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**Fulfill your New Year's resolutions at Newfields this winter**

*Disco at dawn, ballet performance, piano in the galleries, Winter Nights Film Series*

**INDIANAPOLIS**, Jan. 4, 2017—This New Year, refresh your mind, body and soul with artistic and innovative performances as part of the new [Winter Performance & Film Series](#) taking place in venues all across campus.

In January, treat your body right through a healthy early morning workout and dance party, with Seasonal Affective Disco. Give your mind and soul a reboot by catching a popular classic film when the Winter Nights Film Series returns to The Toby Theater. Connect with the community through an annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

During the series, Newfields inaugurates new performance residencies, Young Actors Theatre and Indianapolis Ballet. Young Actors Theatre presents the Playground, a theater experience hosted twice a year. These special performances are derived from popular fairy tales and will come to life starting in January. Indianapolis Ballet will make its historic debut in February, performing Stravinsky's *The Firebird* on three separate days. The ballet takes viewers on a journey with Prince Ivan as he tries to win the affections of princesses with the help of a magical Firebird.

The full Winter Performance & Film Series lineup includes:

**\*EVENT: [Seasonal Affective Disco](#)**

*Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 / 7–9 a.m.*

*Efroymsen Family Entrance Pavilion*

*\$12 Members / \$15 Public*

Does the change of the season have your energy sapped? Shake off the winter blues with Seasonal Affective Disco, a series of early morning exercise/dance parties featuring a resident DJ, a movement instructor and a cash bar with coffee, juice and nutritious snacks. Come out and get your groove back with a celebration of the sun. Additional support generously provided by Motus Dance.

**FILM: [Winter Nights Film Series](#)**

*Jan. 12–Feb. 10*

*The Toby Theater*

*Single film ticket / \$8 Members / \$12 Public*

*Double feature ticket / \$14 Members / \$20 Public*

Trade in your winter blues for jazz, sweeping orchestral scores and inspired rock operas with a film series featuring amazing moments in movie music. Winter Nights is back for seven evenings of classic movies. Each night features two themed movies, starting at 7 pm. For the full lineup of films visit [www.discovernewfields.org](http://www.discovernewfields.org).

**EVENT: [MLK Celebration: Speaking of Love](#)**

*Jan. 14 / 1–4 pm*

*Free with donation to Martin Luther King Community Center*

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the Newfields campus. Immerse yourself in experiences presented by youth of Tan-Za-Mania Dance Company, Indy Pulse poets and the Teen Arts Council. See a debut

performance of excerpts from Village Voices: Notes from the Griot, directed by Indy native Joshua Allen Thompson. Requested donation items include canned goods, personal care items and art supplies.

**EVENT: [Young Actors Theatre: The Playground](#)**

*Jan. 27 / Sleeping Beauty / 1 p.m. / 12 Dancing Princesses / 3 p.m.*

*Jan. 28 / Sleeping Beauty / 2 p.m. / 12 Dancing Princesses / 4 p.m.*

*The Toby Theater*

*Free / Ages 18 and under / \$15 Adults*

Young Actors Theatre, an Artist in Residency partner in The Toby at Newfields, presents the Playground, a four-month theater-immersion experience hosted twice a year.

*Sleeping Beauty*

Beauty, banished from the outside world for her own protection, keeps the world spinning with her power of flight. Or so she believes. As she grows older, her stories of flight are met with doubt and she begins to question everything.

*12 Dancing Princesses*

In the future, the world is divided between Reality and the Dance. Reality is full of problems and obstacles, the Dance is freedom. Ceres escapes her troubles by plugging into the Dance but what happens when the Dance won't let go?

**\*EVENT: [Performance: Vicky Chow, Piano](#)**

*Feb. 6 / 7 p.m.*

*Pulliam Family Great Hall*

*\$25-\$35 Members / \$30-\$40 Public / \$75 VIP*

Experience music in the IMA Galleries with this unique concert with Canadian pianist Vicky Chow. She has been described by the *New York Times* as "brilliant" and "new star of new music" by the *LA Times*. Chow is the pianist for the Bang on a Can All-Stars, New Music Detroit, and has collaborated with other ensembles such as the International Contemporary Ensemble. Her program features contemporary works from the Bang on a Can repertoire and acclaimed American composers.

**EVENT: [Performance: Indianapolis Ballet, Stravinsky's The Firebird](#)**

*Feb. 16 / 7:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 17 / 7:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 18 / 3 p.m.*

*The Toby Theater*

*Tickets sold through Indianapolis Ballet*

*\$25-\$35 for adults / \$20-30 for guests 18 and under & 65 and over*

Indianapolis Ballet, a new performance residency in The Toby, is bringing professional ballet back to Indianapolis with its 2018 debut season. Be a part of history during opening weekend, featuring three performances of Stravinsky's *The Firebird*. Sunday's performance will be followed by a debut gala in the Deer Zink Special Events Pavilion.

**\*EVENT: [Performance: Kate Wallich & The YC: Industrial Ballet](#)**

*Mar. 2 & 3 / 8 p.m.*

*The Toby Theater*

*\$25-\$35 Members / \$30-\$40 Public*

Industrial Ballet is an evening-length dance and live music super-show deeply inspired by the industrial music of the '80s and '90s. Kate Wallich is a Seattle-based choreographer, director and educator. Her company, The YC is joined by a stellar group of musicians in this darkly glittering large-scale production. *Industrial Ballet* was commissioned and produced by Velocity Dance Center with underwriting from Case Van Rij in partnership with Seattle Theater Group. Original music composed by Johnny Goss of Cock + Swan.

**\*WORKSHOP: [Kate Wallich & The YC, Dance Church™](#)**

*Mar. 3 / 11 a.m.*

*Tube Factory artspace, 1125 S. Cruft St.*

*\$12 Members / \$15 Public*

*Dance Church™* is a 90-minute, all abilities, movement class that offers a fun, nonexclusive approach to dancing. Designed for people of all shapes, sizes, backgrounds and identities, *Dance Church™* is a communal space for everyone who wants to move their body. Co-presented with Big Car Collaborative.

**\*Denotes programs from the IMA's ARTx series, made possible by a gift from the Efroymsen Family Fund.**

### **About Newfields**

Newfields offers dynamic experiences with art and nature for guests of all ages. The 152-acre cultural campus features art galleries, lush gardens, a historic mansion, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the Indianapolis Museum of Art Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of cheer, guests are invited to interact with art and nature in exciting new ways. Newfields is home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, among the ten largest and oldest general art museums in the nation; the Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark; The Garden, featuring 40 acres of contemporary and historic gardens, a working greenhouse and an orchard; and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres, one of the largest art and nature parks in the country. The Newfields campus extends outside of Indianapolis with Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Ind.—one of the nation's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist architecture. For more information visit [www.discovernewfields.org](http://www.discovernewfields.org).

### **About the Efroymsen Family Fund**

The Efroymsen Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, continues a long legacy of charitable commitment by the Efroymsen family in central Indiana. The Efroymsen Family Fund was established in 1998 by Dan and Lori Efroymsen to promote the viability of communities and to date has awarded more than \$100 million in grants in central Indiana and beyond. For more information about the Efroymsen Family Fund, visit [www.efroymsenfamilyfund.org](http://www.efroymsenfamilyfund.org).

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