm
3414 Lyons
926-4650
www.boggycreekfarm.com

Best Local Food Blog:
Tasty Touring
facebook.com/tastytouring
www.tastytouring.com

Best Local Food Company:
Greenling
3913 Todd #618
440-8449
www.greenling.com

Best Lunch Delivery:
Jimmy John's
Various locations
www.jimmyjohns.com

Best Neighborhood Grocery:
Wheatsville Food Co-op
3101 Guadalupe
478-2667
www.wheatsville.com

Best Neighborhood/Dive Bar:
TIE:
Nomad; Liberty
Nomad
1213 Corona
628-4288
www.nomadbar.com

Liberty
1618 1/2 E. Sixth
600-4791

Best Outdoor Dining:
Shady Grove
1624 Barton Springs Rd.,
474-9991
www.theshadygrove.com

Best Place To Take a First Date: Uchi
801 S. Lamar, 916-4808
www.uchiaustin.com

Best Sweets/Goodies:
Tiff's Treats
Various locations
www.cookieedelivery.com

Best Wine Selection:
Vino Vino
4119 Guadalupe, 465-9282
www.vinovinotx.com

Best Best-Kept Secret: TIE:
Cafe Divine at St. David's
Episcopal Church; the Sand-
wich Joint
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. Eighth, 610-3500
www.stdave.org;
The Sandwich Joint
5035 Burnet Rd., 524-2917
www.thesandwichjoint.net

Kids

Best Afterschool Activity:
Theatrikids
www.theatrikids.com

Best Birthday Cakes:
Russell's Bakery
3339 Hancock
419-7877
www.russellsbakery.com

Best Bookstore:
BookPeople
603 N. Lamar
472-5050
www.bookpeople.com

Best Clothing:
Baby Bugaloo
5700 W. Slaughter #220,
301-3800
www.babybugaloo.com

Best DVD Selection: TIE:
Vulcan Video; I Luv Video
Vulcan Video
Various locations
www.vulcanvideo.com

I Luv Video
Various locations
www.iluvvideo.com

Best Haircut:
Birds Barbershop
Various locations
www.birdsbarbershop.com

Best Party Place: TIE:
Main Event; West Lake Beach
Main Event
13301 Hwy. 183 N.
401-0000
www.maineventusa.net

West Lake Beach
2509 Westlake Dr.
www.westlakebeach.com

**Best Restaurant: TIE: Waterloo
Ice House; Phil's Icehouse**
Waterloo Ice House
Various locations
www.waterlooicehouse.com;
Phil's Icehouse
5620 Burnet Rd.
www.philsicehouse.com

Best Shoes:
Sandy's Shoes & Toys
2525 W. Anderson
Bldg. 1, #150
452-8697
www.sandysshoesaustin.com

Best Sports/Rec Program:
Balcones Youth Sports
3106 Adelphi
www.balcones.net

Best Summer Camp: TIE:
Summer Wonders;
Kent Cummins Magic Camp
Summer Wonders
3901 Shoal Creek Blvd.
206-4070
www.summerwonders.org

Kent Cummins Magic Camp
850-4677
www.magiccamp.com

Best Teen Hangout:
Barton Springs Pool
2101 Barton Springs Rd.,
476-9044

Best Texas Amusement Park:
Schlitterbahn

400 N. Liberty, New Braunfels
830-625-2351
www.schlitterbahn.com

Best Toys:
Terra Toys

2438 W. Anderson Ste. C-1,
www.terratoy.com

**Best Video-Game Rental/
Purchase:**

GameStop
Various locations
www.gamestop.com

Media

Best Journalist:

Jordan Smith, 'The Austin
Chronicle'
4000 N. I-35
454-5766
austinchronicle.com

Best Local Author/Poet: TIE:

Owen Egerton, Sarah Bird
www.owenegerton.com
www.sarahbirdbooks.com

Best Local Blog: TIE:

Republic of Austin; Austinist
www.republicofaustin.com
www.austinist.com

Best Local Entertainment

Website:
Do512.com
2208 S. Lamar
507-5794
www.do512.com

Best Local News Website:

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

Best Local Non-'Chronicle'

Publication: TIE: 'The Daily
Texan'; 'Texas Travesty'
Texas Travesty
2500 Whitis
471-7898
www.texastravesty.com;

The Daily Texan
2500 Whitis
471-4591
www.dailytexanonline.com

Best Local TV News:
KVUE

3201 Steck
459-6521
www.kvue.com

**Best Locally Produced TV
Show:**

'Austin City Limits'
KLRU, 2504-B Whitis
471-4811
www.klru.org

Best Music Station:

KUT
2504 Whitis
471-1631
www.kut.org

Best Photographer:

Annie Ray
www.annieray.net

Best Public-Access TV Show:

'The Atheist Experience'
www.atheist-experience.com
www.channelaustin.org

Best Radio Music DeeJay:

John Aielli, KUT 90.5FM
2504 Whitis
471-1631
www.kut.org

Best Radio Talk/News Host:

Charlie Hodge, KLBJ-FM
8309 N. I-35, 832-4000
www.klbjfm.com

Best Sportscaster:

Mike Barnes, KVUE
3201 Steck, 459-6521
www.kvue.com

Best Sportswriter:

Kirk Bohls, 'Austin Ameri-
can-Statesman'
305 S. Congress, 445-3500
www.statesman.com

Best Talk/News Station:

KUT
2504 Whitis, 471-1631
www.kut.org

Best TV Anchor:

Judy Maggio, KEYE-TV
10700 Metric, 835-0042
www.weareaustin.com

Best TV Reporter:

Quita Culpepper, KVUE
3201 Steck, 459-6521
www.kvue.com

Best Weatherperson:

Jim Spencer, KXAN
908 W. MLK, 476-3636
www.kxan.com

Best Local Blogger:

Chris Apollo Lynn
www.republicofaustin.com

Outdoors & Recreation

Best Annual Event:

South by Southwest
1000 E. 40th, 467-7979
www.sxsw.com

Best Annual Festival:

Austin City Limits Music
Festival
C3 Presents, 478-7211
www.aclfestival.com

Best Austin Holiday:

Eeyore's Birthday
Pease Park, 1100 Kingsbury,
974-6700
www.eeyores.org

Best Basketball Court:
West Enfield Neighborhood
Park
2008 Enfield
www.cityofaustin.org/parks

Best Bike Ride: TIE:
Lady Bird Lake;
Hill Country Ride for AIDS
Lady Bird Lake
974-6700

Hill Country Ride for AIDS
371-RIDE
www.hillcountryride.org

Best Bowling Alley:
Dart Bowl
5700 Grover, 452-2518
www.dartbowl.com

Best Day Trip - Dry:
Enchanted Rock
16710 RR 965, Fredericksburg
830-685-3636

Best Day Trip – Wet:
Hamilton Pool
24300 Hamilton Pool Rd.
Dripping Springs
512/264-2740

Best Fitness Classes:
Austin Adventure Boot Camp
4425 MoPac, Bldg 2, #300-B
www.atxbootcamp.com

Best Gear/Sporting Goods: TIE:
Academy; REI
REI
Various locations
www.rei.com;

Academy Sports & Outdoors
Various locations
www.academy.com

Best Golf:
Lions Municipal Golf Course
2901 Enfield, 477-6963
www.cityofaustin.org/parks/lions.htm

Best Local Team:
Texas Longhorns
www.texassports.com

Best Place To Camp:
Krause Springs
424 CR 404, Spicewood,
830/693-4181
www.krausesprings.net

Best Place To Skate:
Playland Skate Center
8822 McCann, 452-1901
www.playlandskatecenter.com

Best Place To Tube:
Comal River
www.ci.new-braunfels.tx.us

Best Pool/Billiards:
The Grand
4631 Airport, 454-1986
www.myspace.com/the-grand_austin

Best Scenic View:
Mount Bonnell
3851 Mount Bonnell Dr.,
974-6700
www.cityofaustin.org/parks

Best Secret Romantic Hideaway:
Loop 360 Bridge
Loop 360
www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/loop_360.asp

Best Swimming Hole:
Barton Springs Pool
2101 Barton Springs Rd.,
476-9044
www.cityofaustin.org/parks/bartonsprings.htm

Best Swimming Pool:
Deep Eddy
401 Deep Eddy Ave., 472-8546
www.deepeddy.org

Best Tennis Court:
South Austin Tennis Center
1000 Cumberland, 442-1466
www.rippnertennis.com

Politics & Personalities

Best 501(c)(3):
AIDS Services of Austin
7215 Cameron, 458-2437
www.asaustin.org

Best Activist:
Ellen Jefferson, Austin Pets
Alive!
961-6519
www.austinpetsalive.org

Best Activist Organization:
Texas Freedom Network
Congress Avenue most days;
Sixth Street most nights

Best City Official:
Lee Leffingwell
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd
974-2250

Best Council Member:
Mike Martinez
City Hall, 301 W. 2nd
974-2264

Best Elected Official:
Lloyd Doggett
Office of Rep. Lloyd Doggett
300 E. Eighth #763
916-5921
www.house.gov/doggett

Best Environmentalist:
Paul Robbins, 'Austin Environ-
mental Directory'
447-8712
www.environmentaldirectory.info/Austin

Best Grassroots Activists:
Petland Protesters
www.nopetlandaustin.com

Best Green Program: TIE:
Car2Go; Single-Stream
Recycling
Car2Go
800 W. Fifth Ste. 100-B, 877-
www.car2go.com

City of Austin Solid Waste Services
494-9400
www.cityofaustin.org/sws

Best Local Politics Blog:
Burnt Orange Report
www.burntorangereport.com

Services

Best Appliance/TV Repair:
Mr. Wizard's Electronics Service
1507 W. North Loop
454-1137

Best Auto Service/Repair:
M.E. Gene Johnson Garage
4801 Airport
453-7376
www.megenejohnson.com

Best Barbershop:
Birds Barbershop
Various locations
www.birdsbarbershop.com

Best Bicycle Repair:
Bicycle Sport Shop
Various locations
www.bicyclesportshop.com

Best Car Wash:
Genie Car Wash
Various locations
www.geniecarwashes.com

Best Computer Repair:
Happy Mac
601-A E. 53rd
420-9191
www.austinhappymac.com

Best Dry Cleaner:
Westbank Dry Cleaning
Various locations
www.westbankdrycleaning.com

Best News Story:
BP Oil Spill
www.ifitweremyhome.com/disasters/bp

Best Scandal: TIE:
Gov. Rick Perry's Rent; Plane Crash Into IRS Building

Best Florist:
Freytag's Florist
2211 W. Anderson
371-5640
www.freytags.com

Best Hair Salon:
Urban Betty
1206 W. 38th #1201
371-7663
www.urbanbetty.com

Best Landscape Services:
Fertile Ground Organic Gardens
7603 Basil
340-0432
www.fertilegroundgardens.com

Best Laundromat:
Wash Day Laundry
7626 Hwy. 71 W. #103,
906-2760
www.washdaylaundry.com

Best Movers:
Unicorn Moving
102 Victor
339-9922
www.unicornmoving.com

Best Pedicure/Manicure: TIE:
Embellish Nails & Boutique;
Halina European Day Spa & Salon
Embellish Nails & Boutique
Various locations
www.embellishnails.com

Best Unsung Behind-the-Scenester: TIE:
Matt Curtis; Amy Everhart
City Hall, 301 W. Second,
974-2250 www.cityofaustin.org/council/leffingwell.htm

Halina European Day Spa & Salon
Various locations
www.halinaspaspa.com

Best Pet Groomer:
Dirty Dog
Various locations
www.dirty-dog.com

Best Printer/Copies:
FedEx Office
Various locations
www.fedexoffice.com

Best Shoe Repair:
Austin Shoe Hospital
Various locations
www.austishoehospital.com

Best Spa:
Lake Austin Spa Resort
1705 S. Quinlan Park
372-7300
www.lakeaustin.com

Best Tailor:
Ace Custom Tailors
Various locations
www.acetailors.com

Best Tattoo Artist:
Karen Slafter
2200-C S. Lamar
www.kali1313.com/home.html

Best Veterinarian:
Westlake Animal Hospital
3930 Bee Caves Rd.
327-1703
www.westlakeanimalhospital.com

Shopping

Best Antiques/Collectibles:

Uncommon Objects
1512 S. Congress, 442-4000
www.uncommonobjects.com

Best Car Dealership: TIE:

Howdy Honda; First Texas
Honda

Howdy Honda
5519 E. Ben White
443-4300
www.howdyhonda.com

First Texas Honda
1301 W. Koenig
888-348-9804
www.firsttexashonda.com

Best Clothing:

Strut
Various locations
www.shopstrut.com

Best Comic-Book Store:

Austin Books & Comics
5002 N. Lamar
454-4197
www.austinbooks.com

Best Computer Store:

Discount Electronics
Various locations
www.discountelectronics.com

Best Convenience Store:

Whip In
1950 S. I-35
442-5337
www.whipin.com

Best Drugstore/Pharmacy:

People's Rx
Various locations
www.peoplesrx.com

Best DVD Rental/Purchase:

Vulcan Video
Various locations
www.vulcanvideo.com

Best Furnishings/Home:

Four Hands
2090 Woodward, 371-7575
www.fourhands.com

Best Gardening Store:

The Natural Gardener
8648 Old Bee Caves Rd.,
288-6113
www.naturalgardeneraustin.com

Best Green Business:

Eco-Wise
110 W. Elizabeth, 326-4474
www.ecowise.com

Best Liquor Store: TIE:

Twin Liquors; Spec's
Twin Liquors
Various locations
www.twinliquors.com

Spec's
Various locations
www.specsonline.com

Best Local Bookstore:

BookPeople
603 N. Lamar, 472-5050
www.bookpeople.com

Best Local Hardware Store:

Breed & Co.
Various locations
www.breedandco.com

Best Music Gear:

Guitar Center
Various locations
www.guitarcenter.com

Best Naughty Business:

Forbidden Fruit
Various locations
www.forbiddenfruit.com

Best New Local Business: TIE:

Live Oak Pharmacy; Stag
Live Oak Pharmacy
1611 W. Fifth, 476-8979
www.liveoakrx.com

Stag
1423 S. Congress, 373-7824
www.stagaustin.com

Best Pet Store:

Bark 'n Purr Pet Center
4604 Burnet Rd., 452-3883
www.barknpurr.com

Best Record/CD Store:

Waterloo Records
600-A N. Lamar, 474-2500
www.waterloorecords.com

Best Shoe Selection:

Nordstrom
Various locations
www.nordstrom.com

Best Small Record/CD Store:

End of an Ear Records
2209 S. First, 462-6008
www.endofanear.com

Best Thrift Store:

Goodwill
Various locations
www.austingoodwill.org

Best Video-Game Rental/ Purchase:

Game Over Videogames
Various locations
www.gameovervideogames.com

Best Vintage:

Room Service Vintage
107 E. North Loop, 451-1057
www.roomservicevintage.com

