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### **In keeping with its 2017 theme, “Grow,” TEDxEvansville moves October event to larger venue**

EVANSVILLE, IND. – Now in its third year, TEDxEvansville, an event designed to share inspiring ideas, has selected a new, larger venue to accommodate the community’s growing interest and participation. Local volunteer organizers of [TEDxEvansville](http://www.TEDxEvansville.com) have announced the Friday, October 27, 2017, event will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the University of Southern Indiana’s [Performance Center](#). All locally organized TEDx events have a theme to set the tone for the event. The theme of TEDxEvansville 2017 is “Grow.”

TEDxEvansville licensee, Zac Parsons, shared how the event’s organizers decided on “Grow” for this year’s theme. “We’re at a point in our society where cities and communities are either in a state of growth or in a state of decline. Fortunately, in Evansville, we have plenty of markers that show that this community is growing. But too few of our community members are aware of it,” he said. Parsons added, “That’s what makes the TED Talk format so powerful. It gives a stage to explore and share the best ideas that our community is engaged in – or should be. And this year, with our amazing new location at the Performance Center at USI, we are able to share that stage with a crowd of 300 in person, in addition to the thousand-plus who will stream it online.”

Individuals interested in [applying to speak](#) at TEDxEvansville may complete the form online at [www.TEDxEvansville.com](http://www.TEDxEvansville.com). The deadline for submitting speaker applications is May 21. The TEDxEvansville curatorial committee will review speaker applications and select presenters in July, following personal interviews and auditions.

The community may also access the website to view talks from past TEDxEvansville events and to learn more about other ways to get involved with TEDxEvansville, such as [volunteering](#), sponsoring or attending the event. Ticket prices and online ticket sales will be announced this summer.

“We are delighted this year’s TEDxEvansville event will be held in the stunning Performance Center on USI’s campus,” said Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, USI president. “As these talks are devoted to spreading ideas, they work hand in hand with elements of our own University mission as an engaged learning community advancing education and knowledge.”

TEDxEvansville is organized by a volunteer group of Evansville-area community advocates, who are moved by the TED experience and committed to spotlighting bright minds and inspiring community members in the tristate 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, TED Talks 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](http://TED.com). TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Monica Lewinsky, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED's open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include [TED.com](http://TED.com), where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; [the Open Translation Project](http://theOpenTranslationProject), which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative [TED-Ed](http://TED-Ed); the annual million-dollar [TED Prize](http://TEDPrize), which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; [TEDx](http://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](http://TEDFellows) program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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