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City, Arts Council Announce Launch of #IndyKeepsCreating Series

Series will feature three programs to support Indianapolis artistic community while welcoming back residents and visitors to cultural activities across Marion County

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the City of Indianapolis and the Arts Council of Indianapolis announced the launch of the [#IndyKeepsCreating](#) Series. The Series will engage artists and arts and culture partners with paid opportunities to support the vibrancy, beautification, and activation of Marion County’s neighborhoods and public spaces, reconnecting residents and visitors with the places and experiences they’ve been missing during the pandemic.

The Series will kick off this Sunday, October 10, with Downtown Indy, Inc.’s [Fall Arts Market on the Circle](#), featuring artists, live music, and food and drinks. A schedule of events for the rest of the Series will be available in mid-October.

“We’re excited to support our arts and culture community through these grant programs,” said Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. “Throughout the pandemic, local artists have provided our community with creativity and resiliency. These opportunities will help us return that support while revitalizing spaces throughout our neighborhoods.”

The Series is powered by a \$500,000 engagement made possible through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, approved by the Indianapolis City-County Council.

Marion County-based visual artists and performers, community organizations, and neighborhood businesses can apply now to participate in three programs supported by partners including: the Arts Council of Indianapolis, Inc.; Big Car Collaborative; GANGGANG; 60 on Center; Smart Girl Creative Co.; the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick; Downtown Indy, Inc.; Visit Indy; the Indianapolis Airport Authority, and others. A description of the programs and deadlines follows:

#IndyKeepsCreating Cultural Connection Grants

Administered by [Big Car Collaborative](#)

- **For:** Artists and community-based organizations that offer public cultural programming in Marion County.
- **Application timeline:** October 10 - October 31 (weekly deadlines).
- **What:** Grants of \$500 to \$5,000 will support paid artist participation in community projects, festivals, and events.



#IndyKeepsCreating Music Series & Indy Up Next Fellowships

Administered by [GANGGANG](#)

- **For:** Marion County-based musicians and other performing artists.
- **Application timeline:** Open now through October 18.
- **What:** The Indy Music Series will provide paid opportunities for artists to perform live at signature downtown public spaces, in local neighborhoods, and at Indy Parks locations. In addition, up to 15 artists will be selected for the Indy Up Next Fellowships, including professional development, access to industry insiders, marketing support, and exclusive performance opportunities.

#IndyKeepsCreating Sidewalk Galleries

Administered by the [Arts Council of Indianapolis](#)

- **For:** Marion County-based visual and literary artists/poets interested in licensing existing works or creating new ones.
- **Application timeline:** Open now through October 17.
- **What:** About 100 visual and literary/poetry artworks will help create welcoming spaces throughout Marion County. This program, which builds on the artworks installed last spring in downtown storefronts, also seeks businesses interested in hosting these artworks.

Artists, community-based organizations, and business owners can find the applications and additional information to the Series program by visiting indykeepscreating.org.

All #IndyKeepsCreating Series programs and events will take place in Marion County before December 31, 2021; be free or affordable and accessible to all residents; pay artists a competitive wage; and prioritize the use of public spaces across Indianapolis, including downtown locations such as Monument Circle, Georgia Street, Lugar Plaza, and the Canal, Indy's Cultural Districts, [Indy Parks](#), [Lift Indy](#) communities, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Indianapolis' five [Great Places neighborhoods](#), and [Reconnecting to our Waterways \(ROW\)'s](#) six waterway districts.

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