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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MAKE YOUR **MARK**

ARTS, EDUCATION, AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL.

OPENING DOORS THROUGH THE DECADES

40s

1941 Honeywell Foundation Created
1947 Gym Opens
1949 Skating Rink Opens

50s

1950 Ceramics & Classes Begin
1952 Center Completed & Dedicated

70s

1972 New York Philharmonic Performs

90s

1991 Center Expansion Planned
1994 Center Addition Grand Opening & Crystal Gayle Performs
1998 Educational Outreach Begins

10s

2010 Honeywell House & Eagles Theatre Acquired
2011 13-24 Drive In Acquired
2015 Charley Creek Gardens & Dr. James Ford Historic Home Acquired
2017 Eagles Theatre Renovation

20s

2020 Eagles Theatre Reopening & Honeywell Arts Academy Established
2022 Clarkson House Acquired
2025 Charley Creek Inn Merger



FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



This year, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment celebrates **85 years of impact** in Wabash and across our region. Since 1941, our work has remained clear: arts, education, and entertainment for all. That simple phrase reflects a powerful belief first held by Mark Honeywell, that the arts should be accessible, welcoming, and transformative for everyone.

Eighty-five years later, that belief continues to guide us. Through visual arts, arts education, and live performances, we create spaces where people of every age can gather, learn, and be inspired. Whether it's a student attending their first matinee and discovering a love for storytelling, an older adult rediscovering creativity in a visual arts class, or a family sharing the joy of a live concert, each experience reflects the heart of our mission and the lasting impact of supporters like you.

This anniversary is not only a celebration of history, but also a reminder that **access to the arts does not happen by accident**. It happens because a community chooses to invest in it. For 85 years, Honeywell has been opening doors to confidence, connection, and lifelong creativity—doors that welcome curiosity, spark imagination, and give every visitor a chance to participate in something meaningful.

Mark Honeywell envisioned a foundation that would be “ever useful” to Wabash. That vision endures today because of you. Your generosity ensures that performances remain accessible, that students continue to experience the arts as part of their education, and that creative opportunities are available to individuals and families throughout the region. Every workshop attended, every performance enjoyed, every student inspired is a **testament to your support**.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead. The next chapter of Honeywell's story will be shaped by the same guiding principle that it began with: arts, education, and entertainment for all. With your continued support, we will keep opening doors, strengthening our community, and creating opportunities for creativity to thrive in classrooms, on our stages, and throughout downtown Wabash, just as Mark Honeywell imagined.

Thank you for being part of this 85-year legacy—and for helping *Make Your Mark* as we **carry it forward**, one experience at a time.

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HONEYWELL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT





THE VISION OF MARK HONEYWELL

85 YEARS IN THE MAKING

For 85 years, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment has been a cornerstone of creativity in Wabash, connecting the community to visual arts, arts education, and live performances. What began as the vision of Mark Honeywell, a young entrepreneur committed to enriching his hometown, has grown into an organization that invites guests of all ages to explore and engage with the arts.

Mark Honeywell was born and raised in Wabash in the late 19th century and became one of the most successful industrialists of his day. He founded Honeywell Heating Specialties, developing some of the first water heating systems and automatic thermostats in North America. Yet his passion for the arts and giving back to his community was as strong as his business acumen. He believed that creativity and learning should be accessible to everyone, and this vision guided the founding of The Honeywell Foundation in 1941. His foresight set the stage for decades of cultural and educational growth that continues to benefit the region today.

The Honeywell Foundation set out to create a space “ever useful” to the residents of Wabash. The Honeywell Memorial Community Center (now known as the Honeywell Center) reflected Mark Honeywell’s belief that arts, education, and entertainment should be accessible for all. Over the decades, roller-skating, ceramics, community spaces, and other creative classes made the Center a hub for learning and community. In 1947, the gymnasium opened to the public; by 1949, the roller-skating rink became a gathering spot for teens and families. By 1952, the Center was dedicated, combining a gymnasium, performance stage, and classrooms.



In the 1970s, the New York Philharmonic performed in the gymnasium, showing that world-class artistry could thrive in a small community.

Throughout the following decades, Honeywell continued to grow. The early 1990s brought a major expansion known as the “Miracle on Market Street,” which added the Ford Theater, Clark Gallery, and Eugenia’s Restaurant to the Honeywell Center. The Ford Theater opened in 1994 with two sold-out performances by Wabash native Crystal Gayle. Educational outreach programs launched in 1998, evolving into today’s Arts In Education initiatives. The organization’s reach widened further with acquisitions of the Eagles Theatre and Honeywell House in 2010, 13-24 Drive-In in 2011, Charley Creek Gardens and Dr. James Ford Historic Home in 2015, Clarkson House in 2022, and Charley Creek Inn in 2025. Each expansion offered new opportunities for arts engagement and live entertainment while carrying forward Mark Honeywell’s vision.

Today, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment operates eight venues across Wabash. These spaces host concerts, visual arts programs, youth workshops, community events, and more—helping guests discover creativity and build meaningful connections. In 2025 alone, Honeywell sold over 145,000 tickets for live performances across Honeywell and partner venues, reached more than 73,000 students through Arts In Education programs across 14 counties, and offered nearly 40 workshops and camps through Arts For All, including music and voice lessons.

From hosting world-class performances to providing hands-on learning experiences, the organization continues to make the arts a vital part of community life.

Transformative experiences happen every day. In Senior Perspectives, an offering of Arts For All, older adults reconnect with creativity and community through visual art classes, sharing stories, laughter, and new discoveries. Students in Arts In Education programs gain confidence and strengthen critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills through arts-infused learning experiences designed to support academic growth. Emerging musicians participating in the Honeywell Arts Academy receive mentorship, training, and performance opportunities that lead to national recognition while inspiring others.

Mark Honeywell’s belief that arts, education, and entertainment enrich lives continues to guide every offering. Honeywell Arts & Entertainment has grown alongside Wabash, bringing together generations and ensuring that creativity, learning, and connection thrive.

As the organization celebrates its 85th anniversary, guests are invited to step inside and witness the possibilities the arts create. From its earliest days to its current regional reach, Mark Honeywell’s vision has shaped Honeywell Arts & Entertainment—keeping the arts accessible, inspiring, and transformational for generations to come. Through it all, Honeywell donors ensure these programs continue, reflecting a shared belief in the power of the arts.

OPENING DOORS TO THE ARTS

Doors to confidence.
Doors to connection.
Doors to lifelong creativity.

We’re looking ahead—with gratitude for the past and excitement for the future. With your help, we can continue opening pathways to a community where everyone belongs in the arts.

Learn more or give online at honeywellarts.org/donate.



ON THE HORIZON LOOKING AHEAD

Summer brings ways to celebrate the arts in Wabash!

Last year, Honeywell set an ambitious goal to bring the vision of a transformed **Honeywell House** to life—and less than a year later, the \$3 million goal was exceeded. \$3.4 million was raised, ensuring the historic home's renovation will also strengthen programming and endowment support. Careful attention has been given to safely move and protect artwork, furniture, and priceless treasures of the home.

Guests can preview this legacy in the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center through *Eugenia Honeywell's Collection*, on display June 4 through July 6, featuring art and decorative objects that reflect the home's timeless beauty and grace. Learn more at honeywellarts.org/exhibits.

Arts In Education continues to bring creativity to students across the region, offered at no cost to schools, removing barriers so that every child has the chance to develop the critical skills that will shape their future. Throughout the school year, students have enjoyed Student Matinees at the Honeywell Center with performances of *Cat Kid Comic Club*, *The Magic School Bus*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, and *Curious George and the Golden Meatball*. As summer approaches, planning is underway for the next school year to continue providing arts-infused opportunities for youth. Learn more at honeywellarts.org/arts-in-education.

In June, guests will enjoy a variety of **free summer offerings**, thanks to your generous support! The Summer Plaza Music Series will return to the Honeywell Center's outdoor Carpenter Plaza, and free movies will be shown at the Eagles Theatre every Monday throughout the summer. Hoosier Shakes will bring Shakespeare to life on the Carpenter Plaza using original practices, including minimal sets and costumes, poetic delivery, and lively actor-audience interaction. These experiences invite guests to engage with the arts in fun, accessible ways. Explore upcoming events at honeywellarts.org/events.

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment looks forward to sharing a summer full of inspiration and creativity with the community.



HONEYWELL HOUSE RENOVATION



ARTS IN EDUCATION



FREE SUMMER OFFERINGS

BECAUSE OF YOU

CHAMPIONS FOR THE ARTS



DR. BRUCE TRUMP
HONEYWELL FOUNDATION BOARD

“Serving on The Honeywell Foundation Board is both a privilege and a responsibility I value deeply. What makes Honeywell special is its unwavering commitment to enriching lives through the arts, education, and community engagement. More than a venue, it is a gathering place where people of all ages come together to learn, celebrate, and be inspired.

I believe strong communities are built on shared experiences—from a child’s first performance to families and neighbors connecting through programs and events. Honeywell creates those meaningful moments while strengthening our local economy, supporting youth development, and enhancing quality of life across Northeast Indiana.

As Treasurer, I am proud to help steward the resources entrusted to the Foundation so it can continue expanding its mission and impact. Honeywell’s legacy is remarkable, and its future is even more inspiring.”



PETE & SUSIE JONES
STAR SOCIETY

“We regard The Honeywell Foundation as a great asset to our community. It gives people of all ages the opportunity to participate in, experience, and enjoy the arts. The Arts In Education program is amazing. Activities of the Foundation provide a quality of life rarely found in towns our size, and because of this, we are pleased to contribute to the work of the Foundation, knowing that our gift is making a positive difference.”



MARGIE CLARK & THE CLARK FAMILY
KIM CLARK FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

“Our family established the Kim Clark Family Endowment Fund to honor Kim Clark—an artist, businessman, and community leader who loved Wabash and believed deeply in the power of the arts. For us, this fund is a meaningful way to celebrate Kim’s life and legacy, his passion for creativity, and the joy he found in expressing himself through painting and sculpture. It allows his spirit and love of art to continue inspiring the Wabash community for generations to come.”

MAKE YOUR **MARK** ON THE ARTS

Ways to Give

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2026 Giving

You can now claim a federal deduction for cash gifts to public charities, up to \$1,000 for individuals or \$2,000 for married couples (ask your tax advisor).

See the mark you made in 2025—view our Annual Report at honeywellarts.org/2025.



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