

Indy Arts Council President & CEO Judith B. Thomas named to IBJ Media's Indiana 250

Recognition honors Indiana's most influential business and community leaders

Indianapolis (July 21, 2026) – Indy Arts Council President & CEO Judith B. Thomas has been named to IBJ Media's [fifth annual Indiana 250](#), recognizing the 250 most influential business and community leaders shaping Indiana's future.

"Judith is a visionary leader whose passion for the arts and commitment to our community are making a lasting impact on our city and region," said Karen Alter, Indy Arts Council board chair. "We are proud to see her recognized among Indiana's most influential leaders."

Since joining the Indy Arts Council in 2025, Thomas has led the organization in expanding support for artists and arts organizations while strengthening partnerships that advance arts and culture throughout central Indiana. Thomas brings more than three decades of experience in community leadership, civic engagement, and nonprofit management. She was also recognized by the IBJ as a [2025 Woman of Influence](#).

"I'm honored to be included alongside so many accomplished leaders across our state," said Thomas. "This recognition reflects the incredible work of Indianapolis area artists, arts organizations, and community partners who create experiences that inspire connection, strengthen neighborhoods, drive economic impact, and enrich the lives of our residents and visitors."

The annual Indiana 250, published by IBJ Media, honors the state's most influential and impactful leaders across business, philanthropy, the arts, government, and nonprofit organizations.

About Indy Arts Council

[Indy Arts Council](#) is central Indiana's leading arts advocacy and services agency. Their mission is to champion arts and culture. Indy Arts Council believes every resident should experience arts and culture in a way that nourishes and inspires them. This vision of [a creative life for all](#) is central to the work they do to support artists, arts organizations, and the community.

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