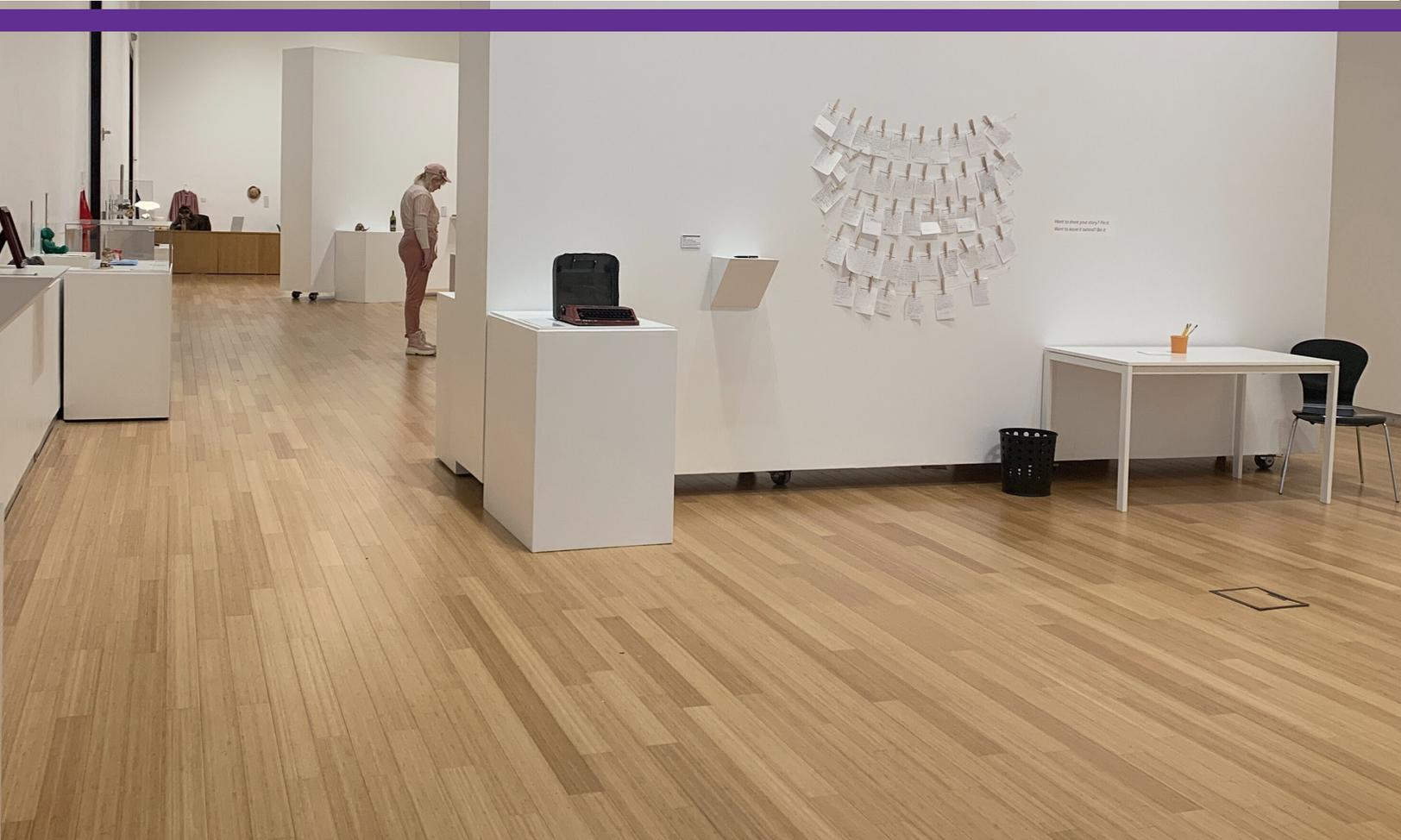


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Guide to the Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis



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What is the Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis?

The Museum of Broken Relationships is about you, about us, and about how we love, lose, and grow. Conceived by Croatian artists Olinka Vištica and Dražen Grubišić in 2006 after their breakup, the Museum of Broken Relationships collects and exhibits the objects and stories that remain when relationships end. At their galleries in Zagreb and a series of temporary community-based exhibits worldwide, the Museum of Broken Relationships constructs empathetic journeys that are at once highly specific and universally resonant.

[The Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis](#) is a unique partnership between the [IUPUI Museum Studies Program](#) and the [Museum of Broken Relationships](#). In this exhibit, you will see everyday objects, each accompanied by an anonymous story written by the person who contributed it to explain the object. Many objects are from Indiana residents while others are from countries around the world. Navigate grief, humor, sarcasm, and sympathy through the Indianapolis exhibit that blends local and global stories. An accompanying slate of programs and educational resources are available during the exhibit's run, including satellite displays in surprise locations around town and on the IUPUI campus.

The Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis main exhibit is located in the Herron Galleries on the IUPUI campus. The exhibit runs from February 8 through April 22, 2023 and is free and open to the public during normal gallery hours. Information about satellite displays and upcoming programming related to the exhibit can be found online: <https://herron.iupui.edu/mbr/index.html>.

Gallery Hours

Monday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Eskenazi Hall

735 W. New York St.

Indianapolis, IN 46202



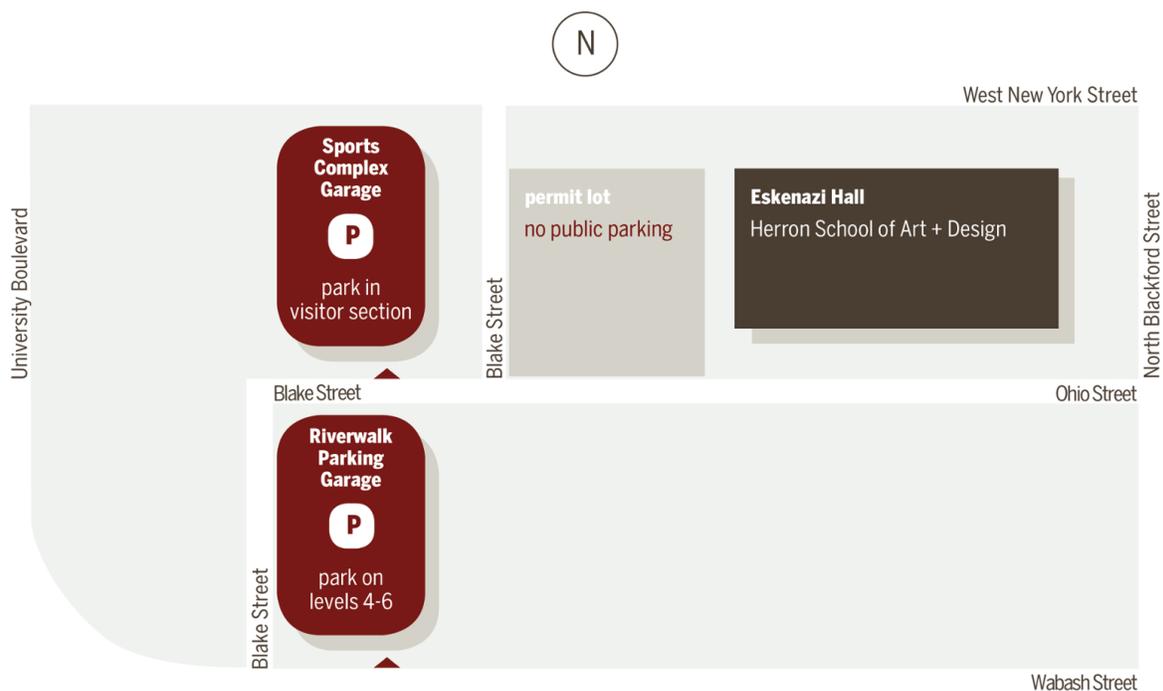
Content Warning

The Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis includes topics that may be difficult such as violence, traumatic experiences, death, heartbreak, and loss. If you may be troubled by these topics, we suggest that you prepare whatever supports you need for your best experience. Leaving the exhibit to support your mental health, if necessary, is encouraged.

Getting Here

Parking and Arrival

The Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis main exhibit is on display in Herron Galleries at Eskenazi Hall on the IUPUI campus. For those driving, parking is available for free in the Sports Complex Garage adjacent to Eskenazi Hall or on levels 5 and 6 of the Riverwalk Garage. Make sure to get your parking validated by the gallery staff before leaving. Free parking is courtesy of The Great Frame Up in Indianapolis and Carmel.

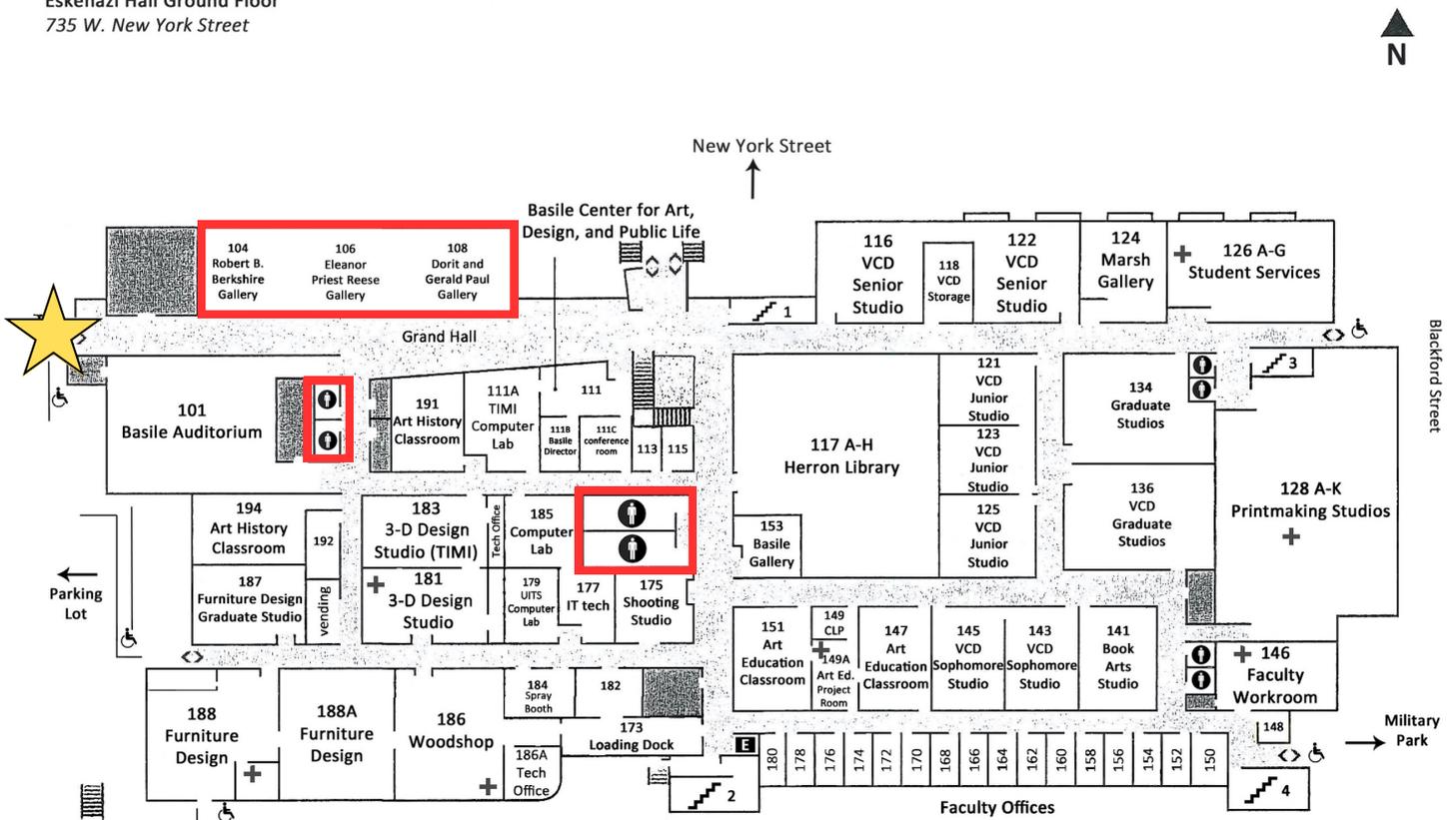


For those who use public transit, IUPUI's Jag Line has stops nearby at New York and Blake on the Grey Line, Eskenazi Hall on the Crimson Line, and New York and Blackford on the Purple Line. IndyGo has stops at Michigan and Blackford as well as Michigan and University on the 3, 10, and 37 lines going both east and west.

Navigating Eskenazi Hall

The exhibit is located in the Berkshire, Reese, and Paul Galleries on the first floor of Eskenazi Hall. The Galleries can be accessed from the main entrances to the West near the Sports Complex Parking Garage and via the North entrance off of New York St. The West entrance to the building is accessible. Eskenazi Hall is an active teaching and learning space, and there may be busier times when students are moving between classes making navigation more difficult; plan to take a little extra time when arriving.

Eskenazi Hall Ground Floor
735 W. New York Street



Building Amenities

Eskenazi Hall has small restrooms located directly across from the main gallery near Basille Auditorium. There are also larger restrooms across from Herron Library in the center of the building. Water fountains with a water bottle refill can also be found near these larger restrooms. Quieter areas of the building may fluctuate, but the library and some of the other gallery spaces, like Marsh Gallery on the first floor, may offer you some quieter spaces.



The Exhibit

Layout, Lighting, and Sound

The exhibit is free-flowing, meaning that you may visit and move between displays as you wish. You can request to borrow the Objects and Stories guide from the front desk in the gallery to help with reading the labels and navigating the exhibit space. While there are no specific lighting and sound components to the exhibit, sounds from other visitors may be heard throughout the exhibit and during times when students are moving between classes. Ceilings in the galleries are high and may contribute to an echo effect, though it is not as much of a concern when the exhibit is not very busy. Lights aimed at exhibit pieces may also unintentionally be aimed at visitors as well. There is a small strobing red light near the end of the exhibit that could be of concern for some visitors.

Exhibit Content

The exhibit is centered around three main topics:

- **LOVE:** Throughout our lives, we experience many types of love. From an early age, many of us experience love for our parents and members of our family. As we grow older, friendships become an important part of our lives. Eventually, many of us experience romantic relationships with an intimate partner. Stories of love are throughout the gallery and even touch on self-love and love for one's community.
- **LOSS:** As we experience love, we often must face loss as well. Sometimes this loss can come in the form of failed communication that ends an important relationship. It can also manifest in more difficult ways such as physical and emotional abuse or even death. Expect to find stories of domestic abuse, suicide, and death throughout the gallery.
- **GROWTH:** A key theme of the exhibit is that through the love and loss we experience in our lives, we grow. Humans can find strength in relationships ending and learn to grow in new ways through the changes that broken relationships create.



Your Experience

Participation and Self-Care

It is okay to leave the exhibit as needed. Your participation in the exhibit is entirely voluntary. Leaving and coming back or leaving and decompressing at home are both ways that you can care for yourself. If you need a quieter space in the gallery, moving to the rear of the space may provide an experience that will allow you to decompress with less noise. Benches in the nearby stairwell area may be quieter as well. If the exhibit triggers trauma-related responses or causes you emotional difficulty, please seek support from a trusted care provider. IUPUI offers mental wellness resources available at <https://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/health/counseling-psychological/index.html>

Reflection

The Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis is not just about the objects in the exhibit, but about you, us, and the ways we love and lose. This unique exhibit provides opportunities for reflection. While no questions can entirely encompass what you may experience, below are some reflection questions to ponder alone or with your companion(s) during or after your visit:

1. What did you think of the Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis exhibit?
2. Which objects and stories stood out to you the most, and why?
3. How have you coped with heartbreak in your life? What has helped you?
4. What, if anything, did you learn from the exhibit about the ways we love, lose, and grow from broken relationships?
5. What does love mean to you?



More Ways to Engage

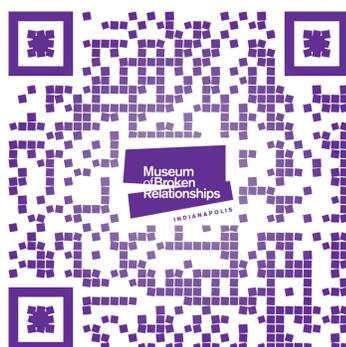
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For More Information



We hope you will join us for more Museum of Broken Relationships Indianapolis programs and satellite displays. Scan this QR code for more details.

