

# INDIANA ARTS HOMECOMING



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## INDIANA ARTS HOMECOMING 2017

2017 marked the Indiana Arts Commission's launch of an ambitious and collaborative annual convening of Indiana's statewide arts community: artists, arts organizations, arts educators and arts supporters. This year's focus area, "Community Engagement: Ideas, Stories and Change That Matters" highlighted the importance of art-inspired community engagement; how it informs our work as practitioners, educators and advocates, and supports the building of transformative relationships in our communities.

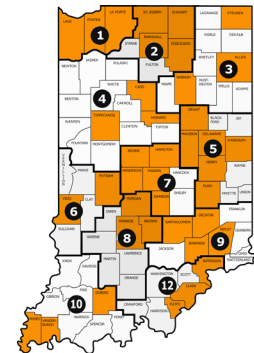
Attendees connected with peers and built new connections; gained new skills for engaging their local communities and celebrated Hoosier arts innovation and its impact all over the state.

### Here's who was there:

- 300 attendees from 43 counties (highlighted on the map)
- 58 presenters from across the state and Midwest - including mayors, economic and community development professionals, educators, researchers, and arts practitioners.

### And what they thought:

- 97% said "would recommend"
- 94% said it was an effective learning opportunity



"Loved the event and felt like it was a great introduction to Indiana arts as a new member of the arts leadership community."

"Excited about community engagement and starting more conversations."

"Small communities are making significant change in the arts throughout the state!"



## The Indiana Arts Homecoming Scholarship Program

Support by the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) allowed the IAC to offer scholarships which included conference registration, travel and accommodations ensuring access for a more diverse community of arts practitioners.

- 21 scholarships were awarded, representing 19 counties
- In five counties, the scholarship recipient was the sole attendee from that county.

In addition, the IAC awarded a \$2,500 "InstaGrant" at the convening, to support and encourage ongoing exemplary community engagement. The recipient, from the Charles L. Smith Fine Arts Academy, Martinsville, was a scholarship recipient and the sole representative from Morgan County.