

FESTIVALS & EVENTS 2018



This is a community of big ideas, and many of those ideas manifest themselves into big events. From January through December, you can laugh, dance, become inspired, and mostly just have a good time with friends and family. Here's a little sample of what's happening, just to get you started. Log on to visitbloomington.com or call 800-800-0037 for a more complete list of upcoming 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*

PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

PRIDE is Bloomington's cinematic celebration of LGBTQ+ arts and culture. *January 25-27; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; bloomingtonpride.org*

EAGLES OVER MONROE

Learn about the majestic eagle through educational programs and sightings. *January 26-28; Fourwinds Lakeside Inn & Marina; visitbloomington.com/eaglesovermonroe*

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

Annual event with over 200 quilts on display, workshops, and community exhibits. *March 1-3; Monroe Convention Center; ihqs.org*

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

Fresh, healthy farm products for sale by local growers and farmers. *Every Saturday morning, April-November; Showers Common; Winter Market: December-March; Harmony School; bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket*

BLOOMINGTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sample craft brews from around Indiana and the Midwest. *Early April; location TBD; brewersofindianaguild.com*

HOOSIER HALF MARATHON

Half marathon and 5K through campus and Bloomington, benefitting charitable organizations. *April 14; DeVault Alumni Center (check-in); hoosierhalf.com*

LITTLE 500 WEEKEND

An IU tradition and highly competitive bicycle race between student groups. *April 20-21; IU Armstrong Stadium; iusf.indiana.edu*

SMITHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

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

HARRODSBURG HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL

Enjoy food, music, and community at this two-day festival. *May 18-19; Harrodsburg Community Center, Harrodsburg; harrodsburgheritedays.org*

BLOOMINGTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

An annual series of concerts celebrating performances and workshops by local, regional, and national performers. *May 23-28; various locations; blemf.org*

LIMESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL

A three-day festival featuring nationally known headliners and up-and-coming comedians. *May 31-June 2; multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; limestonefest.com*

LIMESTONE MONTH

Special events and programs to celebrate the local limestone industry. *The month of June; multiple venues in Monroe and Lawrence counties; limestonemonth.com*

IU SUMMER THEATRE

IU's professional summer theatre featuring Equity guest actors and IU Theatre students. *June-August; IU Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center; theatre.indiana.edu*

IU SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy a variety of performances all summer long from IU faculty and guest artists. *June-August; IU Jacobs School of Music; music.indiana.edu/summer*

INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM

Limestone sculpting courses led by expert instructors. Beginners welcome! *June 3-23; Bybee Stone, Ellettsville; limestonesymposium.org*

ARTS FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Featuring a variety of art including painting, photography, jewelry, and more. *June 23; downtown square; artsfair.org*

TASTE OF BLOOMINGTON

Over 40 restaurants to sample, plus live music and kids' activities. *June 23; Showers Common; tasteofbloomington.com*

MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Livestock, midway rides, races, pageants, crafts, and fair food. *July 1-8; Monroe County Fairgrounds; monroecountyfairgrounds.net*

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Enjoy this classic parade of floats, trucks, and characters. *July 4; downtown square; downtownbloomington.com*

BLOOMINGTON BLUES & BOOGIE WOOGIE PIANO FESTIVAL

Performances by some of the best pianists in the country. *August 11-13; Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center; bloomingtonboogies.com*

PRIDEFEST

Free all-ages festival celebrating our sparkling LGBTQ+ community. *August 25; Kirkwood Ave.; bloomingtonpride.org*

INDIANA TOY AND COMIC EXPO

Celebrating pop culture new and old. Panels, cosplay contest, and the only custom figure contest in Indiana. *August 26; Monroe Convention Center; indianatoyandcomicexpo.com*

4TH STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS

A show of nationally and regionally recognized visual artists in downtown Bloomington. *September 1-2; Fourth & Grant Streets; 4thstreet.org*

GAME DAY!

INDIANA FOOTBALL 2018

PURCHASE TICKETS, GROUP TAILGATES & SPECIAL OFFERS

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2018 HOME SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 8 **VIRGINIA**



SEPTEMBER 15 **BALL STATE**



SEPTEMBER 22 **MICHIGAN STATE**



OCTOBER 13 **IOWA** (HOMECOMING)



OCTOBER 20 **PENN STATE**



NOVEMBER 10 **MARYLAND**



NOVEMBER 24 **PURDUE** (OLD OAKEN BUCKET BATTLE)

ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



BLOOMINGTON GARLIC FEST & COMMUNITY ART FAIR

Local artists, live music, kid zone, plus food and beer. *September 1-2; Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park; bloomingtongarlicfestival.com*

SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA KIWANIS BALLOON FESTIVAL

Family-friendly event with hot-air balloons, live music, and more! *September 7-9; Monroe County Fairgrounds; indianaballoonfest.com*

MONROE COUNTY FALL FESTIVAL

Parade, music, craft vendors, food, and kids' activities. *September 20-22; Marci Jane Lewis Park, Ellettsville; monroecountyfallfestival.org*

STINESVILLE STONE QUARRY FESTIVAL

Music, craft vendors, food, and family-friendly activities. *September 27-29; Stinesville*

LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Music from around the world, visual arts, and more. *September 27-30; multiple downtown venues; lotusfest.org*

HILLY HUNDRED BICYCLE TOUR

100-mile bicycle tour through the beautiful, hilly landscape of the area. *October 5-7; Edgewood High School (check-in); hillyhundred.org*

IU HOMECOMING

Homecoming is the perfect time to reconnect with friends and rediscover IU. *October 11-13; Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center (headquarters); alumni.indiana.edu*

GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Pick a handmade blown-glass pumpkin from this magical pumpkin patch. *October 13; Courthouse lawn; bloomingtoncreativeglasscenter.org*

HOOSIER HYSTERIA

The official tip-off to IU Hoosiers basketball season. Free admission with canned good donation. *October 20; Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall; iuhoosiers.com*

BLOOMINGTON OPEN STUDIO TOURS

A weekend tour of over 40 local visual artists' workspaces. *Late October; studios and art spaces throughout Bloomington and Monroe County; bloomingtonopenstudiotour.com*

ARTISAN GUILDS OF BLOOMINGTON HOLIDAY SHOW

An artisan show featuring local artists in glass, clay, and fiber media. *November 2-3; Monroe Convention Center; facebook.com/artisanguilds*

BLOOMINGTON HANDMADE MARKET

Juried arts and crafts show featuring a variety of contemporary artisans. *November 10 (Summer Edition June 2); Monroe Convention Center; bloomingtonhandmademarket.com*

CANOPY OF LIGHTS

Celebrate the season as Santa turns on the twinkle lights! *November 23; downtown square; downtownbloomington.com*

HOLIDAY MARKET

Local farm products, artwork by local artists, reindeer, and live music. *November 24; City Hall; bloomington.in.gov/holidaymarket*

KRAMPUS NIGHT

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



IU Alumni Association

PROUD MEMBER

The Indiana University Alumni Association welcomes you home to Bloomington!

Visit us at the Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center, located across from Assembly Hall. Or, if you're returning to celebrate a milestone, event space is available in our beautiful facility.

ALUMNI.IU.EDU

“ IU was my home. I spent a decade here. My time in Bloomington made me the person I am today. Coming back to campus now with my kids – they feel the love that IU's given back to me.”

SHONTRAI IRVING, BA'97, MA/JD'03

ATTORNEY/FOSTER PARENT/PROUD IUAA MEMBER