

## About Big Car and Made for Each Other



- Big Car is a 501c3 non-profit 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 supporting unique, non-commercial cultural experiences.
- Based in Fountain Square where it has a gallery, Big Car operates the Masterpiece in a Day contest and festival each year and works with Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, the IMA, iMOCA, Pecha Kucha Indy, Herron and other organizations. In 2010, Big Car and IMCPL have a series of arts, music and lecture events planned at Clowes Auditorium at Central Library.
- Big Car Collective — which includes its board of directors and staff — is a diverse group of more than 20 talented visual artists, musicians, writer, performers and community leaders.
- 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. The series is called Made for Each Other because the projects are just that — made for and by each other in the community.
- 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.
- MFEO happens in urban areas: Near Eastside, Southeast, Martindale-Brightwood, Near West, West Indianapolis, Lafayette Square, Crooked Creek and the Binford Boulevard area.
- MFEO partners include with the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art, Susurrus, the Arts Council of Indianapolis, 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 at least 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.
- 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. Big Car seeks funding for programming this space.

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