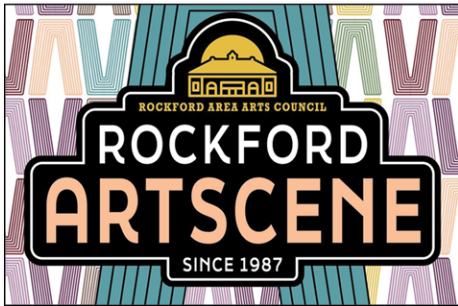


THE ELEMENT things to do in Rockford: October 2025



RAAC's ArtScene

Fri, Oct. 3, 5-9PM, Sat, Oct. 4, 4-9PM

Venues: artsforeveryone.com/artscene/
ArtScene, a Rockford tradition since 1987, is a **biannual gallery walk**, hosted by the Rockford Area Arts Council, **featuring new and established artists** of the Rockford Region. The event offers a **wide variety of art** for purchase including **paintings, sculpture, prints, photography, jewelry, quilts + fiber art**, and more! Artists are available for conversation—sharing their unique approach and inspiration for their work. artsforeveryone.com/artscene/



The Music Box: An evening with Mason Jennings

Sat/Sun, Oct. 18/19, 8PM

218 E State St, Rockford, IL Minneapolis songwriter **Mason Jennings** shares his new **video for the single**, "Only Lovers Welcome" from his brand new album, **Underneath The Roses**, out now via Loosegroove Records. This is an 18+ event. Tickets: from \$25.14.

themusicboxrockford.com/

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Coronado Theatre

Hometown Jams: Starship + Foghat

Thurs, Oct. 9, 7PM

324 N Main St, Rockford, IL

With his soulful & compelling vocals, **Mickey Thomas** has established himself as one of rock music's **most recognizable** stars. He made his mark in 1976 as lead vocalist on the mega-hit "**Foiled Around And Fell In Love**" with The Elvin Bishop Band. In 1979, Mickey joined **Jefferson Starship** as the lead vocalist. Expect to hear hits from **Starship & Jefferson Starship** at Starship's live performances, as well as a few selections from **Jefferson Airplane** as a nod to both bands' beginnings. They will be joined on stage by **Foghat**. Tickets: coronado.asmrockford.com/event/hometown-jams-starship-foghat/tm_vv167zk14jfza2evua/



Discovery Center Museum: Spooky Science

Oct. 24, 5-8PM

711 N Main St, Rockford, IL

Spooky Science is brewing up a frightfully fun time! Decorate **haunted houses** and **giant pumpkins**, craft **monster puppets** and **tissue ghosts**, and get messy with **slime and bubbling potions** in tiny cauldrons. Don't miss the **Jack-O-Lantern balloon experiment** or the **splashy apple grabbing station**! Register at discoverycentermuseum.org/event/spooky-science/



Head of the Rock Regatta:

Sun, Oct. 12, 9AM-4PM

200 Y Boulevard, Rockford, IL

Hosted by the **Rock River Valley YMCA Rowing Club**, this exciting **5,000-meter (3.1-mile) head-race** along the scenic Rock River **draws athletes from across the country** to compete in singles, doubles, quads, and eights, launching at 10-second intervals for **heart-pounding, clock-racing excitement**. Enjoy prime views from **Martin Park and the YMCA waterfront**, with food trucks, local vendors, and thousands of cheering fans. Free event. gorockford.com/event/head-of-the-rock-regatta/27835/



Mendelsohn PAC: Sunday Jazz with Jim Piela

Sun, Oct. 26, 3PM

415 N Church St, Rockford, IL

Jim Piela is a **saxophonist, composer, arranger, and educator** who deftly walks the fine line between **order and chaos as a jazz musician**.

Known for his ability to **seamlessly blend traditional jazz elements with pop, funk, and electronic**, Jim is a **sought-after performer** in New York's vibrant jazz scene. mendelsohnpac.org/events/event/jim-piela/