



Head west in Downtown and discover an area unlike any in the city. Indiana Avenue is the anchor of

the district that stretches between the Central Canal and White River, encompassing many neighborhoods and IUPUI. It is where history, music, restored neighborhoods and spirituality come together to showcase Indianapolis's rich African-American heritage. It's *rhythm. reborn.*



As early as the 1800s, this area was a vibrant social, commercial, residential, spiritual, educational and economic community. The first American self-made female millionaire, Madam C.J. Walker, numerous jazz legends and other significant historic figures all have strong ties to the Avenue. Indiana Avenue landmarks signify a piece of the area's heritage and lasting legacy and tell the African-American story in Indianapolis.

Indiana Avenue houses a number of important attractions listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church— the oldest African-American congregation in Indianapolis and Crispus Attucks High School which opened in 1927 as Indianapolis' only high school for African-American students. A museum that focuses on the African-American experience is now located in what has become a middle school.

The 500 Block of Indiana Avenue, also listed in the National Register of

Historic Places, is the only partially existing intact block of what was once the most important commercial hub of African-American Indianapolis. This area of Indiana Avenue served as a training ground for many aspiring musicians.

Ransom Place Neighborhood was the first African-American neighborhood to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Indiana. Ransom Place Museum and Learning Center shows the history of its immediate surroundings.

Madame Walker Theatre Center, a National Historic Landmark building, honors the legacy of Madam C. J. Walker. In the late 1980s, the building was restored, and the Walker Theatre is alive again with many events and performances.



Today, the district offers a sample of that thriving past and a connection to the city's present and future. Spirituality and music remain as important to the district as they were in the past. To keep the tradition alive, the community hosts various festivals and live performances throughout the year. It also showcases jazz-themed outdoor art.

From art to entrepreneurship, Indiana Avenue will continue to build on its rich African-American heritage and diverse traditions to create a vibrant future for residents and visitors alike. Visit www.DiscoverIndianaAvenue.com.



Mass Ave puts a whole new angle on excitement, one that promises to be *45 degrees from ordinary.* Known as the

Arts and Theater District, a free-spirited and friendly mood spills from the many venues sprinkling the Avenue.

Five performing arts theaters call Mass Ave home, each one distinctive in its own way. Numerous art galleries make the Avenue the place to experience top-notch art. Independently-owned restaurants serve up some of the best meals in town. Don't expect to find any mass production in Mass Ave's locally-owned niche stores.

While visiting the Avenue, take time to stop and admire the original outdoor art, rich architecture and historic neighborhood feel. Four permanent and seven outdoor rotating art pieces pepper the Avenue, along with nine galleries.

Mass Ave doesn't just offer dining – it offers a memorable experience. Many restaurants provide music and other entertainment in addition to appetizing meals. From authentic German or Mediterranean fares to unique pizzas and Cajun dishes, you're sure to find something new and pleasing.

Five Mass Ave theaters produce some of the best shows in the city. Theatre on the Square and Phoenix Theatre both boast a strong performance schedule year-round, offering original and contemporary selections.

