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Indianapolis Cultural Trail Selects Forecast Public Art as Collaborative Partner for Comprehensive Public Art Plan

Kicks off effort for next phase of public art along the internationally recognized linear park

INDIANAPOLIS - Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. is pleased to announce the selection of [Forecast](#) Public Art as its planning partner for the next phase of public art along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. Forecast, which was selected through a competitive process, will lead a community driven process that will influence and inspire the Cultural Trail's public art program on both the existing eight miles of Cultural Trail and the two phases of expansion including Indiana Ave, 10th Street, South Street and the White River expansion.

"As we celebrate 10 years of the Cultural Trail, we are excited to embark on a new phase connecting people to arts and culture on the Trail and embracing the Cultural Trail as a destination for art and cultural experiences that are free for all to experience." said Indianapolis Cultural Trail executive director, Kären Haley. "With an impressive portfolio of national projects, shared values and a commitment to engaging local communities in the artistic process, Forecast emerged as the ideal partner for leading the Cultural Trail's public art plan."

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail has long served as a canvas for showcasing the city's cultural and artistic spirit, and this collaborative initiative marks a significant step forward in its mission to promote creativity, connectivity, and cultural engagement within our community and along the Cultural Trail.

Earlier this year, the Cultural Trail released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a qualified team to lead the Trail's public art planning process. A community-driven panel of partners selected Forecast for their exceptional track record in community involvement and commitment to the enrichment of urban spaces through dynamic and inspiring art.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Indianapolis Cultural Trail on this public art plan, as it aligns perfectly with Forecast's mission to activate, inspire, and advocate for public art that advances justice, health, and human dignity," said Jen Krava, Director of Programming at Forecast Public Art. "This collaboration provides a unique opportunity to enrich the Cultural Trail with vibrant and inclusive artistic experiences, reflecting the identity, heritage, and values of this wonderful city."

Forecast is a non-profit arts organization founded in 1978 by and for artists working in public spaces. Based in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and working both locally and nationally, Forecast connects artists with cities, institutions and communities to courageously tackle the vital issues of our time. Forecast emphasizes access for artists of color, Indigenous and/or Native artists, and groups that are traditionally excluded.

The Cultural Trail launched its planning effort with Forecast this week with a public reception and information session which outlined the goals for the project as well as what to expect over the planning phase.

The selection of Forecast underscores the Indianapolis Cultural Trail's commitment to engaging diverse perspectives and involving the community in the decision-making process for enhancing the Cultural Trail. The planning process will explore opportunities to incorporate art that reflects the city's identity, heritage, and values, making the Cultural Trail an even more vibrant and inclusive space.

To learn more and get involved with the Cultural Trail's planning effort and the Cultural Trail's public art program, visit www.indyculturaltrail.org/art and follow the Cultural Trail on social media.

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About Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc.:

Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc creates, inspires and sustains connections and cultural experiences that are accessible for all. The Indianapolis Cultural Trail is both a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and a world class, internationally recognized linear park: The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. In partnership with the City of Indianapolis, the organization also manages Pacers Bikeshare and public destinations along and connected by the Cultural Trail.

About Forecast Public Art:

A nonprofit organization based in Saint Paul, Forecast partners with artists and communities throughout the country to activate, inspire, and advocate for public art that advances justice, health, and human dignity. Forecast consults with decision-makers on public art and cultural planning efforts, helps find, select, curate and commission public artists and artwork, and supports public artists with funding, training, and opportunities to advance their public art careers. The nonprofit places particular emphasis on access for BIPOC artists and groups that are traditionally excluded. On the ground, Forecast's work results in policies and initiatives aimed toward addressing inequity and serving the community through public art. As a national organization, Forecast's team aims to set standards for ethical policies, processes, and outcomes in the field.

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