

SPIRIT & PLACE FESTIVAL AWARD OF AWESOMENESS WINNERS

2016: Riverside Speaks! Past, Present, and Future

Riverside Speaks! celebrated the Riverside community with a “pop-up museum,” historic recreations and performances, and a church and home tour. Presented by Ebenezer Baptist Church, Indiana Historical Society, Riverside Reunion, Indiana Humanities, Kenyetta Dance Company, and Insight Development Corp.



2017: Break the Chains Off! History of Hip Hop in Power & Resistance.

This event celebrated local artists and others by walking through hip-hop history and examining issues of community empowerment using live musical performances and youth-led discussion. Presented by All317HipHop.

2018: Explore Art-omotive!

Participants delved into the relationship between art, design, and the history of automobiles at this family-friendly event. Presented by Ivy Tech Community College, Ivy Tech Automotive Garage, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, Social Sketch Indy, and Marian University.



2019: (W)rites of Passage: Moving Beyond Incarceration

Currently and formerly incarcerated men and women shared their perspective through readings that explored life beyond incarceration. How does one “evolve” beyond the walls? And what do you do to grow as a person within the walls? Presented by Inside Out Prison Exchange Program, Indiana Prison Writers Workshop and Indiana Women’s Prison History Project.

2020: OM—The Origin of All

In the Hindu tradition, OM is the original harmonious sound—a manifestation of Spirit. OM explored the origin of this sacred sound and its physical, energetic, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual layers through discussion, chant, meditation, and reflection. Presented by the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana and the Santosha School.





2021: Truthsgiving: Using Food to Dismantle a Colonial Myth

Eiteljorg's *Truthsgiving* featured cooking demonstrations and more to explore why romanticized versions of Thanksgiving are harmful to Native Peoples. Featuring Jonathan James-Perry (Aquinnah Wampanoag) and Navajo food journalist Andi Murphy, the event was also presented by the Native American Educational Cultural Center and Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission.

2022: Tell Me What You Eat and I'll Tell You Where You're From

Created by The Church Within and MOTW Coffee and Pastries, attendees experienced the foods and flavors of Yemen, Pakistan, Palestine, and Ethiopia while meeting and talking with the bakers and others to discover the ways in which food define, shapes, and unites us.

