

## June 2009

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## Legislative Dollars: Investment in Our Future

Did you know that money from the Indiana legislature granted through the Indiana Arts Commission's programs has totaled over \$16.4 million in the past five fiscal years?

Arts organizations, artists, symphony orchestras, even the Indiana Muzzle Loading Rifle Association have all received grant money from the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) to support programs and projects that benefit the State of Indiana.

But perhaps one of the most important recipients of money from the Indiana legislature through the IAC is an investment in our future: funding for arts education in our schools.

In the past five years, 70 schools, school

*Indiana arts...  
Imagine that!*



corporations, and universities have received grant money through the IAC. Some of the funds went to supplement programs already in place, other organizations used the grant money to attract presenters to their schools to teach the latest techniques in their fields.

[Studies](#) show that students who participate in the arts, both in school and out of school, demonstrate improved academic performance and lower dropout rates. Furthermore, students who have 4 years of high school arts classes have [higher SAT scores](#) than students with one-half year or less. With school budgets getting increasingly tighter, many schools are forced to cut art and music programs. Funding from other sources is one way for these schools to continue providing a robust curriculum to their students.

For more information about the fiscal and organizational impact of the arts in your region, please [click here](#).

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## Reminder: the IAC is Moving on June 20!



The Indiana Arts Commission is moving to the government center on June 20. To allow time for the move, the IAC office will be closed with limited access to email Thursday, June 18 through Tuesday, June 23. The office will reopen Wednesday, June 24.

Please note, the IAC's new address will be:

**Indiana Arts Commission  
100 N. Senate Ave., Room N505  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Web and email addresses, phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

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## Statewide Cultural District Program Intent to Apply Due June 30

Communities wishing to apply for an Indiana Cultural District designation must submit a letter of intent by June 30, 2009.

Indiana Statewide Cultural Districts promote the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences that are unique to our communities. Although currently there is no funding associated with the designation, benefits of the program include increased tourism marketing and economic activities that come with being part of a branded program; a potential collaboration with the Indiana Artisan program; and the opportunity for Statewide Cultural Districts to apply for highway signage.

The letter of intent can be found at <http://www.in.gov/arts/2572.htm>. All applications are due by August 7, 2009. For application questions and program requirements, please contact Kristina Davis, Cultural Development Manager/Accessibility Coordinator at 317-232-1279 or [kd\\_avis-smith@iac.in.gov](mailto:kd_avis-smith@iac.in.gov).

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## More Hoosiers Selected for Indiana Artisan

The Indiana Artisan program accepted 26 new high-quality art, craft and value-added food producers into the program in May. The program now features 111 juried artisans representing 41 Indiana counties.

Launched in 2008, Indiana Artisan is the state's economic development program focused on helping Hoosier art and food artisans grow and expand their businesses. The applications and quality work of Indiana's artists and food producers are reviewed by two separate jury panels. Nearly 100 applications were reviewed over the three-day period in May.

Indiana Artisans benefit from the collaborative spirit of the program through special initiatives available only to those accepted in the program, including artisan logos and branding tools; internet representation through [www.indianaartisan.org](http://www.indianaartisan.org); and entrepreneurial support and technical assistance. The Indiana State Museum also provides space for some Indiana Artisan products in their gift shop.

The program's newest participants bring talents in handmade paper, stone sculpture, leather and metalwork, hand-turned wooden boxes, peanut brittle, wine and mead, pierogis, toffee and more. To view a list of artisans accepted through the May 2009 jury process, please [click here](#).

The next jury panels meet in October. Guidelines and the online application will be posted at [www.IndianaArtisan.org](http://www.IndianaArtisan.org) in August. Contact Eric Freeman at [artisan@iac.in.gov](mailto:artisan@iac.in.gov) with questions.



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## Save the Date: Governor's Arts Awards, September 25



***Don't forget!*** The Governor's Arts Awards will take place on Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie, Indiana. Stay tuned for more information on ticket sales and a special announcement about this year's award recipients!

*Left: Governor Daniels receives a playful reminder of the Governor's Arts Awards at the Sunrise Rotary Club luncheon in Muncie on May 29, 2009. Governor Daniels is flanked by Muncie Mayor Sharon McShurley (left) and Governor's Arts Award artist India Cruse-Griffin (right).*

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## IU Distinguished Professor Menahem Pressler Accepts Lifetime Achievement Award

Indiana University's Menahem Pressler and 2007 Indiana Governor's Arts Award recipient accepted a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from The Edison Foundation on behalf of the Beaux Art Trio at the annual "Edison Klassiek Gala" in The Hague. A Distinguished Professor in IU's Jacobs school of Music, Pressler is a renowned pianist and founding member of the trio.

"I'm extremely honored to receive this award on behalf of the trio," said Pressler. "Holland has been such a welcoming country to us through the years, and I'm excited to know that our many years of performances are being recognized."

The Edison Award is the oldest and most prestigious music award in the Netherlands, comparable to a Grammy Award. The awards



Beaux Arts Trio,  
Courtesy of Indiana University

ceremony at the Ridderzaal (Knight's Hall) was aired live on national television and included a short solo piano performance by Pressler.

The legendary Beaux Arts Trio was founded in 1955 by Pressler, Daniel Guilet, violin, and Bernard Greenhouse, cello. The trio made its first appearance on July 13, 1955, at Berkshire Music Festival, now known as the Tanglewood Music Center.

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## **Next Audiences Summit Features Disney Marketing, Social Networking Professionals**

On October 15-17, arts and other professionals from around the United States will gather in Indianapolis to attend the Next Audiences Summit ([www.nextaudiences.com](http://www.nextaudiences.com)), a two-day conference devoted to the critical issue of attracting and developing future patrons for the arts and other organizations.

Attendees will learn from professionals whose programming and marketing to younger and more diverse audiences has been met with astounding success. Featured speakers include a 19-year veteran of Walt Disney Company, Faron Kelley, director of marketing, Disney Parks; Dan Pallotta, author of "Uncharitable" and founder of record-setting nonprofit fundraisers; social media and Web 2.0 maven, Sarah "Intellagirl" Robbins, whose work has been featured in the New York Times and USA Today, and; Rebecca Ryan, founder of Next Generation Consulting, a futurist and trend analyst known nationally for her work in attracting and engaging next generation citizens (to cities), workers (to workplaces) and patrons (to the arts).

Produced by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and Next Generation Consulting, the summit is dedicated to best practice sharing from organizations in the arts -and beyond- and is part of a groundbreaking initiative developed by the council to help Indianapolis arts organizations cultivate their next generation of audiences and patrons.

For additional information about the summit, please visit [www.nextaudiences.com](http://www.nextaudiences.com) or [www.indyarts.org](http://www.indyarts.org).

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## **Smaller Indiana, Bigger Ideas Conference Offers Special Discount for Artists and Arts Organizations**



Administrators of the Smaller Indiana, Bigger Ideas Conference are graciously offering Indiana artists and arts organizations *\$35 off the \$125 registration fee!*

What is Smaller Indiana, Bigger Ideas Conference? Imagine what might happen in a room filled with Indiana's most passionate artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, community organizers, educators, spiritual leaders, politicians, activists and communicators. Imagine this diverse group spending an entire afternoon together...sharing a common experience, engaging in deep thinking, thoughtful discussion and opening up to new relationships. Now picture yourself there, too.

The Bigger Ideas Conference will take place on June 24 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., and will feature six unique speakers, an expert panel discussion, and lots of deep networking opportunities. Created out of discussions on the social networking site Smaller Indiana, this event aims to change the world. A new U.S. president; a global financial crisis; some are predicting the worst of times. But Bigger Ideas organizers think it's a time to regroup, re-evaluate and then to dream big. Because the world of ideas has never mattered more. Behind the headlines, innovation and invention are alive and flourishing. And it's here that the key to a better future will be found. The Smaller Indiana, Bigger Ideas Conference will be the hotfoot in pursuit of that future as it is being invented in Indiana. Featured speakers include Jennie Devoe , a songwriter and performing artist; Dr. Scott Massey, President of the Meridian Institute; Dr. Sally Brown, Founder and President of Ambassadors for Children; Mark Hill, Managing Partner for Collina Ventures; David Forsell, President, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful; and Ken Johnson, Chaplain of the Indianapolis Colts.

For more information, please visit <http://info.smallerindiana.com/bigger-ideas/index.html>. When registering, please enter the following discount code: indyarts.

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## **Indiana State Museum to Open Exhibit Featuring Midwest and Indiana Artists**

The heartland of America has consistently produced some of the nation's best art. *Making it in the Midwest* is the first major exhibition to explore the challenges facing working artists in the Midwest, and brings together an important array of historical works, many of which are in private collections and have not been seen publicly for decades. The inclusion of contemporary artists showcases the extraordinary talent found throughout Indiana and



the surrounding region.

Hoosier artists today continue to build careers and sustain their artistic passions while remaining based in Indiana. Contemporary work by 20 Hoosier artists who have succeeded in establishing artistic careers and raising their visibility show that talent and creativity are thriving in the 21st century. See contemporary works by India Cruse-Griffin, Matthew Davey, Rob Day, James Wille Faust, Greg Hull, Tamar Kander, Tom Keesee, Charlene Marsh, Les Miley, David Morrison, C.W. Mundy, Cindy O'Dell, Jay Parnell, Todd Reifers, Artur Silva, Malcolm Mobutu Smith, Tom Tedrowe, Maria Tomasula, Nhat Tran and Audrey Ushenko.

*Making it in the Midwest* opens June 20 and will be on display through October, 2009 at the Indiana State Museum. Hours are Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## Giving Sum Opens Online Grant Process for \$50,000 Grant



Indianapolis-based Giving Sum has launched their new online grant application process for their annual \$50,000 grant. This is the second year the organization of young professionals will provide a grant to a nonprofit in Indianapolis that is working toward change, innovation and community good.

Giving Sum members commit to combining their personal resources in order to create greater social impact. The three components of the Giving Sum equation that members offer to the community are: time (members can serve as high-impact volunteers), voice (members can use their collective voice to advocate for a cause or mission) and money (each member contributes \$500 toward a pooled grant fund that is distributed annually).

Each year Giving Sum grants 100 percent of its membership contributions to a nonprofit organization in Indianapolis. The 2008 Giving Sum grant recipient, Coburn Place Safe Haven, is preparing to break ground on their new playground. Giving Sum President Marty Posch states, "What made Coburn Place stand out last year was their insight to really engage our members beyond just asking for money." He adds, "...Giving Sum members have been volunteering at Coburn Place on a monthly basis and will help design and build the play area. These are the types of long-term, sustainable relationships we hope to create through our philanthropic giving."

Giving Sum will once again award \$50,000 and lend their time to a Central Indiana nonprofit selected by their members. Interested organizations must submit applications electronically by 5:00 p.m. EST

on Friday, July 17, 2009.

This year, the grants process has become virtual and organizations will have an opportunity to submit applications online at [www.givingsum.org](http://www.givingsum.org).

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## News Around the State

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### **Free month of programming at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (Notre Dame, IN)**

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center recently announced that events during the month of July are FREE to the public, including the First Annual ANDkids World Film Festival July 23-25, 2009. Actor Sean Astin (*The Lord of the Rings* trilogy; *Rudy*) is scheduled to attend. Other events include a world premiere musical score and children's workshop by the Andreas Kapsalis Trio; two outdoor concerts, including the Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band; and five outdoor film screenings on the Gridiron Plaza at the College of Football Hall of Fame in South Bend. For more information, please visit <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.

### **Economy Leads to Ruschman Closing Art Gallery (Indianapolis, IN)**

Longtime art gallery owner Mark Ruschman recently announced that he would close his downtown business on July 31, two months shy of its 25th anniversary. Ruschman, 51, said the long, severe recession drove the decision. He said his business has been slow for the past 18 months. "It's been persistent," he said. "You don't necessarily have six to eight months to wait for a turnaround." The news came as a shock to local art supporters. The gallery, at 948 N. Alabama Street, has been a fixture in the St. Joseph neighborhood. *Source: Kathleen McLaughlin, The IBJ*

### **Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art to Host Grand Opening (Delphi, IN)**

A new gallery is opening in downtown Delphi. The Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art, located at 109 S. Washington Street, will host a Grand Opening event on Friday, June 19 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. The Grand Opening will be held in conjunction with Delphi's Heritage Transportation Festival. Rena Brouwer, Terry Lacy, and Alan McConnell will become resident artists in the Gallery and will be on hand to share conversation and refreshments, as will members of the Delphi Preservation Society and the Opera House Advisory Board. For more information, please contact Anita Werling at (765) 564-2169 or [awerling@delhipreservationsociety.org](mailto:awerling@delhipreservationsociety.org).

### **2009 Brown County Studio and Garden Tour (Brown County, IN)**

The 11th Annual Brown County Studio and Garden Tour offers a chance to drive the winding back roads of Brown County and visit more than 20 working studios. This year's tour includes more than 35 artists to answer questions, demonstrate their art or craft and present the spaces that inspire them. Several

of the studios are surrounded by impressive gardens. T.C. Steele State Historic Site serves as the tour headquarters. The event is free and studios are open Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please visit [www.BrownCountyStudioTour.com](http://www.BrownCountyStudioTour.com) for a map and brochure.

### **Indiana Humanities Council Will Loan Books to Summer Reading Programs (Indianapolis, IN)**

Don't want to spend a lot of money on books for your summer reading program? Sign up to receive free books from the Indiana Humanities Council's Humanities To Go program. The Council loans more than 300 titles, primarily fiction and biography, to reading and discussion groups across the state *free of charge*. Books include classic titles such as *Little Women* and *Frankenstein*, as well as contemporary titles such as *The Poisonwood Bible* and *The Time Traveler's Wife*. Read more about the program [here](#).

### **East Central Indiana Residents Invited to Take Part in Community Conversation (Marion, IN)**

Leaders from Delaware, Grant and Madison counties are inviting citizens from the tri-county area to join them for a community conversation on June 25 to help East Central Indiana become a more connected, thriving community through economic and community development. The event, "Speaking Regionally: Connecting the Dots in East Central Indiana," is an integrated workshop that will feature presentations and panel discussions by statewide, regional and local leaders, as well as breakout sessions and opportunities to network. This event will take place at the Marion Campus of Ivy Tech Community College from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10 to cover the cost of the boxed lunch. Call the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at (765) 285-8982 to reserve your spot. For more information, please visit <http://www.indianahumanities.org/CivicDiscussion/EastCentral.html>.

### **17th Annual Indian Market & Festival (Indianapolis, IN)**

The Eiteljorg Museum brings nearly 130 Native artists from across the country to Indianapolis to sell their art. The event will take place on **June 27, 2009**. The market and festival includes performances from some of today's premiere Native American performers including storytellers, dancers and singers. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Marsh Supermarkets or at the gate for \$10 each. Youth 17 and under get in free.

### **Mayor Proclaims Native American Heritage Day (Indianapolis, IN)**

Mayor Greg Ballard of Indianapolis will proclaim **August 29** Native American Heritage Day in Indianapolis. This historic annual event will launch its debut on August 29 at a free gathering at Garfield Park from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The official proclamation will be at noon.

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