

IHS Announces Concerts on the Canal Lineup, Free Admission Thursdays

Indianapolis—A popular event is returning to Thursday nights this summer—and it is only getting better. From May 26 through July 28, the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) is bringing back its Concerts on the Canal series and introducing Free Admission Thursdays, which includes extended hours on concert dates. The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, home of IHS and the Indiana Experience, is located at 450 W. Ohio St., downtown along the canal.

The musical entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. on concert Thursdays and will feature a variety of styles, from jazz, blues and swing to rock, R&B and pop favorites. This year's lineup includes popular area performers such as The Cool City Band, Flying Toasters, Indy Nile, Brenda Williams and The Bishops.

Free seating is available on the grassy knoll, which is across the canal from the History Center. Guests can also purchase seating on the History Center's Kruse Family Stardust Terrace in tables of eight (\$50/\$40 IHS members) or tables of four (\$40/\$30 IHS members), and single-seats at the community table (\$10/\$8 for IHS members). No pets or

smoking are allowed on the Terrace.

When it comes to refreshments, visitors are welcome to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages. All alcohol must be purchased on-site, and a cash bar will be offered. Guests can also purchase food from Hoaglin To Go, available through the History Center's Stardust Terrace Café and at an outdoor grill.

The History Center will offer free admission and extended hours on concert dates, staying open until 8 p.m. Concertgoers are encouraged to take full advantage of access to the Indiana Experience, as well as a weekly selection of IHS's traveling exhibits. The exhibits explore topics such as Indiana disasters, the state's rich automotive past, the lives of Hoosiers during Prohibition and more.

In addition, IHS is making it possible for guests to enjoy a free day of fun and music leading up to the city's Fourth of July fireworks. On Monday, July 4, the History Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free admission. Then from 5 to 9:30 p.m., IHS will offer a special patriotic edition of its Concerts on the Canal series.

Museum to celebrate bicentennial with Expo

Event to celebrate significant moments, events and people of Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS —State businesses, universities and organizations will celebrate their Hoosier history and heritage during Bicentennial Expo slated for May 20 and 21 at the Indiana State Museum. The event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days, will honor Indiana's past and present as part of the statewide celebration of the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood.

"This is going to be a fun weekend for all who participate as we celebrate the many great people, places and things from our past and present," said Joanna Hahn, manager of school programs at the museum. "The expo will allow attendees to 'fast-track' their learning on all that is great about Indiana."

Friday and Saturday attendees will experience fun-filled activities, while canvassing the many booths representing various state businesses, universities and organizations. Attendees will be entertained by the Indianapolis Municipal Band and Indy Polkamotion as imaginations are captured by Habitat-tat-tat, Abraham Lincoln and 19 Plays theatrical performances, to name a few.

Bicentennial Expo attendees will have several activities to participate in including Atl Atl Throwing; GeoCorner (featuring fossils, rocks and minerals), Paleontology Puzzle, Potawatomi Dice Game, Civil War Medicine, How Indiana

Got its Shape and Museum Invasion Tours. Additional activities include Purdue University's Farm To School exhibit and Colts in Motion interactive trailer. Attendees will meet historic figures from the State of Indiana's past and get one-on-one with some inventive robotics.

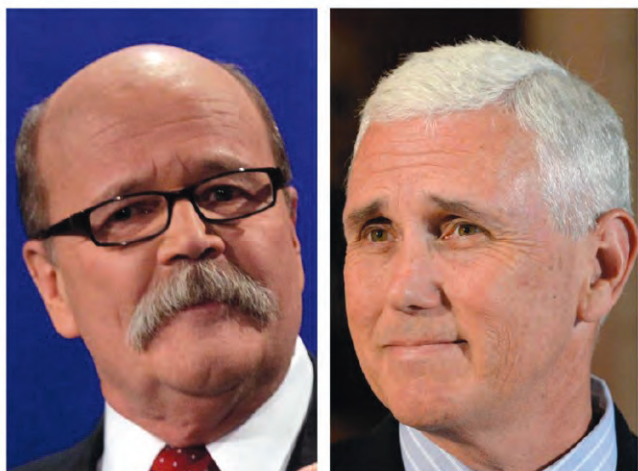
On Saturday only, foodies in attendance will have an opportunity to enjoy many of Indiana's favorite foods as vendor booths grace the pedestrian-friendly canal side of the museum.

"My hope is that attendees will be thrilled by the great food selections, theatrical performances and the many multigenerational family activities including our latest bicentennial exhibitions on view inside the museum," Hahn added.

The program is free and open to the public.

The Indiana State Museum is located in White River State Park in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. It is Indiana's museum for science, art and culture, offering a place where you can celebrate, investigate, remember, learn and take pride in Indiana's story in the context of the broader world. Even the building is a showcase of the best Indiana has to offer in architecture, materials and sculpture. Easy and convenient parking is available in the attached underground garage.

Poll: Pence has narrow lead over Gregg in race for governor



According to Indiana Business Journal, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is leading Democratic challenger John Gregg by four percentage points in the governor's election race in a new poll conducted for Bill Oesterle's Free Enterprise PAC—a slight lead that's within the margin of error.

The poll, released Thursday, shows the Republican governor ahead 40 percent to 36 percent.

The telephone poll of 600 registered Indiana voters conducted last week also found 42 percent of respondents disapprove of Pence's job as governor, while 40 percent approve.

One-third of the respondents said they

strongly disapprove of the governor's job performance.

The poll's respondents leaned more heavily Republican, with 12 percent more of the respondents identifying themselves as GOP voters rather than from other parties.

"That could be even more concerning for Gov. Pence because, if anything, the sample is robustly Republican," said Republican pollster Christine Matthews of Bellwether Research & Consulting, which conducted the poll.

One point in the governor's favor: the 22 percent who say they strongly approve of the governor is a higher number than the 13 percent who strongly approved of him in a similar poll last summer.

The Bellwether poll also found that 36 percent of respondents said Pence should be re-elected.

The poll found independents support Gregg by a 37 percent to 31 percent margin, with 22 percent undecided. Six in 10 independents say they are looking for a new person, according to the poll.

DUAN WU FESTIVAL 端午節



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文天祥：人命草頭露，榮華風過爾。唯有烈士心，不隨水俱逝。至今荆楚人，江上年年祭。不知生者榮，但是死者貴。

Duan Wu Festival, popularly known as Dragon Boat Festival in the west, is celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th month of the Chinese lunar calendar. The Chinese government has designated Duan Wu Festival as a National Holiday since 2008. It has been celebrated in other countries with substantial Chinese populations, throughout the globe.

Duan Wu Festival is to commemorate the life and death of Qu Yuan 屈原 (340-278), who was a cultured Confucius scholar and patriotic poet. He lived during the Warring States Period (475-221). He held a position as minister of Law and Ordinance in the court of King Huai 楚懷王 of Chu state 楚國. At that period of time, among the seven states, Chu was the largest, while Qin 秦國, the strongest. Qin ambitiously plotted to conquer Chu one day. Qu Yuan insightfully advised the king to implement government reforms and fortify the military forces to ensure the safety of Chu. However, his proposal met opposition from other aristocrats led by Zi Lan, who were jealous of Qu Yuan's political power and were upset by his ability and battle against their corruption. They were bribed by the diplomatic minister of Qin and they advised King Huai not to approve Qu Yuan's strategies but to ally with Qin. King Huai eventually allied with Qin and banished Qu Yuan to Hunan province.

Feeling dejected, Qu Yuan traveled frequently, educated students and diligently composed poems during his many years of exile. His most famous masterpieces included Li Sao 離騷, Jiu Ge 九歌, and Tian Wen 天問; they had turned out to be very significant

and influential in ancient Chinese culture. 屈原：舉世皆濁我獨清，眾人皆醉我獨醒。

In 278 BC, Qin's army invaded Chu and conquered its capital. Learning the appalling news, Qu Yuan felt exceedingly devastated and depressed. After composing his final piece, Huai Sha 懷沙, he committed suicide by drowning himself while embracing a large rock in the Miluo River on the 5th day of the 5th lunar month; he was sixty-one years old.

As soon as the local citizens learned about Qu Yuan's tragic suicide, they immediately raced to attempt to rescue him or retrieve his body in their boats. They were beating drums and splashing the water with their paddles, hoping to drive the evil spirits and fish away, so they would not claim his soul or consume his body. This is thought to be the origin of dragon boat race. In addition, they threw rice, eggs and other food into the river to feed the fish so as to prevent them from eating Qu Yuan's corpse. The rice served as a sacrificial food to their beloved patriot poet to nourish his spirit. An old physician deliberately emptied a jug of reagar (Xiong Huang 雄黃酒) wine into the river for the purpose of getting all marine creatures including the dragon intoxicated before they could devour Qu Yuan's cadaver. Thus, drinking reagar wine has become one of the customs of Duan Wu Festival. As the legend goes, later on, Qu Yuan revealed himself in a fisherman's dream, informing him that the dragon had consumed all the rice that people benevolently threw in the river for him. He instructed the fisherman to tell them to wrap the rice dumpling in bamboo leaves. Eventually, the tradition of wrapping the rice dumpling in leaves in preparing zongzi evolved.

Customarily on Duan Wu Festival, Chinese people enjoy consuming zongzi, a dumpling made of glutinous rice with meats, dates, peanuts, egg yolks, poultry, mushrooms, etc., wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, and watching dragon boat racing where available or on television. Europeans in the 19 century, observing the racing ritual, referred Duan Wu Festival as a "Dragon Boat Festival". The traditional dragon boat is a long, narrow, canoe-style vessel. A carved wooden open-mouthed dragon head is attached to the bow of the boat; and a scaly tail at the end of the stern. Painting the eyes of the dragon is a ritual that must be performed in a ceremony preceding the race. Other traditional activities include hanging mugwort and calmsus, and children wearing colorful fragrant sachet containing herbs. All these rituals were believed in ancient time to prevent illness, promote health and ward off evil spirits.

屈原 (離騷)：長太息以掩涕兮，哀民生之多艱。亦余心之所善兮，雖九死其猶未悔。

Purdue engineer receives top award from President Obama

A retired Purdue University research professor was honored at the White House Thursday afternoon. Dr. Nancy Ho was awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by President Barack Obama. It's the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the president.

Ho was recognized for technology that uses plants to produce ethanol. The technology will help with production of renewable biofuels and industrial chemicals. She was joined by 17 other engineers, inventors and scientists, who were awarded the National Medal of Science.

Ho is the founder and president of Green Tech America Inc. at the Purdue Research Park.



Indy500 Fans Encouraged to Arrive Earlier for Full 100th Running Experience

Indianapolis Motor Speedway fans are encouraged to arrive earlier than in previous years for the 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil. A whole morning of thrills and entertainment is planned for ticket holders looking to beat traffic and avoid longer lines by coming early.

"The 100th Running of the Indy 500 only happens once, and fans won't want to miss a moment of this epic day," said Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles. "A full morning of fun, including SportsCenter broadcasting live from Pagoda Plaza and the Borg-Warner Trophy's epic March to the Yard of Bricks, is planned for spectators of all ages. With higher attendance than in recent years, it's

a smart idea to leave home in the early morning hours and set yourself up for a day of shorter lines, less waiting and great experiences."

Gates at IMS open at 6 a.m. following the traditional cannon blast. All fans are encouraged to arrive by 8:00 a.m. or at least two hours earlier than their normal arrival time.

"This Race Day, we're celebrating with our largest crowd in decades," said Hulman Motorsports Senior Vice President of Events Allison Melangton. "To avoid unnecessary delays and to have the best experience possible, plan to get here in the early morning hours or at least two hours earlier than usual."