



HARRISON CENTER

FOR
THE
ARTS

FOR
THE
CITY

WHAT?

The Harrison Center is a 65,000-square-foot, three-story historic building located on 16th and Delaware Streets on the near northside of Indianapolis.

It is a haven for working artists and a gathering

place for urban and suburban residents. Its

purpose: to support the careers of artists,

cultivate emerging arts patrons, and promote

culture and community.

ANATOMY OF THE HARRISON CENTER:

EIGHT ART GALLERIES:

Harrison Gallery, Speck Gallery, City Gallery, Hank & Dolly's Gallery, Underground Gallery, Gallery Annex, Sky Gallery, and Lift Gallery

24 ARTIST STUDIOS
housing 40 resident artists

A historic **GYMNASIUM**
with original maple parquet floor

DELAWARE COURTYARD:
a street-facing outdoor greenspace for events and installations

A large **ROOFTOP DECK**
for event rental and community gatherings

Serves roughly **93,000 ANNUALLY**

With that in mind, the Harrison Center promotes

WHY?

A vibrant arts and culture scene is

the growth and sustainability of arts and culture

not only **essential to a healthy city**—

in Indianapolis by connecting local artists with an

it's a powerful tool for improving a

audience of emerging patrons.

community's health and quality of life.

IT DOES THIS BY:

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

The Harrison Center 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 an unpretentious and welcoming opportunity to experience an exciting 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, people of all ages and from all types of communities come together, converse, and connect.

For artists, we provide exposure to established and emerging patrons, affordable studio space, professional development opportunities, grant writing assistance, and promotional support. Moreover, we foster an environment of mutual admiration, collaboration, and even friendly competition among artists, challenging them to grow and improve in their craft.

THE IMPACT

The Harrison Center has helped

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

make Indianapolis **a city that loves**

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

art and its artists.

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

**SINCE ITS FOUNDING,
THE HARRISON CENTER 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, Bloombox Festival, hosted by the Harrison Center, is one of Downtown Indianapolis's most anticipated annual art and music events.

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

The impact is clear: In the past two decades, 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 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 will continue 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 crafts and passions to Indianapolis' core neighborhoods and connecting directly with the people who live there.

Cultural
development.
Creative
placemaking.
And much more.



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