History, Architecture, Art and Theatre in South Central Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky

*Get-On-the-Bus Overnighter* October 4-9, 2018

By request, the Northern Illinois University Art Museum has organized a small group trip to south central Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky for a glorious multi-day trip experiencing a wide array of local history, visual art, live theatre and world-class architecture in the Midwest. We will spend the weekend in Louisville with stops en-route in Columbus, West Baden/French Lick, New Harmony, and Terre Haute, Indiana. Please join us!

With an early start Thursday morning, we will venture down to Columbus, an inspiring mid-size Indiana town that offers an incomparable roster of architectural works by *mid-20th century modernists* who designed all of their public buildings. We will take an on-bus and walking orientation tour featuring forty of the *architectural gems* before heading to the nearby historic Hoosier Art Colony of Nashville. In Brown County, your evening will be free: choose to see live music at the Nashville Playhouse, dine at the highly rated HobNob Café, choose from among several other locations in this quaint tourist town, or enjoy dinner at our Inn and a swim in their year-round indoor/outdoor pool.

On Friday morning, we head back to Columbus for a private tour of the *Miller House*, a masterpiece of domestic architecture by Eero Saarinen, with interior design by Alexander Girard and landscaping by Dan Kiley. *This site alone is worth the trip.* We then drive to Louisville stopping for lunch together before going your own way exploring the *Museums on Main*. Your museum pass gets you into The Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, the Muhammed Ali Center, the Frazier History Museum, the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, the Kentucky Science Center and the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft.

After checking into our nearby Holiday Inn Express & Suites hotel on west Market Street, go down the block and around the corner to take a guided tour of the *contemporary artwork* on display at the innovative 21st Century Museum Hotel. Consider having dinner at their Proof on Main or head downtown to one of the classic historic hotels for dinner at The English Grill in the Brown or The Oakroom at the Seelbach. This is *First Friday* in Louisville when galleries in the NULU (New Louisville) neighborhood stay open late and the Downtown, Main, Market and 4th Street corridors offer plenty of options to sip some bourbon and experience all the ways to say Looavul; Luhvl; Looaville; Looeyville.

On Saturday morning, after your complimentary hot breakfast, we head to the Kentucky Derby Museum for a multi-media experience as well as historic walking tour of the track. We will lunch at their café specializing in Kentucky food favorites, like the Hot Brown and Kentucky Bergoo. You’ll have to decide between bread pudding or a taste of Kerns’ Derby Pie (chocolate and walnuts). In the afternoon, you can continue your independent explorations among the fascinating museums along Louisville’s Museum Mile.

In the evenings on Saturday and Sunday, you will have the option to attend two dramatic productions at Louisville’s famous *Actors Theatre*. 
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime is a Tony Award-winning play by Simon Stephens based on the popular novel by Mark Haddon about a teen autistic math prodigy; and A Doll’s House, Part 2, is an Obie Award-winning play by Lucas Hnath that explores what might have happened if Nora had returned 15 years later. There are several dinner options in the area near the Actors Theatre as well as Milkwood at the Theatre itself.

Sunday morning, we head to the charming neighborhood referred to as Old Louisville, one of the largest concentrations of Victorian buildings in America. The annual juried St. James Court Art Fair will be taking place in this same neighborhood within the blocks surrounding the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Central Park. Self-guided tours are available at the Richardsonian Romanesque Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. In the afternoon, we will visit the Speed Museum of Art at the University of Louisville. The Speed is the foremost art museum in Kentucky and recently underwent a major renovation and addition. An option to again use your Museum Mile Pass will also be offered. Enjoy your evening at the theatre or exploring further on your own.

We will depart Louisville on Monday and head to French Lick/West Baden for a visit to their intriguing local history museum and a jaw dropping view of the domed atrium at the historic West Baden Springs Hotel. We will enjoy a drive through Hoosier National Forest before continuing our trek across Indiana to the historic town of New Harmony where both Harmonist and Owenist Utopian communities once settled. Today, one finds an idyllic spirit and great modern architecture, such as Richard Meier’s Athenaeum and Philip Johnson’s Roofless Church, as well as two labyrinths and charming shops in their National Historic Landmark District. We will have a historic orientation tour featuring Utopian community buildings such as the Lenz House, Granary, and Community House #2 and a gallery visit to view works from the 1830s Maximilian-Bodmer expedition of the American interior. We will enjoy a relaxing evening at the New Harmony Inn Resort, with its wooded grounds and dinner at the delightful Red Geranium café.

On Tuesday, we venture up to Terre Haute to the Swope Art Museum to view its noted collection of American Scene Painting. Then you can choose between the Eugene Debs Museum or a visit to the Clabber Girl Museum and Bakery. We will stop briefly in Normal, Illinois for supper on our way back to DeKalb, both satiated and refreshed.

The Get-On-The-Bus Overnight Trips of the NIU Art Museum are limited to a small group of explorers. Sites involve walking tours in rain or shine, stairs and uneven cobblestones and trails. Please contact Jo Burke for more information and to confirm registration.
Registration Form - Three Easy Ways to Register

1. PHONE your reservation, using your credit card for payment to: (815) 753-1936.
2. MAIL your completed reservation to: NIU Art Museum, Louisville GOTBON, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115
3. BRING completed form to the Museum, first floor, west end Altgeld Hall, NIU, DeKalb.

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Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN; Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Downtown Louisville; New Harmony Inn, New Harmony, IN.

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TOTAL $ Due: ______________________

Fee includes: Roundtrip transportation between NIU and Louisville, Kentucky with an additional night each in Nashville and New Harmony, Indiana. Trip includes stops in Columbus, French Lick/West Baden, and Terre Haute, Indiana; and Normal, Illinois. 5 nights, double occupancy (including taxes): 1 at the Brown County Inn; 3 at the Holiday Inn Express Louisville Downtown, and 1 at the New Harmony Inn with complimentary hot breakfast on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in Louisville. Pricing includes Louisville’s The Main Menu providing admission to the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, the Frasier History Museum, the Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft, the Kentucky Science Center, the Kentucky Show, Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, and the Muhammed Ali Center all located near our Louisville hotel. Additionally, pricing includes entry and tour at the Kentucky Derby Museum, Miller House and Garden in Columbus; a two-hour walking and driving tour of architecture in Columbus; tour at West Baden Springs Hotel, entry to the French Lick West Baden museum, Speed Museum of Art in Louisville; Swope Museum of Art, and guided historic tour of New Harmony. Options include prime ticket seating to either one or two Actors Theatre play productions. Additional costs for Conrad-Caldwell House Museum, Louisville, and Claber Girl Museum, Terre Haute.

All meal costs on own except pre-ordered box lunch on bus on Thursday and breakfast S/S/M. Lunch on own as a group at location TBA in Louisville or New Albany and at Kentucky Derby Museum; and dinner on own as a group at Red Geranium in New Harmony.

Limited group size as both bus tours are limited. Visit website at www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/upcoming.shtml

Final Registration deadline: Thursday, August 23. Discount Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 31.

Questions: Jo Burke, Director, NIU Art Museum, (815) 753-1936, or via email: jburke2@niu.edu

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City ___________________________ State ________ ZIP code _______________________

E-mail address ___________________________

Day Phone ___________________________ Evening Phone (if different) ___________________________

Cel Phone (if different) ___________________________. When option is available, I prefer ___ 1 King; ___ 2 Queen.

I plan to share my room with (name): ___________________________.

I would like to share my room with another traveler, if possible. Please introduce us. Lunch on Thursday: ___ Turkey; ___ Ham; ___ Veg.

I was particularly attracted to this excursion because of ___________________________.

[ ] Check payable to NIU; check number _______________. Charge fee to: [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] Discover [ ] American Express

Name as written on credit card ___________________________ Exp. Date _______________ CODE __________________

Signature ___________________________________________

Refunds: Full refunds are given when NIU cancels a program, or when a program with limited enrollment is over-subscribed. Substitutions may be made, without penalty, any time prior to the trip departure. Itinerary is subject to change. Cancellations after September 1 will be refunded if the trip is full and the ticket can be resold.