

Coordinating the Spirit & Place Festival

Making Indianapolis a better city, one Spirit & Place Festival at a time.

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Transcript

[A.Laker] For several years, I worked at the Polis Center at IUPUI, which is the place where they study urban culture and look at civic life, and I worked on the Spirit & Place Festival, coordinating that event, which is every November, a citywide festival of the arts, humanities, and religion, so that put me in touch with a lot of organizations and creative individuals, and really gave me a new perspective on our city.

Spirit & Place is the perfect venue for engaging lots of people in the liberal arts, maybe without their even knowing it, because it's great to have civic discussions and be conscious of issues and get to hear from people who study these things, but also engage in it on a very active level. I know Spirit & Place is about civic action and making change and networking to make our city a better place on multiple levels, so I see that as a really rich outcome for the School of Liberal Arts. I felt like my role was to facilitate discussion and collaboration and the stretching of our abilities as a city and to really try to think of our sense of place and make sure we all understand the assets we have here.