



HISTORIC
NEW HARMONY

First Look

February 2025



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford and their two cats, undated. Photo courtesy of the University of Southern Indiana Archives and Special Collections.

CELEBRATING LOVE IN NEW HARMONY

Love is in the air, and what better way to celebrate than with a trip to Historic New Harmony? There are plenty of activities available for you and your loved one to enjoy this month between Historic New Harmony's Talking History program, contemporary art exhibits at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art and Under the Beams concerts at Murphy Auditorium. Round out your trip with some shopping at our local boutiques and florist shops before grabbing dinner at one of New Harmony's restaurants. Popping the question? We also have

several sites available to rent for engagements, wedding ceremonies and receptions. We look forward to celebrating with you here in utopia!

Diane Sanders
Assistant Director of Historic New Harmony

HISTORIC NEW HARMONY

New Harmony, Indiana, is located in the Central Time Zone.

Talking History

Theme: Love in New Harmony

10 a.m. Central Time, Thursday, February 13

Schnee-Ribeyre Elliott House
603 West St., New Harmony, IN

Talking History is a social gathering of history lovers who meet monthly to share and discuss New Harmony's history.

Sponsored by Historic New Harmony



Wabash River flooding near the Sculpture 'Shalev' in New Harmony, Indiana, January 23, 1999
Foster Tolliver Collection, USI Archives and Special Collections

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TALKING HISTORY: LOVE IN NEW HARMONY

Join us at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 13 for our next Talking History gathering at the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House, 603 West Street. Our topic is *Love in New Harmony*.

Local historian Linda Warrum will be there to share stories of love from New Harmony's history. Another special guest, Donna Creek, will show her collection of vintage Valentine's Day cards.

We also would like to hear about your memories and love stories from New Harmony or elsewhere. Where did couples go on dates? Did you get married or engaged in New Harmony? What is the most romantic place in town?

We welcome community members, visitors to town and anyone else interested in New Harmony's history to this gathering. For more information, contact Heidi Taylor-Caudill at htaylorca@usi.edu or 812-270-6133.

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USI INTERNSHIP AND CAREER FAIR

Representatives from Historic New Harmony will be on campus at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) Internship and Career Fair to recruit students for internships and part-time degree related jobs. Please encourage any USI student that you know with an interest in museum administration, collections management, nonprofit marketing and communications, or travel and tourism to come to the fair and talk with us.



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SEEKING INTERPRETERS

Historic New Harmony is looking for part-time Historic Site Interpreters to lead tours and engage visitors during the upcoming 2025 tour season (March-December).

Click the link below for more information on this position and to access the online application.

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NEW HARMONY GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART



New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

INFINITE GAUGE: MAKENZIE GOODMAN AND ADAM STACEY JANUARY 11-FEBRUARY 22

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is proud to present *Infinite Gauge: Makenzie Goodman and Adam Stacey* featuring new works in sculpture and image-based media from the artist duo. This presentation of recent works mounts a dialogue with the waterways of Indiana, specifically the Wabash and White Rivers, as a lens through which time might be considered in a comprehensive sense. This exhibit contrasts the human experience of the passage of time against geological time, considering factors that investigate how these rivers have shaped life along their banks. Works on view pose the question: Can we use a river and its path over time to learn about ourselves, our shared history, our belief systems and how our actions have rapidly and irrevocably altered the places we depend on?

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New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art



New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main Street.

CANDID CURATED BY VIOLET THOMAS CUMMINGS JANUARY-FEBRUARY

The exhibit *CANDID*, curated by University of Southern Indiana student Violet Thomas Cummings, is the newest BG Project featured at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (NHGCA). NHGCA is dedicated to enhancing the experiences of students through an artist-run exhibition space in the back gallery. BG Projects at NHGCA allows students to exhibit, experiment and/or curate within a working contemporary art gallery setting. Through exhibition and curatorial strategies, students can envision new possibilities for collaborations and their art practice.

NOTABLE DATES



The Atheneum Visitors Center in the winter. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

ATHENEUM CLOSED FOR WINTER

The Atheneum Visitor Center is scheduled to be closed for the winter season until Saturday, March 1. We invite visitors to New Harmony with questions and seeking information to come to either the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House or the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art for assistance.

Hours and Locations

Historic New Harmony
Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House
603 West Street
Open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Closed Saturday and Sunday

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art
506 Main Street
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday

LOOKING AHEAD

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Under the Beams: The Shelest Piano Duo

7:30 p.m. February 15 at Murphy Auditorium (417 Tavern Street)

A spectacular performance of love just in time for your Valentine's Day weekend! Praised for their "stirring performances of rare repertory" (*Fanfare Magazine*), the Shelest Piano Duo is a husband-and-wife team of Anna and Dmitri Shelest, together joining their hands on our Steinway's keyboard, who trace their roots to the Kharkiv Special Music School in Ukraine.

Encountering: Io Palmer, Anna Tsouhlarakis and Pavlina Vagioni

March 1-April 12 at New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (506 Main Street)

Opening reception for *Encountering* from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

Under the Beams: Biribá Union

7:30 p.m. March 29 at Murphy Auditorium (417 Tavern Street)

Biribá Union features Mike Block (Cello, Vocals), Christylez Bacon (Beatbox, Guitar, Rhymes) and Patricia Ligia (Electric Bass, Pandeiro, Vocals), forming a dynamic trio that blends original music with global influences, creating a fresh and accessible sound. Each member draws from their diverse backgrounds, such as Brazilian, Bluegrass, Jazz, Classical, Hip-Hop, Funk and Pop styles, synthesizing them through original compositions and songs that highlight their improvisational spontaneity and high energy stage presentation.

Under the Beams: The Revelers

7:30 p.m. April 12 at Murphy Auditorium (417 Tavern Street)

Cajun 'revelers' help celebrate our 25th anniversary season! Ambassadors of their Cajun musical heritage, and young revelers who know how to throw a party, take the stage and lead the way for the finale to our 25th year! The Revelers have been hailed as one of Louisiana's most exciting bands and bring not only traditional Acadian fiddle and accordion, but electric bass and guitar, drum set and saxophone! Members include Blake Miller, accordion; Chas Justus, guitar; Daniel Coolik, violin; Glenn Fields, drums; Trey Boudreaux, bass; and The Chris Miller, saxophone.

Heritage Artisans Days

April 23-25 at the Atheneum Visitors Center (401 North Arthur Street)

Historic New Harmony will host its annual Heritage Artisans Days on April 23-25. Geared toward elementary school students, this program allows children to learn what life was like living in New Harmony, Indiana, in the early 1800s. Students will experience 19th-century history through interaction with historic interpreters who present their professions and roles, including paper marbling, blacksmithing and more! For more information, contact Historic New Harmony at 812-682-4488, email us at harmony@usi.edu or visit our [website](#).

New Harmony Firefly Festival

June 27-28 at the Atheneum Visitors Center (401 North Arthur Street)

The annual Firefly Festival in New Harmony, Indiana, is presented by One New Harmony and Historic New Harmony to honor Indiana's state insect, "Say's Firefly," and Thomas Say, the Father of American Entomology. More information to come on the 2025 festival.

Independence Day Celebration

July 4 at the Atheneum Visitors Center (401 North Arthur Street) and Maclure Park (Church Street)

Join us at the Atheneum on July 4 for an Independence Day Celebration in partnership with the Friends of the Working Men's Institute. The celebration includes a keynote speech by Andrew Wilson and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. A golf cart parade follows the event at the Atheneum and ends at Maclure Park with a community picnic. More information to come.

Help Historic New Harmony continue its historic preservation efforts, educational programming, and more with your charitable gift to the USI Foundation. You can make your gift securely online at [USI.edu/giving](https://usi.edu/giving), calling 812-464-1918, or mailing to USI Foundation, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712. Your charitable gift is tax-deductible, and a gift receipt will be issued.



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