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# Winterlights presented by Bank of America returns for seventh year at Newfields on 11/19

Explore an expanded path, more lights, new partnerships and much more! Member tickets on sale 10/19, public tickets on sale 10/24

**INDIANAPOLIS,** Oct. 19, 2023—*Winterlights* presented by Bank of America is back for its seventh year, with a new record of nearly two million shimmering lights adorning The Garden at Newfields. This year's *Winterlights* returns with more square footage, including a brand new 700-foot path called the Twinkling Trail for guests to explore and enjoy. Other features include an upgraded and refreshed Landscape of Light on the Lilly Allée featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO), new color changing LED light bulbs, new special programming including a *Winterlights* Variety Show in partnership with Indy Pride, a concert series presented by Forty5 Presents, plus favorite traditions return.

The annual holiday experience opens to the public on November 19, 2023, and continues through January 7, 2024. Tickets go on sale to members today, October 19, and to the general public on October 24, both at 11 AM. Members get 50% off their tickets and are the first to see *Winterlights* at Member and Community Partner Preview Night on November 18, 2023.

"Bank of America is committed to supporting community initiatives that connect us in meaningful ways that also enable us to share uplifting experiences which Newfields' *Winterlights* does in a very magnificent way," said Andy Crask, President, Bank of America Indianapolis. "We're proud that Indianapolis has Newfields, a true local cultural treasure that is providing exciting new holiday experiences through this year's *Winterlights* that will create traditions where families and friends can celebrate the holiday season together."

The Landscape of Light, a favorite element of the festive event, is back with 300,000 brand-new color changing LED bulbs that will shine brighter than ever before. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, led by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, provides the perfect symphonic soundtrack for a dazzling synchronized display in front of Lilly House. Rerecorded selections include the musical theme of the Holly Jolly Dollies from the AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, featuring a lively swing arrangement of the *Nutcracker*.

"The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is delighted to partner with Newfields on this exciting collaboration that brings two great holiday traditions together. We deeply appreciate Newfields for this opportunity to provide an unforgettable experience for the central Indiana community," said James M. Johnson, CEO, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. "The ISO is grateful for the support of the late Marianne Williams Tobias, our longtime colleague and friend, whose gift made this project possible."

Following the Landscape of Light, guests will be wowed by hundreds of glowing Color Blossoms illuminating the Interurban Railway leading around the corner and beneath an ornamented tree to Twinkling Trail. This expansion adds 700-feet of excitement and opportunities for picture perfect moments. Down the Twinkling Trail guests will be met with a new immersive walk-in larger than life ornament glowing with warm white lights, sparkling cone trees and an elegant tunnel of lights.

Upon exiting the Twinkling Trail, guests will enter the new Culinary Campsite at Garden Terrace featuring the return of the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana selling s'more kits by cozy warming stations. Newfields' culinary offerings will be available throughout the entire experience, and include the uber-popular *Winterlights* inspired Electric Reindeer brew from Sun King Brewing Co., spiced plum cider from Ash & Elm Cider Co., and hot cocoa topped with vanilla bean whipped cream or hot apple cider to keep guests warm as they take in the beauty of the twinkling lights in The Garden. Both drinks can be spiked with Newfields' exclusive "Holiday Spirit" peppermint vodka made by West Fork Whiskey Co., or

Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey. New to the menu is a Newfields' exclusive barrel-aged Old Fashioned made with Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey. Sweet treats including gingerbread popcorn from Just Pop In! and giant warm chocolate chip cookies will also be available for the length of the festival.

"This year's Winterlights is designed to evoke heartwarming memories with family and friends amongst breathtaking views of this festive tradition." said Jonathan Wright, Ruth Lilly Director of The Garden and Fairbanks Park and Executive Producer of *Winterlights*. "The team at Newfields has been eagerly waiting to add new features to *Winterlights*, and we are beyond ecstatic to finally bring the community an expanded and enhanced version of your favorite holiday tradition. We are thankful to our valued partners including the ISO, as they have allowed us to push the boundaries of creative elements that are sure to delight guests of all ages."

## **Ticketing Information:**

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This year's Winterlights celebration comes with an array of ticketing options to give guests ultimate flexibility for their needs. Newfields members always get the value price.

# Winterlights PRESENTED BY BANK OF AMERICA

Public Tickets									
	Adult (18+)	Senior (55+)	Youth (6-17)	Premier Package	wonder Pass				
Value Nights	\$24	\$22	\$15	\$44	\$119				
Regular Nights	\$29	\$27	\$20	\$49	\$119				
Peak Nights	\$34	\$32	\$25	\$54	\$119				

Member Tickets Members enjoy value pricing everyday!										
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<b>Regular Nights</b>	\$24	\$22	\$15	\$44	\$99					
Peak Nights	\$24	\$22	\$15	\$44	\$99					

Kids five and under are always free.

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Premier The more the merrier. Premier tickets include everything you need for a flawless experience. Premier tickets include expedited entry, blinky lights, Package a non-alcoholic beverage (upgrade available), and snowflake glasses.

Winter-The most magical ticket of them all: includes the complete Winterlights experience, and more. You'll have flexible arrival time between 5-8 PM, VIP wonder treatment, special access to the Lilly House Lounge overlooking Landscape of Light, a premium beverage, fast pass access at culinary stops, blinky lights, and snowflake glasses. Snowflake indicates available dates.

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# Add-ons

#### Ticket Insurance (\$10)

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Worried about weather? Did something come up and you need to exchange evenings? Ticket insurance allows you to exchange your tickets to another date. Get all the details on ticket insurance below.

#### Blinky Lights (\$10)

Shine bright! Purchase your blinky lights in advance. Pick them up when you arrive for Winterlights.

#### Snowflake Glasses (\$10)

It's snow beautiful. Everything turns to snowfall with these magical holographic glasses. Glasses come with a non-alcoholic beverage too.

There is a \$1.75 processing fee per ticket.

Returning to this year's Winterlights is the popular light installation by <u>Owens + Crawley</u> entitled Astraeus lining the Lilly House drive, as well as *Big Piñata* by the Mexico-based artist collective Happy Rebels, which both debuted last year. Without these and other valued partnerships, Winterlights at Newfields would not be what it is today. This winter we've added several can't miss programs for the season. From performances to community celebrations, Newfields offers a cheery experience for everyone.

Member & Community Partner Preview Night Saturday, November 18 / Winterlights hours

Be the first to explore *Winterlights*! Newfields Members get 50% off tickets on this special preview evening.

# Museum Store Sunday at The Museum & Garden Shop

Sunday, November 26 / Museum hours & 24 hours online

Be a patron on Museum Store Sunday and support Newfields' mission to enrich lives through exceptional experiences with art and nature, while getting the perfect gift for even the most challenging name on your list. On this day, receive a 20% discount and free shipping on all regularly priced merchandise in-store and online. Online orders also receive free shipping on purchases of \$50 or more. The Museum & Garden Shop at Newfields is proud to participate, along with 2,100 cultural institutions across the globe, in Museum Store Sunday.

 <u>Winterlights Variety Show in partnership with Indy Pride</u> Friday, December 1 / The Toby Doors open at 6:30 PM / Performance begins at 7 PM / Tickets include admission to *Winterlights* \$55 Members / \$65 Public
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Oh, what fun, it's Indy Pride Night! Get in the holiday spirit with the *Winterlights* Variety Show presented by Indy Pride and hosted by emcee Lola Palooza and Halle Pino in The Toby at Newfields. Rejoice in festive performances including live music, comedy, dance and a few extra special surprises.

• Jake Shimabukuro: Holidays in Hawai'i in partnership with Forty5 Presents

Saturday, December 9 / The Toby Doors open at 7 PM / Performance begins at 8 PM / Tickets include admission to *Winterlights* Start your holiday season off with Holidays in Hawai'i by Jake Shimabukuro. Jake has captivated audiences around the world with his unique and dynamic style on the 'ukulele. Jake has a deep love and respect for the `ukulele and has explored new and unexpected ways to push the boundaries of what was possible on the humble four-strings.

• Latkes and Lights at *Winterlights* in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis Sunday, December 10 / *Winterlights* 

Admission included in *Winterlights* tickets / Ticket prices vary / Advance tickets required Join Newfields and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis for the Chanukah takeover of *Winterlights* presented by Bank or America. See the windows of Lilly House lit up with Menorahs and Stars of David and be dazzled by the Landscape of Light as it dances on the Allée.

<u>Christmas with Rockapella in partnership with Forty5 Presents</u>

Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14 / The Toby Doors open at 7 PM / Performance begins at 8 PM / Tickets include admission to *Winterlights* The original pitch perfect a cappella superstars! Rock—like you've never heard it before. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more influential group out there in this Era of A Cappella, with movies and network television a cappella exposure, a cappella Grammy awards, and innumerable college groups on campuses everywhere.

Las Posadas at *Winterlights* in partnership with Arte Mexicano en Indiana

Thursday, December 14 / *Winterlights* Admission included in *Winterlights* tickets / Ticket prices vary / Advance tickets required Newfields and Arte Mexicano en Indiana team up for the Las Posadas takeover of *Winterlights* presented by Bank of America. This single-night celebration honors Las Posadas, a nine-day celebration commonly observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries. This special night at *Winterlights* will include festive musical and choir performances.

*Winterlights* is presented by Bank of America. Lead support is generously provided by Marian Inc., and RJE Business Interiors. Additional support is provided by Barnes & Thornburg, Color Story Studio, Engledow Group, Gem Homes, Sun King Brewing, Sunbelt Rentals.

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 home, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the IMA Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of something cold, 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 ten 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, 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 <u>DiscoverNewfields.org</u>.

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