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**TEDxEvansville announces speaker lineup and how to get tickets**  
*Ideas will explore the topic of renaissance – rebirth, renewal and revival*

EVANSVILLE, IND. – TEDxEvansville is pleased to announce its lineup of speakers for TEDxEvansville 2015, which is centered around the idea of renaissance – rebirth, revival and renewal. The 14 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. [Tickets](#) will soon go on sale for TEDxEvansville, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Evansville Museum’s Koch Immersive Theater.

Confirmed [speakers](#) for the 2015 event include:

**Steve Burger**, Vice President of Radio & Digital, WNIN, Tri-State Public Media  
*Public media’s role in the renaissance*

**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?*

**Jodi Duncan**, Jodi Duncan Designs  
*FlowerPowered*

**Sean M. Georges**, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and In-House Counsel, Shoe Carnival, Inc.  
*Servant leadership is the essence of authentic leadership*

**T. Michael W. Halcomb**, Conversational Koine Institute  
*Silent no more: Resurrecting dead languages*

**Robin Mallery**, Community Volunteer, Registered Nurse, Health Educator  
*Chocolate mindfulness exercise*

**Lynn Miller Pease**, Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Evansville, Inc.

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

**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*

**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*

**Charles Sutton**, Librarian/Educator, Thinker/Tinkerer

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

**Sean Wallace**, Owner, Windows of Opportunity – Barbed Wire Art

*Second chance*

**Scott Wylie, Esq.**, Director, Vanderburgh Community Foundation

*Intentional inclusiveness in community renaissance*

**N. Ryan Zaricki**, Founder and President, Whole Sun Designs Inc.

*Transitioning to a clean energy future*

TEDxEvansville received more than 100 written idea submissions from individuals interested in speaking at this year's event. The TEDxEvansville curatorial team narrowed that list to about 30 individuals who were invited to audition in person, where they shared their ideas and discussed how they would deliver them in an impactful way.

Jenn Schultheis, TEDxEvansville Curatorial Team Lead, said, "Every application was based solely on the idea's authenticity, relevance to the renaissance theme and originality as well as potential for community impact – not on who submitted it."

The team reviewing applications had no access to applicants' names or where they work to ensure the focus remained on the ideas presented. The curatorial team ruled out any speaker seeking self-promotion or an opportunity to market their business or organization from the stage.



## How to get tickets

TEDxEvansville organizers will sell [tickets](#) in person at the Saturday, Sept. 12, Franklin Street Bazaar, located on the lawn of the West Library, 2000 W. Franklin St. Ticket sales will begin at 9 a.m., an hour after the Bazaar opens. The 65 available tickets priced at \$65 each are expected to sell quickly. Tickets will be sold one per person.

## Viewing parties

Organizations and individuals interested in hosting a livestream TEDxEvansville [viewing party](#) for friends, colleagues and the community, may learn more on the TEDxEvansville website.

## Stay up-to-date on TEDxEvansville

Those who want TEDxEvansville [updates and happenings](#) are encouraged to [subscribe](#) to emails from TEDxEvansville or follow TEDxEvansville on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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.

## 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](https://www.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](https://www.ted.com), where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; the [Open Translation Project](https://www.ted.com/open-translation-project), which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative [TED-Ed](https://www.ted.com/ted-ed); the annual million-dollar [TED Prize](https://www.ted.com/ted-prize), which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; [TEDx](https://www.ted.com/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](https://www.ted.com/ted-fellows) program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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