



# HARRISON CENTER

FOR  
THE  
ARTS

FOR  
THE  
CITY

WHAT?

# The Harrison Center **FOR THE ARTS**

It is a haven for working artists and a gathering

place for urban and suburban residents. Its

is a 65,000-square-foot, three-story

purpose: to support the careers of fine artists,

historic building located on 16th and

cultivate emerging arts patrons, and promote a

Delaware Streets on the near northside

sense of culture and community.

of Indianapolis.

## ANATOMY OF THE HARRISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS:

### **FIVE ART GALLERIES:**

*The Harrison Gallery, Speck Gallery, City Gallery, Hank and Dolly's Gallery, and Underground Atelier*

### **24 ARTIST STUDIOS**

*housing more than 36 artists*

*A full-sized, historic  
**GYMNASIUM***

### **DELAWARE COURTYARD:**

*a sprawling outdoor greenspace for events and installations*

*Roughly  
**72,000  
ANNUAL  
VISITORS***

With that in mind, the Harrison Center for the Arts

WHY?

A vibrant arts and culture scene is  
promotes the growth and sustainability of arts and  
not only essential to a healthy city—  
culture in Indianapolis by connecting local artists  
it's a powerful tool for improving a  
with an audience of emerging patrons.  
community's health and quality of life.

IT DOES THIS BY:

- 1 PROVIDING STUDIOS AND WRAP-AROUND SERVICES FOR LOCAL FINE ARTISTS.
- 2 HOSTING ART EXHIBITS AND EVENTS THAT ARE FUN, INCLUSIVE, AND PARTICIPATORY.

*The Harrison Center for the Arts not only makes art accessible and available to a wider audience; it also eliminates the barrier that too often separates artist and audience. It's a communal and open space where both parties can talk, learn from one another, and enjoy a sense of shared understanding.*

HOW?

We bring patrons and artists together for inspiring, inclusive, and lively arts and culture events in our sprawling historic building.

For visitors, we provide a thoroughly unpretentious and welcoming opportunity to experience a dizzying variety of local art among a large and diverse group of people. It doesn't just create community—it is community. At the Harrison Center for the Arts, people of all ages and from all types of communities come together, converse, and connect.

*For artists, we provide not only exposure to patrons, but also affordable studio space, professional development opportunities, grant writing assistance, promotional support, and even childcare. Moreover, we foster an environment of mutual admiration and friendly competition among artists, challenging them to grow and improve in their craft.*

THE IMPACT

# The Harrison Center **FOR THE ARTS**

Our monthly First Friday gallery exhibits are among the best-attended and

# has helped make Indianapolis **a city**

most admired art events in Indianapolis. They connect people with artists,

# that loves art and its artists.

build community, and create dialogue in a way few other events do.

**SINCE ITS FOUNDING,  
THE HARRISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
HAS SUCCESSFULLY:**

*Created a more equitable and vibrant arts community in Indianapolis.*

*Established a stable and supportive environment for local artists to develop their careers.*

Additionally, the annual Independent Music + Art Festival (IMAF), hosted by the Harrison Center, is one of Downtown Indianapolis's most anticipated annual art events.

As an anchor institution in its Old Northside neighborhood, the Harrison Center for the Arts has hosted countless neighborhood events, raised awareness around community issues, and spearheaded projects to improve neighborhood life.

The impact is clear: In the past 15 years, the Old Northside and its surrounding neighborhoods have become home to thousands of new residents, spurring unprecedented economic development in the surrounding area.

THE FUTURE

Today, the  
Harrison Center  
**FOR THE ARTS** is  
a national model  
for urban arts  
organizations  
looking to  
build a bridge  
between artists  
and patrons.

And, as our events and programming evolve, the bond between our own artists and Indianapolis patrons will only grow stronger.

*In the years to come, the Harrison Center for the Arts will continue, along with the Harrison Center for the City, to use the arts to deliver innovative cultural solutions to civic problems.*

*Our artists will work not only inside our walls, but beyond them, bringing their craft and passion to Indianapolis's core neighborhoods and connecting directly with the people who live there.*

Cultural  
development.  
Creative  
placemaking.  
And much more.

