

A man and a woman are seen from behind, looking at a large framed drawing of an elephant. The man is wearing a green shirt, a tan cap, and a large brown backpack. The woman is wearing a blue top and jeans, with a grey bag slung over her shoulder. They are standing in front of a black display board that also holds other framed drawings. In the background, another person is visible, and the setting appears to be an outdoor festival or art fair.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

420

*comedians have performed at Limestone
Comedy Festival since its founding in 2013*



HOME TO
LITTLE 500:
THE "WORLD'S
GREATEST
COLLEGE
WEEKEND"



97,000

*boxes of popcorn
sold at IU Athletics
events every year*

46+

ANNUAL EVENTS
AND FESTIVALS

10

*galleries participate in Gallery Walk
the first Friday of every month*

120+

*countries represented at the Lotus
World Music & Arts Festival since 1994*

*The Bloomington
Community
Farmers' Market is
the largest farmers'
market in Indiana*

JANUARY

FREEZEFEST

Family friendly winter festival featuring world-class ice carvers. January 6-11; Multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; freezefest.com

FEBRUARY

BLOOMINGTON MUSIC EXPO

A celebration of music anchored by Bloomington's only public vinyl show. February 8; Monroe Convention Center; bloomingtonmusicexpo.com

DEVOUR BLOOMINGTON

14 delicious days of three-course, value-priced meals! February 24-March 9; Participating Bloomington restaurants; devourbtown.org

PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

Bloomington's cinematic celebration of LGBTQ+ arts and culture. February 28-29; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; bloomingtonpride.org

MARCH

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

200+ quilts on display, special exhibits, vendors and a competition quilt exhibition. March 5-7; Monroe Convention Center; ihqs.org

APRIL

BLOOMINGTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sample 100's of craft brews from 45+ Indiana and Midwest breweries in a former limestone mill. April 11; Woolery Mill; drinkin.beer

HOOSIER HALF MARATHON AND 5K

Half marathon and 5k with amazing views of campus, downtown, and countless spring blooms. April 18; DeVault Alumni Center (check-in); hoosierhalf.com

LITTLE 500 WEEKEND

"The World's Greatest College Weekend," Little 500 is the largest collegiate bike race in the United States. April 24-25; IU Armstrong Stadium; iusf.indiana.edu

MAY

HARRODSBURG HERITAGE DAYS

Great food, an arts and crafts show, a big parade and more. May 15-16; Harrodsburg Community Center, Harrodsburg; harrodsburgheritagedays.org

BLOOMINGTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

An annual series of concerts celebrating performances and workshops by local, regional, and national performers. May 17-25; various locations; blemf.org

JUNE

LIMESTONE MONTH

Special events include architectural walking tours, limestone quarry tours, exhibitions and more. The month of June; multiple venues in Monroe and Lawrence counties; limestonemonth.com

LIMESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL

A three-day festival featuring today's biggest comedians and tomorrow's brightest stars. June 4-6; multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; limestonefest.com

HANDMADE MARKET SUMMER FAIR

30+ indie handmade makers along with DIY booths and food trucks. June 6; 6th St. between College Ave. & Walnut St.; bloomingtonhandmademarket.com

INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM

Limestone sculpting courses led by expert instructors. Beginners welcome! June 7-27; Bybee Stone, Ellettsville; limestonesymposium.org

ARTS FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Juried art show featuring 100+ regional and national artists and craftspeople. June 13; downtown square; artsfair.org

TASTE OF BLOOMINGTON

Over 40 restaurants to sample, plus live music and kids' activities. June 20; Showers Common; tasteofbloomington.com

MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Livestock, midway rides, races, pageants, crafts, and fair food. June 29-July 5; Monroe County Fairgrounds; monroecountyfairgrounds.net

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Enjoy this classic parade of floats, trucks, live music, and characters. July 4; Downtown square; downtownbloomington.com

AUGUST

BLOOMINGTON BLUES & BOOGIE WOOGIE PIANO FESTIVAL

Featuring acclaimed piano players with free and ticketed performances. August 7-10; Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center; bloomingtonboogies.com

PRIDEFEST

Free all-ages festival celebrating our sparkling LGBTQ+ community. August 29; Kirkwood Ave.; bloomingtonpride.org

MAKEVENTION

A showcase of "makers" from the area who create new art or products from unwanted or unused materials. August 29; Monroe Convention Center; makevention.org

INDIANA TOY AND COMIC EXPO

Celebrating pop culture new and old. Panels, cosplay contest, and the only custom figure contest in Indiana. August 30; Monroe Convention Center; indianatoyandcomicexpo.com

SEPTEMBER

B'TOWN JAZZ FEST

Free festival celebrating Bloomington's rich jazz heritage; a showcase of the area's leading jazz musicians. September 5; Monroe Convention Center; btownjazz.org

4TH STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS

Two-day showcase of 120+ nationally and regionally recognized artists. September 5-6; 4th St. between Grant St. and Indiana Ave.; 4thstreet.org

BLOOMINGTON GARLIC FEST & COMMUNITY ART FAIR

Two-day fest featuring food, local artists, live music, kid zone and more. *September 5-6; Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park; bloomingtongarlicfestival.com*

BUBBLEFEST

Immerse yourself in the world of hands-on bubble science! *September 5-7; Wonderlab Museum of Science, Health & Technology; wonderlab.org*

SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA KIWANIS BALLOON FESTIVAL

Hot air balloons, pyrotechnic skydivers, giant kites, and more! *September 11-13; Monroe County Fairgrounds; indianaballoonfest.com*

MONROE COUNTY FALL FESTIVAL

A 50+ year tradition! Craft booths, live music, food vendors, and more. *September 17-19; Marci Jane Lewis Park, Ellettsville; monroecountyfallfestival.org*

STINESVILLE STONE QUARRY FESTIVAL

Craft vendors, pie competition, tractor show, parade, and street dance. *September 24-26; Stinesville*

LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Four-day festival of diverse global music and performing arts. *September 24-27; Multiple downtown venues; lotusfest.org*

OCTOBER

MIDWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Women-featured artists at a daytime outdoor festival and evening club fest. *October 3-4; Multiple downtown venues; midwaymusicfestival.org*

IU HOMECOMING

Relive your favorite college traditions and celebrate the ultimate IU weekend. *October 9-10; Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center (headquarters); alumni.indiana.edu*

GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Choose from over 900 handmade blown-glass pumpkins at this iconic fall event. *October 10; Courthouse lawn; bloomingtoncreativeglasscenter.org*

HILLY HUNDRED BICYCLE TOUR

100-mile bicycle tour through the beautiful, hilly landscape of the area. *October 16-18; Edgewood High School (check-in); hillyhundred.org*

SCIENCE FEST

From physics to paleontology, participate in 150+ hands-on science activities, demonstrations, and talks. *October 17; Multiple campus locations; sciencefest.indiana.edu*

HOOSIER HYSTERIA

The official tip-off to IU Hoosiers basketball season. Free admission with canned good donation. *Early October; Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall; iuhoosiers.com*

NOVEMBER

ARTISAN GUILDS OF BLOOMINGTON HOLIDAY SHOW

Bloomington's largest annual holiday show and sale features handcrafted work by local artists. *November 6-7; Monroe Convention Center; facebook.com/artisanguilds*

BLOOMINGTON HANDMADE MARKET

Juried arts and crafts show featuring a variety of contemporary artisans. *November 14; Monroe Convention Center; bloomingtonhandmademarket.com*

CANOPY OF LIGHTS

Celebrate the season as Santa turns on the twinkle lights! *November 27; Downtown square; downtownbloomington.com*

HOLIDAY MARKET

Local farm products, artwork by local artists, reindeer, and live music. *November 28; City Hall; bloomington.in.gov/holidaymarket*

DECEMBER

KRAMPUS NIGHT

A festive, winter celebration featuring Alpine folklore beasts, parade, and bazaar. *December 5; Showers Common; krampus-night.com*

ONGOING EVENTS

GALLERY WALK

Gallery Walks are festive evenings of new fine arts exhibits open to the public. *First Friday of every month; Downtown art galleries (see Arts & Culture section for locations); gallerywalkbloomington.com*

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

Fresh, locally grown farm products and locally prepared foods. *Every Saturday, 8am-1pm, April-November; Showers Common; Winter Market: Every Saturday, 9am-12:30pm, December-March; Switchyard Park Pavilion; bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket*

BLOOMINGTON FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

April-October, 11am-9pm; Dimension Mill; facebook.com/foodtruckfriday

SMITHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

Produce and products sold directly by local growers and producers. *Every Saturday, 8am-12pm, May-September; Smithville Park Shelter House, Smithville*

ELLETTSVILLE FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

April-October, 5pm-8:30pm; 200 N. Sale St., Ellettsville; facebook.com/ellettsvillefoodtruckwednesdays



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