

## About Big Car and Made for Each Other



- Big Car is a 501c3 non-profit arts collective that explores — through contemporary art practice and art as social engagement — the notions of people and place, and the unique aspects of community that connect them. It is in its sixth year of offering programming.
- Based in Fountain Square where it has a gallery and performance space, Big Car runs Masterpiece in a Day each year and works with Central Library, the Indianapolis Theatre Fringe Festival, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and other groups in the city.
- Big Car’s collective of artists is made up of a diverse group of more than 20 talented visual artists, musicians and writers — most located in Indianapolis.
- In 2009, Big Car received a \$50,000 grant from the Great Indianapolis Neighborhood Initiatives IMAGINE Big program for its Made for Each Other (MFEO) series of eight community art projects in neighborhoods across Indianapolis during 2009-2010.
- MFEO connects art with the community and engages people of all walks of life as they help create shows and events within the context of their neighborhoods. It brings neighbors together to help with the planning, creating and celebration of each project. The artwork is inclusive, interactive, and dynamic.
- The series is called Made for Each Other because the projects are just that — made for and by each other in the community.
- MFEO will have its home base for community art projects in the Moon Block building at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Rural streets — connecting with the community through events, educational opportunities and other programs in the space.
- MFEO happens in urban areas across the city: Near Eastside, Southeast (Fountain Square), Martindale-Brightwood, Near West (Haughville), West Indianapolis (southwest of downtown), Lafayette Square, Crooked Creek (Michigan Road north of 38th Street) and the Binford Boulevard area (northeast).
- MFEO partners include with the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art, Susurrus, Herron School of Art, Hoosier Environmental Council, Second Story, and Spirit & Place.
- Internationally known social practice artist Harrell Fletcher of Portland, Oregon is advising Big Car on MFEO and will participate in one of the neighborhood projects.
- The IMAGINE Big grant covers most of the MFEO project costs but not Big Car staffing and administrative expenses. Big Car is raising funds for the rest.