



NEWFIELDS

A PLACE FOR NATURE & THE ARTS

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Newfields cancels 2020 Summer Nights Film Series

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22, 2020— In light of the guidelines required by local and State Government officials due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and for the safety of our staff and guests, Newfields has made the decision to cancel The National Bank of Indianapolis Summer Nights Film Series. This cancellation extends to all Newfields regular remaining programs through 2020.

This decision has been made to ensure Newfields can focus on the planning of a safe campus re-opening in phases, the rescheduling of the highly anticipated [Edward Hopper and the American Hotel](#), and the planning for upcoming large-scale seasonal festivals, such as *Harvest* and *Winterlights*.

"This decision was very difficult to make," said Charles L. Venable, The Melvin & Bren Simon Director and CEO. "But the safety of our guests and staff is of the utmost importance during this pandemic and it would be impossible to properly practice social distancing in our amphitheater without totally changing the community-nature of this popular event. The same is true for many other programs, so we have decided simply to take a pause for the rest of 2020 on most of them. The upside to simplifying Newfields' schedule, is that we can focus more closely on our largest events that we host in the fall and early winter to ensure the public's safety and enjoyment."

In response to Governor Holcomb's five stage roadmap to safely re-open Indiana and the recent Marion County Public Health Order, Newfields will continue its temporary campus closure. Newfields is closely monitoring the developments of the global outbreak and following all updates from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Newfields looks forward to re-opening the campus in phases when State and local officials deem it is safe to do so.

Newfields at Home:

Even though Newfields is closed, guests can still enjoy the IMA Galleries and The Garden virtually by visiting [Newfields at Home](#)! Explore videos and activities straight from Newfields' very own curators, conservators, educators, culinary arts experts, horticulturists, and many more.

About Newfields

Newfields offers dynamic experiences with art and nature for guests of all ages. The 152-acre cultural campus features art galleries, lush gardens, a historic home, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the IMA Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of something cold, guests are invited to interact with art and nature in exciting new ways. Newfields is home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, among the ten largest and ten oldest general art museums in the nation; the Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark; The Garden, featuring 40 acres of contemporary and historic gardens, a working greenhouse and an orchard; and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres, one of the largest art and nature parks in the country. The Newfields campus extends outside of Indianapolis with Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Ind.—one of the nation's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist architecture. For more information visit www.discovernewfields.org.

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