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***Indiana, Naturally* Featured at Indy Airport as Summer Art Exhibit**
Exhibition showcases nature photography from artists throughout Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (July 31, 2019) – *Indiana, Naturally*, an exhibition of Indiana nature photography captured by Hoosier photographers, is on display at the Indianapolis International Airport (IND). This is the third time the Arts Council of Indianapolis, The Nature Conservancy in Indiana and the Indy airport have come together to offer this beautiful exhibition, featuring the photography of 25 talented local artists.

The exhibition pieces were selected from 327 submissions featuring photographs of Indiana plant life, wildlife and landscapes submitted by artists throughout Indiana. The photography will be on display in both ticket hall cases and Concourse B through Nov. 10, 2019.

“Indiana has tremendous natural beauty throughout its 92 counties, and talented artists who capture it to share across a diverse community,” said Indianapolis Airport Authority Executive Director Mario Rodriguez. “The *Indiana, Naturally* exhibition gives passengers a glimpse of the natural settings that are part of what makes our state unique.”

The People’s Natural Choice

The Nature Conservancy will hold a competition on its Facebook page, similar to a “People’s Choice” award, with new artwork debuting each week. The number of “likes” will determine the winning selections. Voting begins Thursday, Aug. 1 at www.facebook.com/TNCindiana/.

“Visitors arriving through the airport may not venture outside of Indianapolis during their trip,” said Julia Moore, director of public art at the Arts Council and organizer of the exhibition. “We love to remind people of the considerable natural beauty found in Indiana.”

The Arts Council of Indianapolis and The Nature Conservancy recognize a talented group of experts that assisted with selecting the artwork on display. Those experts include Emily Wood, Executive Director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation; Indianapolis-based professional photographer JD Nolan; Derek Luchik, field steward for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana, and Chip Sutton, marketing manager for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana.

“*Indiana, Naturally* is a fitting way to show off so many of the amazing natural places in our state,” said Larry Clemens, state director for the Conservancy in Indiana. “We’re very pleased that Nature Conservancy sites, such as Kankakee Sands in northwest Indiana, are represented in the collection.”

Artists showcased at the Indy airport exhibition include:

Amber Beams, Roachdale, Ind.
Amanda Black, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Elaine Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.
Radhika Cherukuru, Greenwood, Ind.
Samia Dockery, Indianapolis, Ind.
Lea Foster, Lafayette, Ind.
Dave Galloway, Carmel, Ind.

Michael Gard, Valparaiso, Ind.
Matt Hakey, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Ronda Hamm, Carmel, Ind.
Jackie Huppenthal, Dyer, Ind.
Ryan Jeske, Carmel, Ind.
Susan Kirt, Valparaiso, Ind.
Michael Leakey, Westfield, Ind.
Gary Morrison, Bloomington, Ind.
Bonnie Phillips, Warsaw, Ind.
John Puffer, Vincennes, Ind.
Stephanie Ruitter, Lake Village, Ind.
Erin Schuerman, Osgood, Ind.
Darrel Staggs, Mooresville, Ind.
Dorthyann Strange, Bloomington, Ind.
Karen Wade, Franklin, Ind.
Zalman Wainhaus, South Bend, Ind.
Adam Wilson, Greenfield, Ind.
Robert Wrenn, Bloomington, Ind.

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About the Arts Council of Indianapolis

The Arts Council of Indianapolis is a nonprofit service organization dedicated to fostering meaningful and equitable engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive. The Arts Council allocates public funding to arts and cultural organizations through a competitive grant program; offers fellowship opportunities including the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship, and the DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award; provides programs, services, and technical assistance for artists and arts organizations; manages the city's public art program including the Public Art for Neighborhoods initiative; supports arts education and arts integration in partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools; and owns/operates the Indianapolis Artsgarden, Gallery 924, and IndyArtsGuide.org.

About The Nature Conservancy in Indiana

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. To date, the Conservancy and its more than one million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 18 million acres in the United States and have helped preserve more than 117 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. In Indiana, the Conservancy has worked for 60 years at over 195 sites to protect more than 100,000 acres. Working from seven offices across the State, the Conservancy works with local communities on issues of vital interest, including the quality and quantity of Indiana's fresh water. Visit The Nature Conservancy on the web at www.nature.org/indiana.

About the Indianapolis Airport Authority

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its

facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana – without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 10,000 people work at the airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. IND serves more than 9 million business and leisure travelers each year, averaging 145 daily flights – seasonally and year-round – to 50 nonstop destinations. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility. IND is committed to becoming the airport system of choice for both passenger and cargo service. For more information, visit IND's Facebook page at [Indianapolis International Airport](#) and Twitter page at [@INDairport](#).