

Bicentennial Unity Plaza Ribbon Cutting

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The architect in me can't help but enjoy a ribbon cutting, can't help being curious to see how art and science have come together to complete a vision for a particular place or space, can't help but marvel at the completed design. And it's impossible for me today to not take particular pleasure and pride in celebrating the opening of Bicentennial Unity Plaza. Where, I ask you, where but Indiana can you find incredible works of public art and a basketball court working in harmony—in unity, one could say—to celebrate a community? I don't know if I've ever seen a space that so thoroughly reflects the city and state around it.

That, of course, is by design. Because the Bicentennial Unity Plaza is a place that art lovers, music aficionados, foodies, and sports nuts all can enjoy; where Hoosier historians and those on their first visit here will find something new and interesting to explore; where everyone is welcome, no ticket required; a place that honors our history but isn't stuck in it; a place that looks eagerly ahead without forgetting everything—and everyone—that came before; a place where anyone can experience how diversity and unity can live and breathe as one. And it's that breath that we take today as we cut the ribbon on our Bicentennial Unity Plaza.