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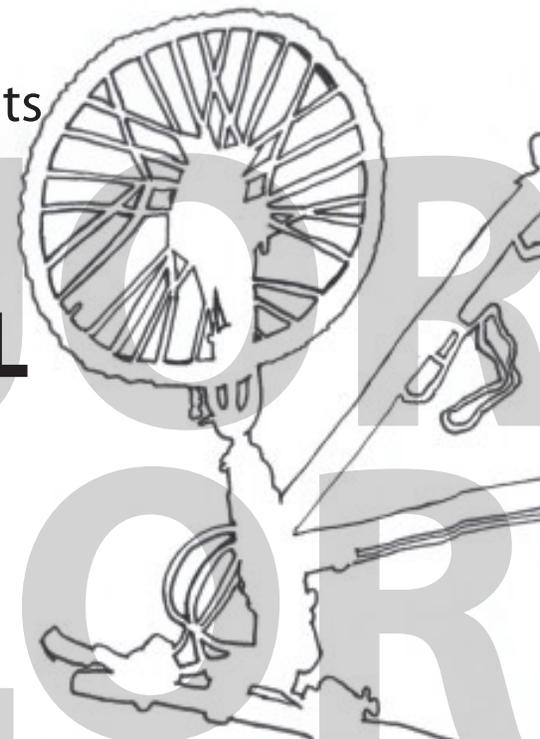
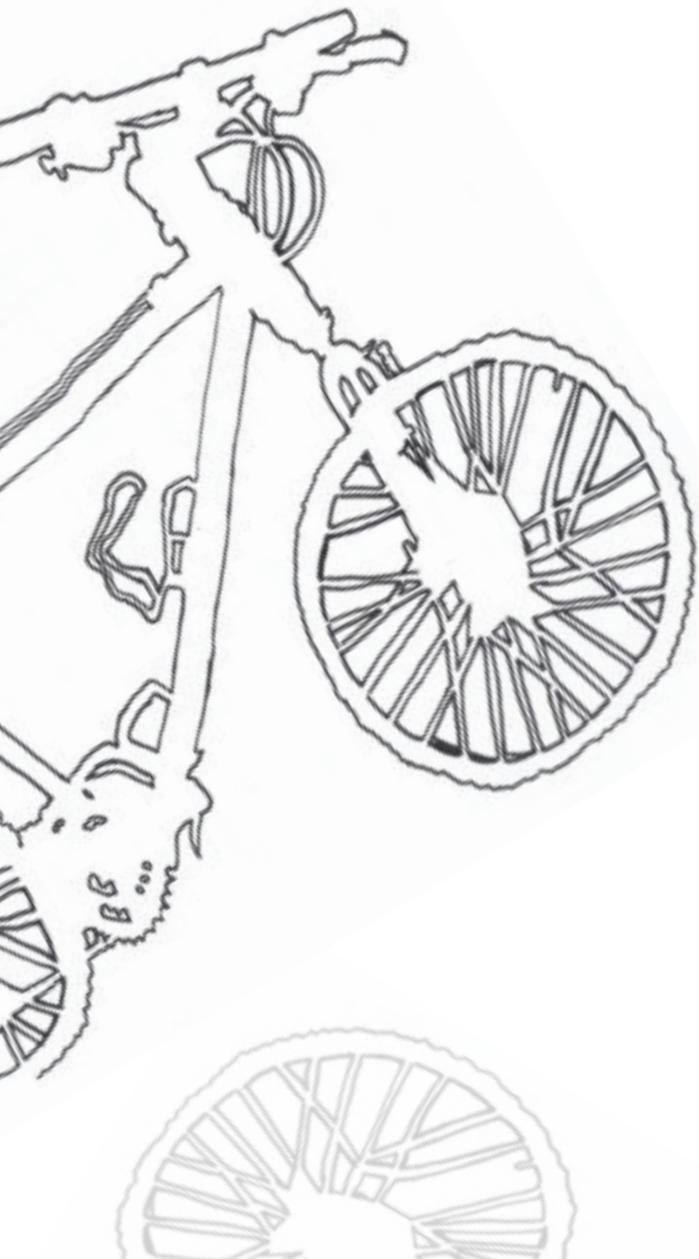
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Celebrating the life  
and accomplishments  
of Hoosier cycling  
champion,

**MARSHALL  
"MAJOR"  
TAYLOR**

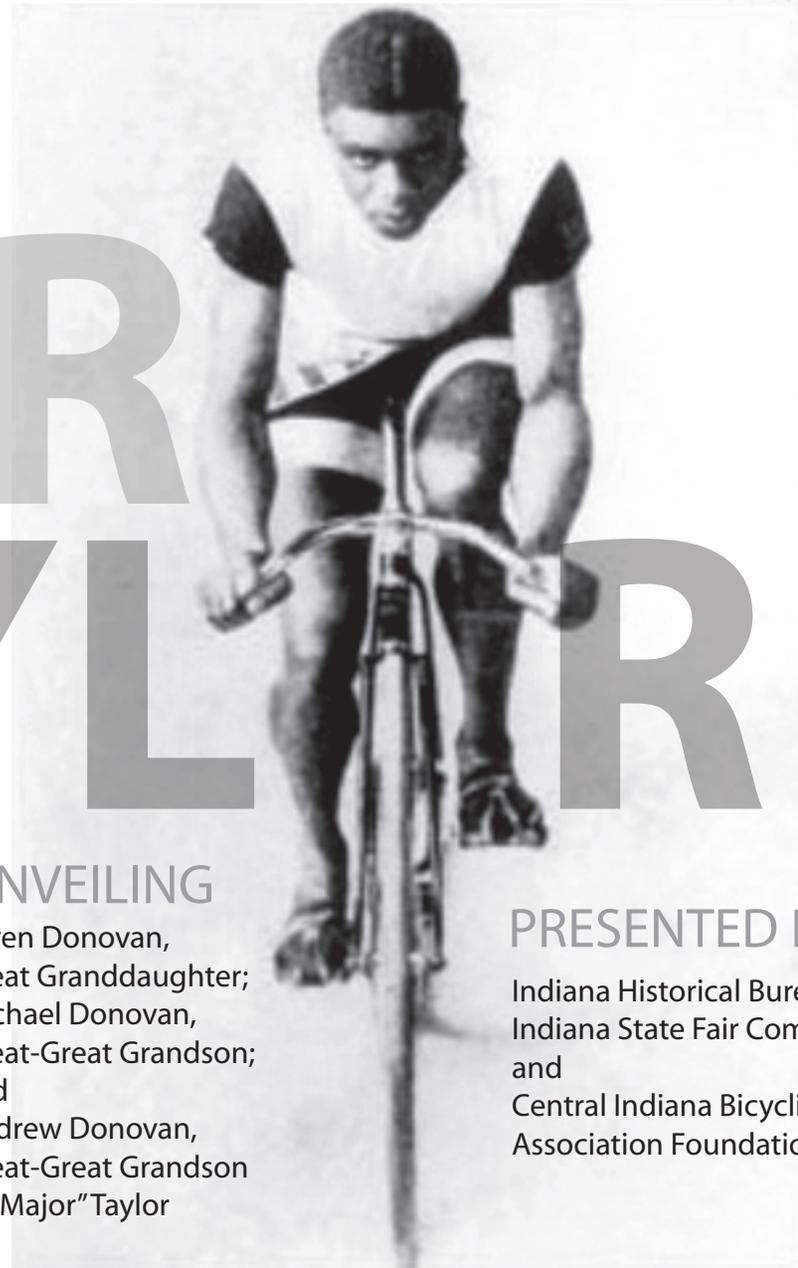


# MARSHALL "MAJOR" TAYLOR

Born in Indianapolis, 1878, Taylor moved to Massachusetts, 1895, to pursue cycling career. In 1896, he set one-mile record at Capital City Track located here. He won his first professional race December 1896 and quickly established himself as a world-class cyclist. During his career he set world records in distances from one-quarter mile through two miles. In 1899, Taylor won world one-mile professional cycling championship. He won U.S. circuit championships in 1899 and 1900 despite discrimination he confronted as cycling's first African-American champion. In early 1900s, he won races and acclaim in Europe and Australia. After retiring in 1910, he wrote his autobiography to inspire others. He died in 1932.



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SPEAKERS AND BENEFACTORS

Welcome  
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The Occasion, Marshall "Major" Taylor  
Kisha Tandy,  
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Indiana State Fair Commission

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Central Indiana Bicycling Association Foundation

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Michael Donovan,  
Great-Great Grandson;  
and  
Andrew Donovan,  
Great-Great Grandson  
of "Major" Taylor

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