



**New Harmony Artists Guild**  
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**President's Message**

2024 has been a year of real growth for the Artists' Guild. As we continue to get our house in order, the green light is on for new projects—and we have gone to some pretty wonderful places along the way! Rick Huffman and Anthony Rideout have joined the Board, which brings us up to nine members for twelve positions. They will help widen the scope of music programs and spread the load of our all-volunteer organization. Paul Moser has brought his highly creative project *Theaterworks New Harmony* under the Guild's 501c3 umbrella, and we are tremendously excited to see the *Christmas Carol* puppet performance brought to life in December.

There is now stability in the Art and Music classes run by Michelle Peterlin and Anthony Rideout respectively. In the spring, the Guild put on an exhibition of art and music at the WMI for the Eclipse. It was followed in August and September with the *Spirit of New Harmony* exhibition at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art. New Harmony got to see the tremendous range of art and music making going on in town *in one place*. To see and hear it all happen together makes it evident that New Harmony *is* an art & music town with a mountain of past and present talents that is increasing year by year. Thanks to Audra Lambert, the NHGCA Director, for dreaming the exhibition up—she has expressed an interest to do it again in 2026.

Another big accomplishment is that the Guild's historic Corbin Steinway piano is on extended loan to the Indiana State Museum (ISM) Thrall's Opera House. The piano belonged to the renowned pianist, Helen Corbin Heintz, and was donated to the Guild by the heirs of the Corbin family, with the intercession of the Board in 2015. The piano has been extensively rebuilt and will be available for public performances through the Guild and ISM.

The Guild is the sibling to other ventures that are ongoing at Elliot Farm. A book club meets on a regular basis and, at the side of the property, there is a spirited Community Garden that has been running for several years. Elliot Farm is an incubator for creativity, and we never quite know what will bubble up next.

The Guild is an all-volunteer operation and, to make these projects happen, the multiple talents of our collective members help each other out. We remain flexible and open to changes—for it's the messy-magic of creativity that oils our wheels. Do come and talk with us if you have an idea that can reveal, as well as share, your creative spirit.

Ben Nicholson  
President