November arts & culture features Vonnegut’s 100th birthday celebration, Spirit & Place Festival, and start of holiday arts season

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

Indianapolis (October 31, 2022) – The arts and culture scene in Indianapolis continues to offer a variety of events and celebrations heading into November, and Indy Arts Council’s Explore Indy Arts is a one-stop resource for the media and the public to discover the best experiences. The curated guide is updated weekly, with a focus on the fall season (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.

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It's #SHOWVEMBER!
November features a Black playwrights’ festival, a celebration of an Indy cultural icon, a “Dirty Dancing” party, a veterans’ art workshop and more. Among the highlights:

Vonnegut’s 100th
The Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library in downtown Indianapolis celebrates Kurt’s 100th birthday with VonnegutFest featuring events for everyone in your karass November 3-12.

Spirit & Place Festival: Identify - November 3-13, various locations
The theme for this year’s Spirit & Place Festival explores how we identify ourselves: our communities, our spiritual and artistic practices, the ways we walk in the world. On November 5, MOTW Coffee & Pastries, 4873 W. 38th St., will host “Tell Me What You Eat and I’ll Tell You Where You’re From,” where visitors can sample food from Yemen, Pakistan, Ethiopia, and other countries and meet the people who prepared the food.
OnyxFest 2022
November 3-6 and November 10-12
IndyFringe Basile Theatre, 719 E. Saint Clair St.
IUPUI Campus Center Theater, 420 University Blvd.
Indy’s first and only theater festival dedicated to the stories of Black playwrights, this year’s festival features original productions drawn from life, literature, and alternate reality. Tickets $15.

Dirty Dancing in Concert
Butler Arts Center
7:30 p.m. Monday, November 7
Clowes Memorial Hall, 4602 Sunset Ave.
Have the time of your life at this film-to-concert experience with a live band and singers accompanying the classic ‘80s film and its iconic songs. After the film, stay for a sing-and-dance-along after party with the cast and the band. $45 and up.

Veterans Art Day
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, November 12
Indianapolis Art Center, 820 E. 67th St.
Veterans and active military members enjoy a day of art-making workshops just for them, with Make It Take It workshops in glassblowing, ceramics, sculpture, wood, textiles, jewelry, printmaking, photo, painting, and more. Also, members of ArtTroop exhibit their works. FREE.

Native American Heritage Month
Following years of construction and planning, the Eiteljorg Museum opened its new Native American galleries this past summer. Contemporary Native Art 101 is currently on exhibit.

Holiday Happenings
Many of Indy's favorite holiday arts & culture traditions get underway in mid-to late-November.

Festival of Trees
November 11 - January 7
Indiana Historical Society
More than 75 elaborately decorated trees represent individuals, families and organizations from around Indiana.

Herron Winter Market
1-6 p.m. Thursday, November 17
Herron School of Art & Design
Shop from a selection of affordable artwork created by students artists and designers. FREE.

**Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol**
November 19 - December 24
Indiana Repertory Theatre
Banish your bah humbugs, and celebrate the season with this popular IRT tradition.

**Jingle Rails — The Great Western Adventure**
November 19, 2022- January 16, 2023
Eiteljorg Museum
Follow the nine working model trains through national landmarks like Mount Rushmore, the Las Vegas Strip, the Grand Canyon–and an unbelievably detailed miniature replica of Lucas Oil Stadium.

**Christmas at the Zoo**
November 19 - December 30
Indianapolis Zoo
Lights, action…animals! See reindeer, penguins, flamingos. Travel through a glittering tunnel, enjoy holiday-themed cocktails at Tinsel Tavern, and more.

**A Merry Prairie Holiday**
November 25 - December 22
Conner Prairie
Explore acres of lights and festive delights. New this year: Lots of new photo opps, plus a light tunnel that will help guide guests to the Tubing Hill.

**Celebration Crossing**
Opens November 25
Indiana State Museum
Hop on the Snowfall Express to journey through the forest populated by animals, then enjoy Winter Wonderland workshops and the 92-county tree.

**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](#).

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