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The Role of Cultural
Districts in
Reinvigorating Cities

Portland, Indiana

Thursday, October 30, 2008

9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Register by Monday, October 27th



In today's world creativity is necessary for success—both for individuals and communities. Indiana's legislature has recognized this fact: The Indiana Arts Commission was recently granted the authority to create a cultural districts program. This program will be a tool to enhance communities by fostering creative talent. With this in mind, Arts Place is dedicating its Fall 2008 conference to Cultural Districts.

Speakers will be from both large and small communities. Attendees will be encouraged to consider the specific cultural, social and economic needs of their communities when creating a district. Ideas for promoting the arts and attracting talent in local communities will be exchanged. Most importantly, we hope attendees will leave the conference excited about the opportunities this new legislation creates!

Keynote Speech: *What are Cultural Districts For?*

Dr. Michael Rushton, Director of the Arts Administration Program at Indiana University is the keynote speaker. His speech will focus on specific cultural, social and economic needs that communities must address when developing a cultural district. He stresses that communities must have a clear vision when developing a cultural district.

About Dr. Michael Rushton

Professor Rushton is Director of the Arts Administration Program at Indiana University, and has research interests in cultural policy, tax policy, and nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining Indiana University in 2006, Professor Rushton held positions at Georgia State University, the University of Regina (Canada), where he also served as Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, the University of Tasmania (Australia) and St. Francis Xavier University (Canada). From 1998 to 2000 he worked with the Cabinet Planning Unit of the Government of Saskatchewan. He is Co-Editor of the *Journal of Cultural Economics*, and is on the Editorial Boards of the *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, and *Public Finance and Management*.



Indiana's Cultural District Legislation

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Walk on the Creative Side—How Three Unique Cities Built Successful Cultural Districts

Mary Lyons, *Covington Arts District Manager
City of Covington*

Miah Michaelsen, *Asst. Economic Development
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Kristen Wicker, *Oregon Arts District Coordinator
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Developing Artist Communities in Rural Areas

Sherry Timms, *Director
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The Necessity of the Arts in an Economic Development Vision

Ron Carter, *President
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