October arts & culture features ghostly art, a “Send Nudes” art exhibition, major festivals and new performance seasons

Explore Indy Arts is the ultimate resource for arts adventures and story ideas

Indianapolis (September 27, 2022) – Looking for great arts and culture stories to cover or share with your audiences in October? Indy Arts Council’s Explore Indy Arts is a one-stop resource for the media and the public to discover the best events and experiences. The curated guide is updated weekly, and will focus on the fall season (now through mid-November) and holidays (mid-November through December).

Explore Indy Arts is the centerpiece of a new fall and holiday arts campaign to inspire people to experience the realm of what Indianapolis has to offer while supporting nonprofit arts and culture organizations as they continue to recover from the challenges posed by the pandemic. The campaign is supported through American Rescue Plan Act funding administered through the City of Indianapolis.

“The arts and culture scene in Indy is incredibly strong,” said Julie Goodman, Indy Arts Council President and CEO. “We are in the middle of a ‘cultural renaissance.’ Artists are busy, and 100 percent of arts and culture organizations are reopened. The fall and holiday season is sure to bring some magical and unforgettable experiences.”

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TOP OCTOBER THEMES & EVENTS

Season Openings

- Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra hosts its opening night gala Saturday, Oct. 1, in partnership with Dance Kaleidoscope, at Hilbert Circle Theatre.
- Indianapolis Men’s Chorus kicks off its 2022-2023 season Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8 with “Leading Men on Broadway,” performing Broadway classics under the guidance of Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, at Hilbert Circle Theatre.
- Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra kicks off its 39th season with Epic Playlist with Kenny Broberg, Saturday, Oct. 15, at Schrott Center for the Arts, 610 W. 46th St. The showcase includes “Banner,” a work by Black composer Jessie Montgomery that deconstructs “The Star-Spangled Banner.”
Major New Public Art

- **The Art of the Game** open house celebrating Indiana artists and their work displayed at the newly renovated Gainbridge Fieldhouse will take place Monday, October 10 from 5-7 p.m.

- The new 40-foot x 36-foot **mural of Madam C.J. Walker** by Indianapolis-based artist Tasha Beckwith will be unveiled Thursday, Oct. 13 at an invitation-only ceremony at the Madam Walker Legacy Center. The media is welcome to attend.

Fall Is Festival Season

- **Indy Jazz Fest 2022** launches Friday, Sept. 30 with the Naptown Sound Kick-Off Celebration, featuring 25 of the city’s best jazz musicians, at the Jazz Kitchen. The festival happens Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2 at Garfield Park’s MacAllister Amphitheatre.

- The 31st **Heartland International Film Festival** offers 10 world premieres, 100+ independent films, red carpet events, and more, from October 6-16.

- Arts activities, artist booths, and food trucks are part of the all-ages fun at **Locally Made: Indy’s Fall Fest** Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Indianapolis Art Center.

- **Harvest** returns to Newfields from Sept. 30-Oct. 30. New this year: Guests can go inside Lilly House to join in the frightful festivities of Mischief Manor.

First Friday Gets Undressed

- Through an open call beginning in 2018, artist Miguel Casco has invited people to share their nude pics with him. He then translates them to paintings, “to see through the eyes of the person who sends them and portray the intimacy they share.” **Miguel Casco: Send Nudes**—presented by Big Car and Arte Mexicano en Indiana—opens Friday, Oct. 7 at the Tube Factory. FREE.

- **Art meets numerology** at **Color Theory 111**, an “intuition exhibition” featuring the works of 16 Indianapolis-based artists, including curator Gary Gee. It opens Friday, Oct. 7 at Gallery 924 at the Arts Council. FREE.

- **Spooky**, featuring paintings by Emma Overman, opens Friday, Oct. 7, at the Harrison Center. The show is a “mildly haunted display of gentle spirits and seasonal friends.”

Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month

- The celebration continues through Saturday, Oct. 15. At the Indianapolis Artsgarden, Arte Mexicano en Indiana presents **Identidad, Dreams y Marchas**, an exhibition of artworks by Mexican and Mexican-American artists. The artworks are inspired by cultural identity, the immigrant dream,
and political marches. Meet the artists during a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. Special lunchtime performances are noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Thursday, Oct. 6. FREE.

Spooky Season Arts Events—All Month Long
Along with popular events like Family Fright Night at the Indiana State Museum and the Children’s Museum Guild’s Haunted House, there are more than a dozen other things to do, including:

- **Ghosts on Vacation**, a ghostly art show and market, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Re:Public, 2301 E. 10th St.
- **Ghost Stories at Washington Park East Cemetery** on Saturday, Oct. 15, where seven Hoosier storytellers spin spine-tingling tales under the stars.

About the Indy Arts Council

Indy Arts Council is central Indiana’s leading arts advocacy and services agency. Our mission is to nurture a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive. Read our equity statement [here](https://indyarts.org/equity_statement).

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