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## **The community has many ways to experience inaugural TEDxEvansville on October 13**

*The live in-theater experience is sold out but viewing parties  
and online livestream provide access to ideas worth spreading*

EVANSVILLE, IND. – For the past year, local volunteer organizers have been fervently planning the inaugural [TEDxEvansville](#), set to take place 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, October 13. The event will be held live in the Evansville Museum’s Koch Immersive Theater, via [livestream](#) and at [viewing parties](#) throughout the community. Locally and regionally sourced [speakers](#) are slated to speak on topics that align with the event’s renaissance theme. The 13 speakers were selected for their thought-provoking ideas and ability to convey their ideas in a moving way. They will present their talks – each less than 18 minutes in length.

Like all TEDx events, TEDxEvansville is a self-organized, local platform to share big, TED-like ideas. With support from volunteers and [sponsors](#), the public event features live speakers, unique performances and TEDTalks videos. Combined, these experiences spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

“In a community that’s truly thriving, you have this interaction of people who decide they want to work toward something that’s bigger than themselves,” said Zac Parsons, TEDxEvansville licensee. “These ideas demonstrate that.”

## **Experience TEDxEvansville**

Although the live experience in the Koch Immersive Theater is sold out, there are several other ways to experience TEDxEvansville – at no cost. These forums were designed to meet the needs of those who want to be closest to the action, as well as offer options for community members who can't commit to the entire four-hour event but want to experience some of the talks.

### **Official TEDxEvansville viewing parties – 1-5 p.m. – free and open to the public**

[Viewing Party & Idea Fair at the Evansville Museum](#), 411 SE Riverside Dr., Evansville

– Watch TEDxEvansville on a big screen with other avid TED fans, meet the speakers and network with others passionate about the renaissance underway in Evansville.

Enjoy light refreshments and entertainment throughout the event. And learn more about organizations who are enthusiastic about Evansville's ideas worth sharing. Stay for the TEDxEvansville after-party, which begins at 5 p.m. Join in discussion about the day's event and enjoy food trucks, cash bar, networking with speakers and organizers and other surprises. Request your Evansville Museum Viewing Party & Idea Fair ticket by emailing [tickets@TEDxEvansville.com](mailto:tickets@TEDxEvansville.com).

[Viewing Party at St. Mary's Medical Center](#), 3700 Washington Ave., Evansville – In the spirit of TED and ideas worth spreading, St. Mary's is hosting an official TEDxEvansville Viewing Party – a community gathering to view the webcast and share in rich discussion. There's no cost to attend, but space is limited. Admission is on a first come, first served basis.

### **Livestream**

Those who want to experience TEDxEvansville from their computers, smart phones or devices may view online at [www.TEDxEvansville.com](http://www.TEDxEvansville.com). The live feed is scheduled to begin at 12:45 p.m., just prior to the official 1 p.m. start. Visit the TEDxEvansville website and follow updates on social media for more details.

### **Follow the activity on social media**

Throughout the event, organizers will share a steady stream of updates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Complete recordings of the talks will not be available until after the event.

TEDxEvansville [schedule](#) and speaker line-up of [speakers](#)

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

[Sean Georges](#)

Senior Vice President of Human Resources and In-House Counsel, Shoe Carnival, Inc.

*The essence of authentic leadership*

[Jodi Duncan](#)

Jodi Duncan Designs

*FlowerPowered*

TED Talk video

[Scott Wylie, Esq.](#)

Director, Vanderburgh Community Foundation

*Intentional inclusiveness in community renaissance*

[Lynn Miller Pease](#)

Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Evansville, Inc.

*How a picture book, markers and paper transformed my city from miserable to magnetic*

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Performance by Larry Miller, accordionist

[Charles Sutton](#)

Librarian/Educator, Thinker/Tinkerer

*Maker education: Empowering individuals to make a better world*

[T. Michael W. Halcomb](#)

Conversational Koine Institute

*Silent no more: Resurrecting dead languages*

TED Talk video

[Sean Wallace](#)

Owner, Windows of Opportunity – Barbed Wire Art

*Second chance*

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

[Robin Mallery](#)

Community Volunteer, Registered Nurse, Health Educator

*Chocolate mindfulness exercise*

[Steve Burger](#)

Vice President of Radio & Digital, WNIN, Tri-State Public Media

*Public media's role in the renaissance*

[Matthew Rowe](#)

Executive Director, Reitz Home Museum

Chairman, City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission

*In my neighborhood: A primer on architectural styles in Evansville's historic district*

TED Talk video

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

TED Talk video

[Michael Strezewski](#)

Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Southern Indiana

*The Mann Site: Indiana's first capital*

[Dan Sullivan](#)

Web designer, father of five

*Uniformity, monotony and creativity*

[Rob Carroll](#)

Principal, South Heights Elementary

*What do Kevin Bacon, Alice in Wonderland, lying to kids and getting tattoos have to do with effective (school) leadership?*



TEDxEvansville is [organized](#) by a volunteer group of Evansville-area community advocates, who are excited to introduce the TED experience to the tristate area and spotlight bright minds and inspiring community members who provoke meaningful conversations and change.

“There was an entire dedicated team that brought TEDx to Evansville to ensure our community’s homegrown ideas worth spreading are shared,” Parsons added. “That’s the spirit of TED. We’re all feeling it right now. There’s something happening in our community. Those who know about TED are very passionate about TEDxEvansville 2015 and excited to see it in our community. On October 13, the Evansville Museum will be the epicenter of activity for this event.”

### **About TEDx, x = independently organized event**

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

### **About TED**

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today’s leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED’s annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on [TED.com](#). TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED’s open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include [TED.com](#), where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; the [Open Translation Project](#), which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative [TED-Ed](#); the annual million-dollar [TED Prize](#), which funds exceptional individuals with a “wish,” or idea, to create change in the world; [TEDx](#), which provides licenses to thousands of individuals and groups who host local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the [TED Fellows](#) program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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***Editor's note:** Members of the media are not permitted to take pictures of or film/videotape TEDxEvansville. Photos taken by a TEDxEvansville photographer will be available after the event. Additionally, the full talks will be available on the TEDx YouTube channel and [www.TEDxEvansville.com](http://www.TEDxEvansville.com) after the event.*