

BEST of BAMA

AWARDS 2022

Your votes have been tallied and we've got the winners!

In the following pages, we reveal readers' choices for the best of the best of Alabama's entertainment, restaurants, people and places from our northern border to our shores of the Gulf.

Who do you think should take the title of Best of Bama in 2023? Tell us!

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Advertising Agency

Intermark Group
Birmingham
intermarkgroup.com

This agency's services include strategic marketing and ad planning, marketing psychology and consumer behavior strategy, advertising creative creation, media services, advertisement production, interactive marketing services, public relations, small business marketing and advertising services, as well as social media marketing and advertising.

Architect

Walcott Adams Verneuille
Fairhope, Gulf Shores
wavarchitects.com

With more than three decades of design experience and the talent of 20 dedicated team members, this architectural and interiors firm designs buildings for both residential and commercial customers. As Fairhope's most established architectural firm, WAV has worked on nearly every building in the commercial district.

Bank

Bryant Bank
Statewide
bryantbank.com

Founded in 2005, Bryant Bank operates 18 branches located in five of the six largest metropolitan markets in our state: Huntsville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Mobile

and Baldwin County. They offer personal, business and mortgage banking services as well as treasury management services, correspondent banking and capital markets. A community bank exclusive to Alabama.

Charity Event

Chris Hammond Youth Foundation
Birmingham
chrishammondyouthfoundation.com

Founded by Chris and Lynne Hammond in the middle of Chris' Major League Baseball career for the purpose of making a positive impact in the lives of underprivileged youth. The foundation provides resources toward safe and adequately equipped spaces for sports in order to instill discipline, healthy exercise habits, pride, teamwork and leadership skills.

Hospital

UAB Hospital
Birmingham
uabmedicine.org

UAB Hospital is a major center for clinical research and the home to some of the top medical programs in America. The 1,157-licensed-bed hospital is among the 20 largest and best equipped in the nation. They provide patients with a complete range of primary and specialty care services and the most up-to-date treatments and innovations in health care.



Law Firm

Beasley Allen Law Firm
Montgomery, Mobile
beasleyallen.com

One of the country's leading civil litigation firms, Beasley Allen holds several national records for verdicts and settlements that have impacted both industry and the public.

Plastic Surgeon / Medical Spa

Rousso Adams
Birmingham
drrousso.com

Daniel E. Rousso is a plastic surgeon who has earned countless merits throughout his 30+ years of experience and is triple board-certified by the American Board of Facial and Reconstructive Surgery, American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and American Board of Hair Restoration. Dr. Austin S. Adams is double board-certified in facial plastic surgery and otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.

Real Estate Agency

LL&BB
Mobile
llbb.com

Recognized as the premier, upscale real estate company since 1986, LL&BB features commercial and residential properties throughout Mobile, Dauphin Island, the Eastern Shore and the Gulf.

School / University

University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa
ua.edu

This university offers more than 100 major and programs of study in eight different degree-granting colleges and schools. More than 120 graduate programs are offered as well as online courses to earn degrees from anywhere in the world.





Amphitheater

Sand Mountain Albertville

sandmountainamphitheater.com

This live music and entertainment venue has a full lineup of must-see bands and performances. Past performances have included a Live To Rock Tour featuring Skid Row, Quiet Riot and Winger; country music legends such as Travis Tritt and much more.

Art Gallery

Coastal Arts Center Orange Beach

coastalartscenter.com

The Coastal Arts Center campus overlooks scenic Wolf Bay and offers many artistic experiences with a breathtaking view. The 10,000-square-foot fine art gallery features a spacious two-story building displaying works by Gulf Coast artists.

Art Festival

Kentuck Northport

kentuck.org

This year's annual festival will be held October 15 and 16 at Kentuck Park. For 51 years, this festival has been a crossroads of creativity and community. The two-day festival has its roots in folk art and features more than 260 artists, live music, spoken word, activities for children, folk and contemporary craft demonstrations, food trucks and local craft brews.

Art Museum

Huntsville Museum of Art Huntsville

hsvmuseum.org

This five time Best of Bama winner has a permanent collection comprised of more than 3,200 objects, primarily focused on 19th and 20th century American art with an emphasis on art from the Southeast. African, Asian and European art is the secondary collecting focus with a revolving door of traveling exhibits.

Bed and Breakfast

Liberty Hall Camden

libertyhallbandb.com

This classic Greek Revival plantation has been the home of John Robert McDowell and his descendants since it was built in 1850. Only slight alterations have been made to the floor plan and family heirlooms sit where they've been enjoyed for generations. Overnight accommodations include four bedrooms with en-suite baths and two bedrooms with access to the house bath. Mornings begin with a full plantation breakfast in the dining room—the home's largest room.



Golf Course

Capitol Hill Prattville

rtjgolf.com

One of the most popular sites on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Capitol Hill features three 18-hole championship courses. Golf Magazine called the Judge course one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open and the Zagat Survey of America's Top Golf Courses ranked it among the top 50 courses in America. The Senator course was named among the Top 10 New Courses in the nation by Golf Magazine and is the host course for the Guardian Championship. The Legislator, a more traditional course, plays in and out of pine trees and along a bluff.

Heritage Tour

WHS Tour of Homes Wilcox County

wilcoxhistoricalsociety.org

The Wilcox County Historical Society hosts an annual Tour of Homes in which they do a four-year rotation of the towns in the area. This year Furman was on display with eight homes and two churches as well as other historical buildings on display. In March of 2023, ten houses and two churches in the city of Pine Apple will be open for historic tours.

Historic Landmark

USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park Mobile

ussalabama.com

This is the fifth win for this military memorial. The USS Alabama Battleship was home to a crew of 2,500 courageous Americans and this 45,000 ton war machine received nine Battle Stars for meritorious service during her brief three year tenure as the "Heroine of the Pacific" in World War II. Tours of the USS DRUM are also offered which is the oldest American submarine on public display. Explore tanks and artillery, an aircraft pavilion and much more.



Hotel/Resort

Kiva Dunes Gulf Shores

kivadunes.com

Located on the Fort Morgan peninsula of Gulf Shores, Kiva Dunes Resort features four pools, two restaurants and more than 3,000 feet of private beachfront. The property is also host to one of Alabama's highest acclaimed public golf courses where the biggest obstacle to good scores is the wind, the dunes and the untouched vegetation. The property features vacation rentals ranging from beach homes to condos overlooking the 18th green.

Music Festival

Rock the South Cullman

rockthesouth.com

Dubbed the "Biggest Party in the South," this concert series started as a way to raise funds to rebuild the area following the devastating tornadoes of 2011. Originally intended to be a one time event, it was such a huge hit the turned annual concert has had every major country music star from Luke Bryan, Sam Hunt, Dierks Bentley, Florida-Georgia Line, Alan Jackson, Thomas Rhett and Eric Church grace the Rock the South stage. This year's concert will be held August 5th and 6th. A variety of ticket options are available ranging from a general admission to VIP. RV Parking and car camping are also offered.





Performing Arts Venue

Gogue Performing Arts Center Auburn

goguecenter.auburn.edu

Engaging audiences across Auburn University, the state of Alabama and beyond, Gogue procures curated arts experiences that inspire, enlighten and unite. Featuring Grammy and Tony winning stars of stage and screen, innovative dance companies, jazz legends, Classical masters, Broadway hits and more.

Salon/Spa

The Soak House & Soapery Guntersville

soakhousespa.com

With nearly a dozen options of therapeutic mineral soaks, a large selection of professional facial treatments, massage therapies, an infrared sauna, sunless tanning, cryotherapy, salt therapy and so much more, this day spa offers customizable packages and is a great place to relax and escape. Spa gifts and products are also offered to take the spa experience home.

Vacation Destination

Wind Creek Casinos & Resorts Atmore, Wetumpka, Montgomery

windcreek.com

As the principal gaming and hospitality entity for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Wind Creek

continues to grow and offer guests luxurious destinations and opportunities for escape. Their 10 distinct properties in the U.S. and Caribbean provide world-class entertainment, dining, hotel stays, amenities and activities.

Wedding Venue

The Florentine Birmingham

florentinebuilding.com

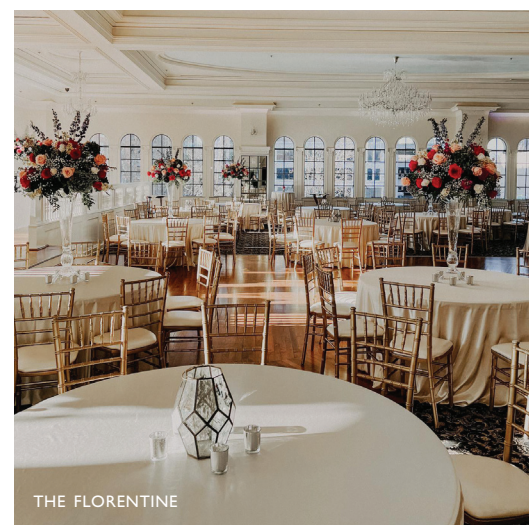
The Florentine is one of Birmingham's newest event venues located in one of the city's most beautiful and historic buildings. The property boasts two distinct event spaces which can be rented together or separately. Built in 1926 as "Club Florentine Dance Hall," the ballroom has been renovated back to its original grandeur with stunning vintage details and an elegant charm.

Zoo

Birmingham Zoo Birmingham

birminghamzoo.com

At any given time, approximately 550 animals of 180 species call the 122-acre Birmingham Zoo home, including sea lions, elephants, bears, flamingos, monkeys and endangered species from six continents. Tour the property, join a zoo camp, partake in zoo nightlife or become a ZooKeeper for a day—there's much to see and do at the Birmingham Zoo.



Bakery

Edgar's Ten Locations Statewide

edgarsbakery.com

This boutique restaurant has grown from a small neighborhood eatery to a wildly popular bakery and cafe with ten locations and plans for continued growth. Luxurious cakes and confections set the stage while the cafe serves up breakfast, soups, salads, sandwiches and more. Nationwide shipping of their sweet treats is also offered.

Bar

Catacomb 435 Huntsville

catacomb435.com

This prohibition-inspired establishment invites visitors to delve in the glamor of the 1920's with emblematic decor, exceptional craft cocktails and gourmet fare. In true speakeasy form, visitors will have to figure out where it is and how to get in having successfully procured the ever-changing password for entry.

Barbeque Joint

Dreamland Statewide

dreamlandbbq.com

"Big Daddy" Bishop opened his first legendary restaurant in Tuscaloosa. Now with numerous locations throughout the state and beyond, the

Brewery

Resting Pulse Brewing Co. Opelika

restingpulsebrewing.com

Offering a variety of signature full-flavored craft beers along with rotating seasonal and session offerings, the goal of this brewing company is to create an environment for patrons to find their "resting pulse" and relax while spending time with friends. More than a dozen unique blends ranging from IPA's to American Light and Belgian Wibeirs can be enjoyed with a revolving lineup of live music.

Brunch

Ariccia Cucina Italiana Auburn

aricciacucina.com

Situated inside the beautiful Hotel at Auburn University, Ariccia honors the classic central Italian cuisine, focusing on the freshest seasonal products, Italian meats & cheeses, signature Porchetta, house-made focaccia and wood-fired pizzas. Brunch is served daily from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The upscale casual restaurant offers an intimate setting as well as al fresco dining with surrounding hedges, a large fountain and pergola with twinkle lights.

Butcher Shop

Mosley's Meats Mobile, Daphne

mosleysmeats.com

Offering the finest quality, custom-cut meats in a friendly, small town environment, Mosley's sells high-quality beef, pork, fresh, all natural chickens, veal and lamb. Their seafood line features shrimp, oysters and crab from our own Gulf of Mexico with sushi-grade tuna and fresh salmon rounding out the seafood selection.





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*Food &
drink*

Cafe

Vintage Cafe Montgomery

vintagecafemgm.com

Open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m., this café offers indoor and outdoor seating as well as a drive-thru window. Enjoy specialty coffees, teas, fresh juices, smoothies and variety of healthy choices for breakfast and lunch. Featuring fresh salads, baked goods and grilled paninis as well as items to grab-and-go.

Caterer

Table & Thyme Birmingham

tableandthyme.co

Weddings, corporate events and private soirées of all sizes, every menu is 100 percent customizable to each event. Multi-course meals, plated dinners, grazing tables, food stations and more are offered for an elevated catering experience.

Chef

Chris Hastings Birmingham

hotandhotfishclub.com

Serving Birmingham for more than 25 years, acclaimed culinary innovator Chef Hastings is the executive chef and co-owner of the celebrated Hot and Hot Fish Club in Birmingham. Among many accolades, Hastings received the James

Beard Award for Best Chef: South in 2012. Many may recognize him for besting Bobby Flay on Iron Chef America. In 2015, he opened his second restaurant, Ovenbird. Hastings is largely responsible for putting Birmingham on the culinary map.

Coffee House

Carpe Diem Coffee & Tea Co. Mobile

carpe-coffee.com

With coffee roasted in-house and homemade treats produced daily, this is a popular spot to convene with friends to sit, sip and snack or to read and study. Housed in a Victorian structure, it is located across from Spring Hill College's main entrance.

Fine Dining

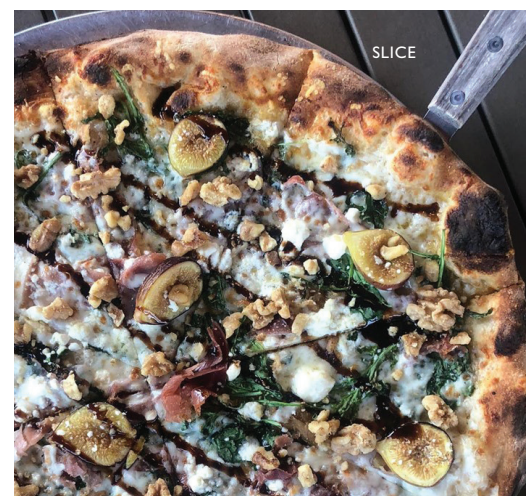
360 Grille Florence

marriott.com

Experience fine dining in a unique atmosphere. 360 Grille located atop the Renaissance Tower at Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa is the only revolving restaurant in the state of Alabama. Guests can take in the incredible views of the lakes and the Tennessee River Valley while enjoying an extraordinary dining event. This is a Four Diamond restaurant and has received numerous accolades.



TABLE & THYME



SLICE

Pizza

Slice Birmingham

slicebirmingham.com

Fresh, locally grown ingredients go into everything made at Slice, from the hand-tossed dough to each topping. In addition to pizzas they serve salads, authentic Italian and Mediterranean sides, as well as a selection of craft, import and domestic beers. With two locations in Birmingham—Lakeview and Vestavia—they also create gluten-free and vegan pizzas.

Specialty Grocery Boutique

Mark's Mart Northport, Selma

chickenswirl.com

Specializing in high quality cut-to-order meats, fine wines and local specialty items. Mark's Mart is the home of the original Chicken Swirl. With store locations in Selma and Northport, Mark's Mart has been serving central Alabama and its surrounding areas since 1978.

Seafood

Sexton's Seafood Birmingham

sextons-seafood-birmingham-business.site

Family owned and operated, Sexton's seafood market has been supplying Birmingham with

the freshest Gulf seafood for more than 30 years. Find fresh trigger fish, red snapper, grouper, shrimp, oysters, tuna, clams, octopus, and so much more—call ahead and they will be sure to get your favorite seafood in stock. They carry a variety of more than 20 fish daily.

Steak

Corks and Cattle Enterprise

corksandcattle.com

Menus feature the 1855 Ribeye—a high marble hand-cut 14 to 16 ounce steak and the CAB Filet—a hand-cut 8 ounce tenderloin. Both are seasoned with a signature house blend of herbs and spices and are open-fire chargrilled to order. The ribeye is finished with a house made compound herb butter and the CAB with a port and balsamic reduction.

Sushi

Mikato Gulf Shores

mikatorestaurant.com

Serving the freshest sushi caught daily from the Gulf, Mikato features a wide selection of traditional rolls, chef specials and Nigiri. Hibachi and other Japanese fare are also offered.



MIKATO



Shopping



Antiques

The Brittany House Oak Hill

thebrittanyhouseantiquesatoakhill.com

Specializing in timeless period pieces circa 1800 to 1900, owner Lance Britt is one of Alabama's youngest and knowledgeable collectors. Shop expansive antique furniture, silver, porcelain, books, architectural items and a wide variety of gifts.

Bridal Boutique

The Something Blue Shoppe Hartselle

thesomethingblueshoppe.com

Approaching their 53rd year in business, this bridal boutique is one of the Southeast's oldest and prestigious full service salons. Gowns for the bride, wedding party and prom with plus sizes available. Invitations and personalized stationery are also offered.

Children's Clothing

Mon Ami Mountain Brook

monamibham.com

This two-time winning children's boutique sells tween clothing from size 4 to size 18. Owned by a mother and daughter team who recognized a need for fun and trendy clothing, varying brands span couture, funky, classy, southern and preppy from around the world.



Florist

Dana's Floral Design Prattville

danasfloraldesign.com

Dana's Floral Design is an event design, planning, and floral studio specializing in weddings and private events throughout the Southeast. For more than 20 years, the works from this team has been featured in numerous magazines. Unique arrangements are offered for any special occasion.

Furniture & Interiors

Mantooth Interiors Homewood

mantoothinteriors.com

Since 1973 the Mantooth family has served the community with an ever-evolving collection of luxury bedding, fine furniture, window treatments, art, accessories, outdoor furniture and more. Interior design and delivery services are also offered.

Gift Shop

Alabama Gift Company Gadsden

thealabamagiftcompany.com

Featuring all things Alabama, shop locally-created art, food, clothing, jewelry, home accessories, ceramics, books and more. Custom created gift baskets are made for wedding favors and corporate gifts and can be shipped nationwide.



Jeweler

Ex Voto Vintage Mountain Brook, Montgomery

exvotovintage.com

Ex Voto, which means a testament of gratitude, is a collection of one-of-a-kind and limited edition pieces designed by owner Elizabeth Adams. All pieces are created from antique elements and custom engraving is offered.

Mall

The Shoppes at EastChase Montgomery

theshoppesateastchase.com

With more than 85 stores and restaurants, the outdoor shopping center is anchored by Dillard's, Target, Kohl's, and H&M. A Pop-Up Shoppe program offers a revolving shopping experience of local retailers while a weekend farmer's market and other scheduled events amp up the fun.

Men's Boutique

Roosevelt & Company Huntsville

rooseveltandco.com

Locally owned and operated in downtown Huntsville, this boutique offers luxury clothing and accessories as well as wardrobe consulting, custom tailoring, grooming, apothecary as well as luggage and desk accessories.

Outlet Mall

The Outlet Shops of Grand River Leeds

shopsofgrandriver.com

Roughly 70 high-end stores offer discounts on brands such as Brooks Brothers, Banana Republic, Kat Spade, Johnston & Murphy and more. Also enjoy a number of restaurants, mini golf, an off-leash dog park and a drive-in theater.

Specialty Boutique

The Cupboard Decatur

thecupboarddecatur.com

Opened in 2013, this gourmet kitchen shop offers cutlery, cookbooks, herbs, balsamic vinegars, local art, cookware, spices, kitchen gadgets, linens and more. Enjoy cooking demonstrations and trunk shows. A wedding registry is also available.

Women's Boutique

Magnolia's on Main Guntersville

magnoliasonmain414.com

Shop a selection of trendy dresses, tops, bottoms, hand bags, jewelry, hats, lotions, candles, accessories and more. Located in historic downtown Guntersville.



Shopping