

***PASSION-***

*WHAT GROWS IT?*

- WHAT IS OUTSIDE OUR UNIVERSE?

- HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF

- WHAT IS HOLDING THE UNIVERSE?

# WOMAN'S & MAN'S INSATIABLE CURIOSITY

- WHY ARE WE HERE? IS IT GOD'S EXPERIMENT? WHY ARE WE BORN-TO JUST DIE?
- SCIENTISTS, PHILOSOPHERS AND YES, ARTISTS HAVE SEARCHED TO FIND OUT THE MYSTERY OF LIFE

# ARTISTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, THROUGH THEIR CREATIVITY, TO EXPLORE NEW INSIGHTS

- REMEMBER A TIME YOU WERE TRANSPORTED BY A BEAUTIFUL SONATA, A POEM, A PIECE OF ART, A PIROUETTE, A ROCK CONCERT, A STEEPLE –
- OR FELT A TRANSCENDANCE THAT YOU COULD NOT FIND WORDS TO DESCRIBE?

# JOSEPH CAMBELL, MY FAVORITE PHILOSOPHER

- “Human beings have not evolved to the point that words alone can describe adequately the sense of transcendence. Such words have never soiled the human tongue”.
- WE NEED ART AND ARTISTS TO CARRY US CLOSER TO TRUTH & THE MYSTERY

# Commitment

- Know technical skills
- Keep your thumb on the pulse of the local, national and international trends
- Keep aware of cross disciplines
- Believe in yourself, chance, serendipity
- Bring wisdom of advocates on board

# SECURE CONSENSUS FROM ADVOCATES TO CREATE

## VISION

( BASED ON PHILOSOPHY – VALUES)

## MISSION

# Mission



**Engage**, **enlighten** and **enhance** our communities through art education, participation and observation

Classes - Your support helps keep classes affordable for all - only \$7.62 per hour



# Broad Ripple Art Fair (2007)



Voted Indy's Best Arts Festival by Nuvo newsweekly readers



Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor - Fifth Third Bank



**Over 275  
different classes  
each semester**



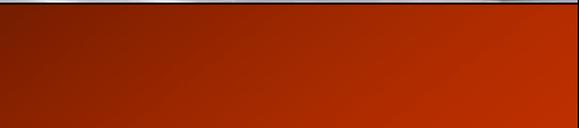
**Over 250  
instructors who  
are professional  
artists and  
educators  
teaching students**





**Something for EVERYONE!**





**The beginning of an exciting cultural exchange with China – Special Thanks to Becky and Jim Fehsenfeld**

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# Broad Ripple Art Fair (2007)



Over 27,000 attendees in two days and raised more than \$300,000



Special Thanks to our 2007 area sponsors –Cadillac, Gaylor Electric, Kosene & Kosene & The Bungalow Inc.

# ARTSPARKLE



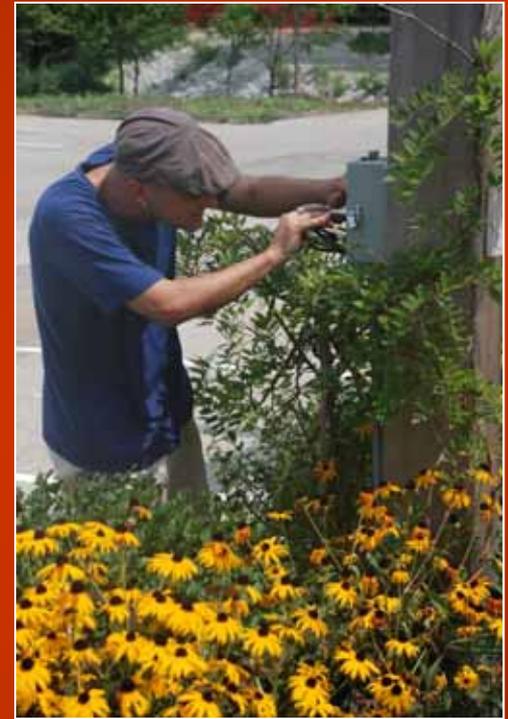
# ARTSPARK



Special Thanks to  
Bill Fortune & Joe Blakley



# Nina Mason Pulliam Sensory Path



# ARTSPARK



# Efroymson Riverfront Garden and Canoe Launch



**Special Thanks to Lori Efroymson-Aguilera & The Efroymson Fund for  
allowing our community access to the White River**

# Friends of Frank



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# Day of the Dead



An annual celebration and exhibition that engages the community and people of all backgrounds to experience a traditional Mexican celebration through art. Festivities include traditional food, dancing, art activities, altars and more!

# Exhibitions



Your support allows us to be open free to the public all day, every day! In 2007 we were voted Indy's Best Art Gallery by Nuvo Newsweekly Readers

# Exhibition Openings

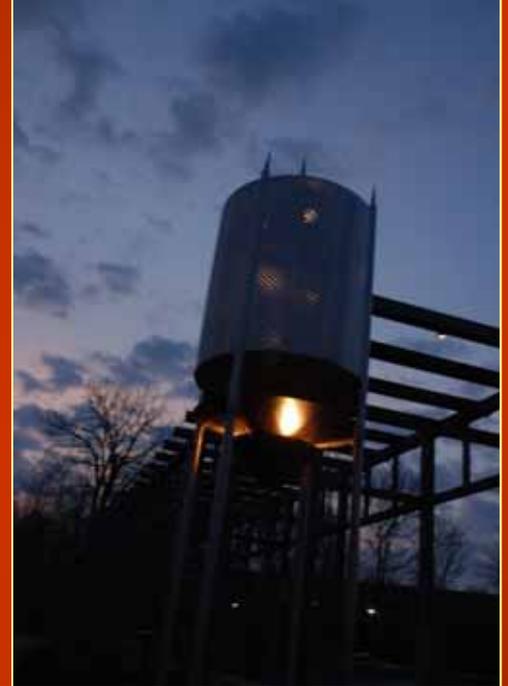




Special Thanks to **Chase** for  
sponsoring our Annual Student Show



**The Art Center  
Lights up the Night!**



# Outreach Programs



7 free, unique outreach programs serving over 5,000 children and families annually



**Special Thanks to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Foundation for underwriting these valuable programs for the next 15 years**

# Vision for the Monon Pavilions Entrance



# Master Plan - Preferred Future Toward 2010

Expanded to include 2012 Campaign Goal

PHASE I

IV

PHASE V

- Michael Graves Designed Building
- Acquired Properties
- ARTSPARK
- Sculptures – 27
- Canoe Launch – Erosion Project



GOAL: \$37.5 million  
RAISED TO DATE: \$22.5 million  
REMAINING TO RAISE: \$15 million

# Vision for new ARTSPARK Sculptures



**LEFT: Proposed new lighted tower sculpture by Greg Hall**

**BELOW: The new sculpture will be lighted at night like the Art Center's current piece by Greg Hall located on top of the library**



# Vision for new ARTSPARK Sculptures



**George  
Rickey**



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# WHERE DOES THE ART CENTER FIT IN URBAN DESIGN PLANNING

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**What is happening in  
Indianapolis ?**

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# **URBAN DESIGN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- **Historic Landmarks**
  - **Arts Council of Indianapolis**
  - **City/County Council**
  - **Indianapolis Art Center**
  - **City Planners – DMD**
  - **Developers**
  - **Contractors**
  - **Funders/Civic Leaders**
  - **Indianapolis Downtown Inc. (IDI)**
  - **Mayor's Office**
  - **Architects & Architectural Schools (Ball State)**
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# ELEMENTS OF URBAN DESIGN

- **Mobility**
  - **Public Amenity**
  - **Character & Meaning**
  - **Human Vitality & Diversity**
  - **Adaptability**
  - **Richness & Complexity**
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# **ZEITGEIST OF CULTURAL BUILDING EXPANSIONS**

- **Indianapolis Museum of Art - \$79M**
  - **Eiteljorg Museum of Western and Native American Art**
  - **Indiana State Museum**
  - **Indiana Historical Society**
  - **Children's Museum**
  - **Indianapolis Art Center - \$16M +**
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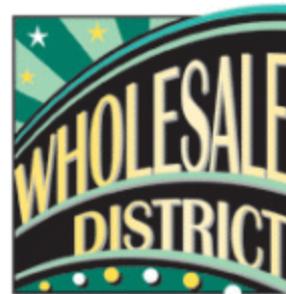
- **MAYOR'S CULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**
- **TOURISM**
- **APPOINTS A COMMISSION - \$10M**



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# ZEITGEIST OF CULTURAL BUILDING EXPANSIONS

- **CULTURAL DISTRICTS – SIX  
DESIGNATED**



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# ZEITGEIST OF CULTURAL BUILDING EXPANSIONS

- **THE ART CENTER IS THE ANCHOR  
OF THE BROAD RIPPLE VILLAGE  
CULTURAL DISTRICT**



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# *CONNECTIVITY CREATES VITALITY*



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# GREENWAYS SYSTEM

## **Purpose:**

- **Connect People & Neighborhoods**
  - **Connect Culture**
  - **Inspire recreation**
  - **Partnership**
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# GREENWAYS SYSTEM

## Goal:

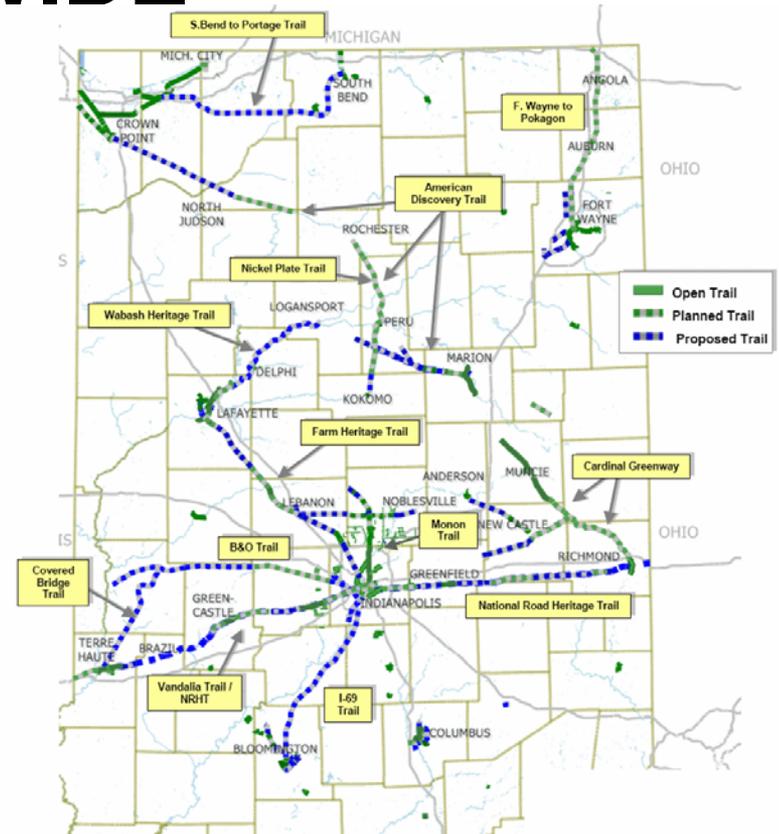
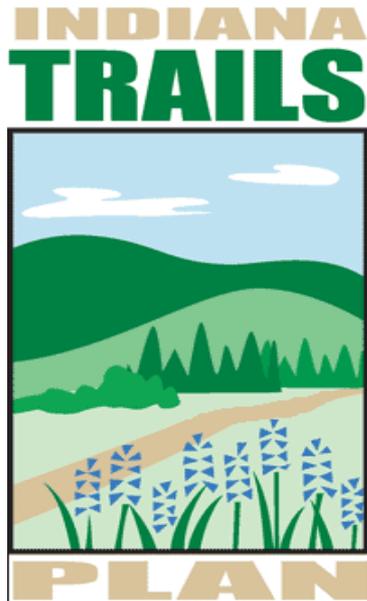
- **Transformative & profound benefits**
  - **Iconic – nation’s consciousness as a dynamic city**
  - **Boost tourism**
  - **Attract talent, sustaining a thriving community**
  - **Supports City and State Initiatives ( Mayor’s Regional Plan-2020, Liveable Cities, IN Shape)**
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# GREENWAYS SYSTEM

## ■ PROPOSED STATEWIDE

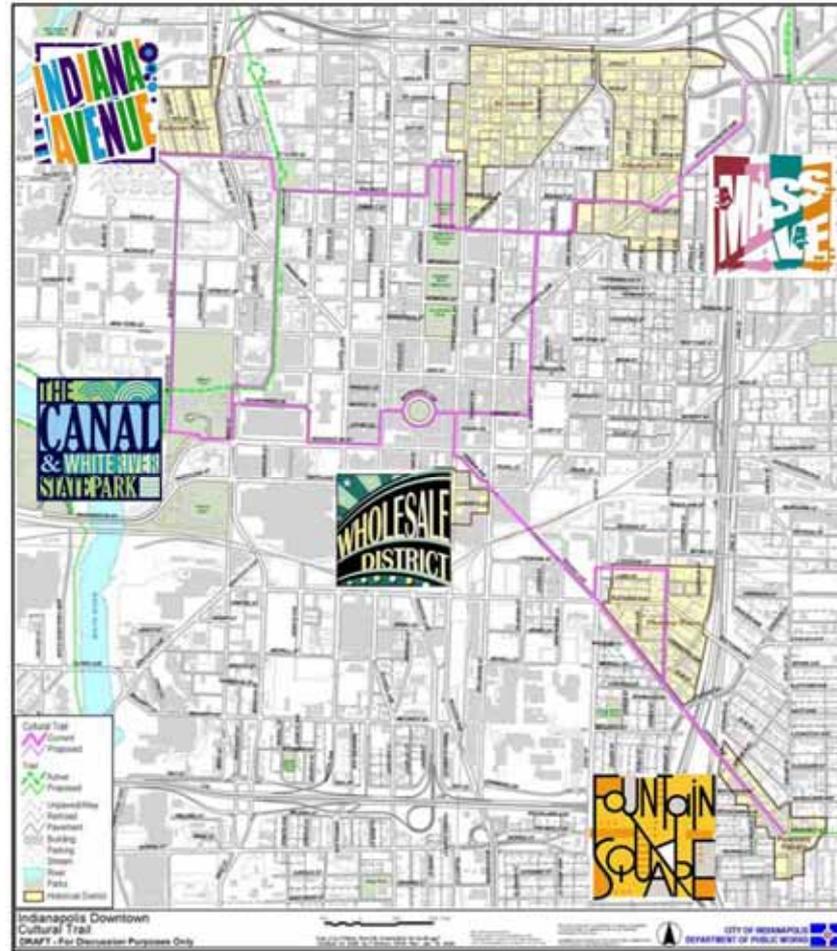


# GREENWAYS SYSTEM

- METRO –  
ART CENTER  
APPOINTED TO  
COMMISSION



# INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL



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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- **TANGENT TO MONON TRAIL GREENWAYS**
- **5 Miles from Downtown – but connected**
- **White River is our northernmost boundary**

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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- **OUR MISSION:** *to engage, enlighten & enhance our communities through art education, participation & observation*

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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- **A Center for Creativity**
  - **Studio classes: 250**
  - **Exhibitions of contemporary art: 40**
  - **Outreach programs: 7 programs with free art education throughout the community**

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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- **Serve as a Laboratory for New Ideas in Art**
- **An Advocate for Public Art**
- **Catalyst for Discussion and Civil Discourse**



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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

**Our Michael Graves-designed building is a magical public artwork**



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# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

**A convergence of excellent design with  
state-of-the-art functionality.**



# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- **ARTSPARK: 27 site-specific sculptures where artists work with students and professionals**



# ART CENTER'S LOCATION & ROLE

- All within and in harmony with beautiful landscape design along White River and the Monon Greenway Trail

