



#IndyKeepsCreating Series Continues Through March 2022

Series features events, installations, grants to support Indianapolis arts community

INDIANAPOLIS (November 10, 2021) – The City of Indianapolis and the Arts Council of Indianapolis today announced the first round of events supported by the new #IndyKeepsCreating Series, featuring music, art installations, and cultural programs happening through March 2022.

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

“These events represent unique, innovative ways for residents to engage with art throughout Indianapolis,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “As we head into the winter months, we’re helping provide neighbors a multitude of ways to engage with the arts and culture community.”

Currently, nearly \$220,000 has been awarded supporting 250 artists engaged in paid opportunities across 16 city neighborhoods, including collaboration with more than 30 community partners to support existing art and culture events or create new ones. To date, 56 percent of all grants and paid engagements have been awarded to artists of color. Marion County-based visual artists and performers, community organizations, and neighborhood businesses applied to participate in three programs administered by the Arts Council of Indianapolis; Big Car Collaborative; and GANGGANG. The programs include:

- **#IndyKeepsCreating Cultural Connection Grants**
Grants supporting community-centric cultural programs, festivals, and events in Marion County. Administered by Big Car Collaborative.
- **#IndyKeepsCreating Music Series & Naptown Next Up Fellowship Program**
The Music Series features artists performing live at signature downtown

locations, in neighborhoods, and other public spaces. Curated by Smart Girl Creative Co. The Naptown Next Up Fellowship program is a professional development program for rising Marion County performing artists. Ten fellows will be announced in mid-December. Administered by GANGGANG.

- **#IndyKeepsCreating Sidewalk Galleries**

About 100 visual and literary/poetry artworks, mostly located outdoors, will create welcoming spaces throughout Marion County. Curated by the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events and programs supported by #IndyKeepsCreating Series funding are open to the public, free or affordable, and take place in Marion County. Visit www.indykeepscreating.org for updates, as new events are added weekly.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events:

- **Featured Now: Sidewalk Galleries**
23 storefront murals from local artists, displayed at Circle Centre Mall.
- **Ongoing now: Classical Music Indy's CMI City Sounds**
Free, site-specific music video performances at iconic Indy locations
- **10 East Arts Music Concert Series**
Thursday nights Oct. 14-Nov. 18, Doors 6:30 p.m., music 7-8:30 p.m., at Intermissions Plaza, a new outdoor performance venue (3145 E. 10th St.). 10 East Arts, in partnership with Richard Sleepy Floyd, presents six weeks of free live music. During inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors at the 10 East Arts HUB (3137 E. 10th St.).
- **November 20: A Breeze Day**
*2-3 p.m., 1400 Meridian St.
Free art workshop that will lead to a 2022 exhibition focused on humanitarian awareness.*
- **November 26: Downtown Indy, Inc., Circle of Lights**
presented by IBEW 481, on Monument Circle
- **Post-Game Buskers on Georgia Street**
Hosted by the Indianapolis Cultural Trail following Colts games on Nov. 28, Jan. 2, and Jan. 16 or 17 (playoff date TBD)
- **Date TBA in December: Le Alta Moda**
*Free, El Volkan Mexican Restaurant (2705 W. Washington St.)
La Sardina Gallery presents A night of Le Alta Moda 3! Art fashion designer*

Katy Newton, a featured artist at Midwest Fashion Week and Rucker Makerspace, will create unique pieces of wearable art using repurposed and recycled materials. Katy includes models that are typically left out of the high-fashion world: Mothers, LGBTQ artists, drag performers, people of all ages, and cultural backgrounds.

- **December 3: ArtMix Winter Open House**
*Free, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., ArtMix (1505 N. Delaware St.)
Enjoy a hands-on art project, listen to music, and check out the new works in the ArtMix gallery, which will be stocked with affordable holiday gifts and take-home treats. Masks required; free masks will be provided at the door. Event entry is staggered throughout the day to allow for social distancing. Registration and more info [here](#).*
- **December 8: Jingle & Mingle**
*Free, Noon-6 p.m., Indianapolis City Market (222 E. Market St.)
This year's only large-scale "City Market presents" holiday engagement event, a great opportunity to continue to support and inspire merchants who have remained resilient throughout the pandemic and foster deeper relationships between existing and new merchants.*
- **December 11: Holiday Arts Market on Monument Circle**
*Free, Noon-6 p.m.
Featuring DJ Gabby Love, Anneliese and Ali*
- **December 11 and onward: Storefront murals on *Shining a Light* Monument Circle**
- **December 18: Flurries on the Canal: A Performance Series by the Indianapolis Cultural Trail**
Free, Downtown Central Canal, Admiral Spruance Basin
- **December 19: Girls Rock! Indianapolis Holiday Showcase**
Free, The AMP at 16 Tech
- **December 27: Frozen Frequencies**
*Free, time TBD, Garfield Park
Frozen Frequencies is an event to launch two semi-permanent augmented reality soundtracks for walking around Garfield Park created by Rob Funkhouser and Landon Caldwell. Using the freely-available platform echoes.xyz, which allows for the creation of cost and ad-free GPS-driven soundscapes, Caldwell and Funkhouser will each create a work that highlights their favorite walking paths through Garfield Park, and use sound to bring attention to points of beauty and interest that each artist has grown fond of therein. An opportunity to experience the entire park as the landscape of a*

dynamic and changing musical universe. Enjoy warm refreshments, a chance to ask questions and learn a little more about the specifics of the works. Printed maps will also be available.

- December 28: Snuggly Bear Presents... (Community Art Music and Education Day)
*Free, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Garfield Park Arts Center (2432 Conservatory Dr.)
Taking place during the week of Kwanzaa, this event will highlight some of the most renowned Black visual and performing artists in the City of Indianapolis. During the first half of the day, artists will be engaging with and providing educational activities for visitors. This will also provide the public the opportunity to purchase these artists' work directly and commission-free. In the second half, the event will transition into a performing arts space where an all-star lineup of some of Indianapolis' most recognizable performers will entertain the audience.*
- End of December: Norwood Notes: Portrait Project
*Free, online platform TBD
Artist Kaila Austin will work in the Norwood neighborhood to record the oral histories with five elders in the community and complete their portraits to be passed down as family heirlooms. The oral histories will be available in a community archive.*

Past Events:

#IndyKeepsCreating Series grants supported events that began happening in August 2021 and that featured Marion County artists and performers. Programs include:

- Gen Con Block Party
- Indy Jazz Fest
- IndyVolved 16 Presented by AES Indiana
- Downtown Indy, Inc.'s Fall Arts Market on the Circle
- Monster Bash, featuring a gallery show & market hosted by the artist-owned Chromatic Collective
- Blacktoberfest, an outdoor music event featuring Soulful Muzik, Okara Imani, Allison Victoria, The Girl Called Books, Renee King, Terrence Anderson, and June
- Benefit concert for the construction of the Indianapolis Music Cooperative
- Dia de los Muertos celebration at the Eiteljorg Museum
- Handpicked Indy
- Indy ArtsFest
- Lafayette Square Coalition's Latino Heritage Festival and Taste the Difference Festival & Sister Cities Fest

MORE INFORMATION:

All #IndyKeepsCreating Series programs and events will take place in Marion County before March 31, 2022; be free or affordable and accessible to residents of all

ages; 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.

For more information, visit www.indykeepscreating.org.

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