

# New Indiana State Museum Exhibit explores the human brain

The Indiana State Museum in downtown Indianapolis opened a major temporary exhibit Saturday that explores the human brain.

Brain: The World Inside Your Head runs through May 4 and provides a hands-on and up-close look at the brain - the body's most essential organ. "Most people don't understand how complex the brain truly is," said Visitor Programs Coordinator, Alicia Stewart, in a press release. "This exhibit literally takes visitors through a giant model of the brain and shows how electrical impulses traveling throughout the body affect every aspect of our lives."

The 4,000-square-foot exhibit was designed to demystify the brain and eliminate the stigma associated with brain-based diseases and disorders. Hands-on, sensory exhibits including virtual reality, video games, optical illusions and interactive displays will immerse visitors in the brain's physiology, psychology and mystery.

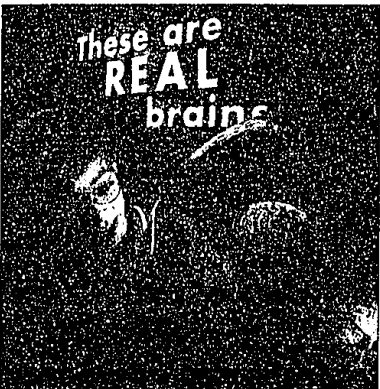
Throughout the exhibit, visitors will learn amazing facts or "Brain Bytes," including:  
 ■ There are as many neurons in the brain as there are stars in



Displays in the museum's Brain exhibit feature such items as a re-creation of the skull of Phineas Gage, a man whose brain was pierced by a metal rod.



Learn how a synapse makes the connection between neurons, the brain's electrical relay system, at the museum's Brain exhibit.



Visitors to the brain exhibit can see a real human brain and are encouraged to touch, explore and learn about the body's central processing unit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Egberto Gismonti**  
 piano and guitar  
 Sat. 2/18 pm  
 Michigan Theater - Ann Arbor  
 A versatile cross-over artist, Egberto Gismonti's music is a unique fusion of Brazilian soul and smooth jazz that ABC called "beautiful music, beautifully played." This intimate solo performance features Gismonti on both piano and guitar.  
 Presented in cooperation with the Greater Ann Arbor Area Chamber Music Society  
 Ticket info: www.annarbormusic.com

**Michigan Chamber Players**  
 Faculty Artists of the University of Michigan School of Music  
 Sun. 2/2 4 pm  
 Park House Auditorium - Ann Arbor  
 Each year, UMPS hosts faculty members from the University of Michigan School of Music for two free performances.  
**PROGRAM:**  
 Mendelssohn Duetts  
 Henze On Being Beautiful  
 Beethoven Trio for Clarinet, Horn and Piano

**Vienna: Lusthaus (revisited)**  
 Conceived and directed by Martha Clarke  
 Music by Richard Feinberg  
 Text by Charles L. Mee  
 Produced by New York Theatre Workshop  
 Fri. 2/7 8 pm  
 Sat. 2/8 8 pm  
 Lower Center - Ann Arbor  
 This splendid revival of Martha Clarke's 1986 dance-theater piece presents the world from which the art, political ideals, and Manifest Destiny of the 20th century were born through music and dance, fragments of text, and images suggested by the paintings of Egon Schiele and Gustav Klimt.  
 This production costs no money and all ticket situations have been worked from through to Jan. 18.  
 For more information: National Dance Project - New England Foundation for the Arts  
 Ticket info: Michigan Radio - Metro Times

**EDUCATION EVENTS**  
**Guitar Master Class**  
 Egberto Gismonti guitar  
 Sat. 2/1 12 noon  
 Herb David Guitar Studio  
 327 East Liberty - Ann Arbor  
**Royal Shakespeare Company: The Michigan Residency**  
 The University Musical Society and the University of Michigan invite the public to take part in a number of educational events during February and March. For information and updated event listings, please visit [www.umich.edu/press](http://www.umich.edu/press)

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**INDIANA STATE MUSEUM**  
 Where: 650 W. Washington St. in White River State Park, downtown Indianapolis  
 Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday  
 Admission: \$7 adults, \$6.50 senior citizens and \$4 children  
 Contact: (317) 232-1637 or [www.indianamuseum.org](http://www.indianamuseum.org) on the Internet

Feb. 27 - Pain: Causes, Sources and How to Respond by Mark Randall  
 March 6 - Are You at Risk for a Stroke? by Dr. Robert Flint  
 March 13 - Spinal Pain (speaker TBA)  
 March 20 - ADHD by Dan

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 Programs run 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.  
 This four-week lecture series will cover a variety of topics related to brain health. Topics and presenters are representatives from the Community Health Network. To make a reservation, call (317) 232-1637.  
 ■ Sunday Serenade, 2-3 p.m., April 13. Admission is \$5.  
 During this special Sunday Serenade, Community Health Network staff will discuss the ways music affects our lives. Staff will be available to answer questions an hour before and after the program. To make a reservation, call (317) 232-1637.  
 ■ Brain Family Discovery Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 19. Included with museum admission.  
 Explain, entertain and educate your brain at the Brain Family Discovery Day.  
 Make a clay brain, see a puppet show on helmet safety, meet Riza, a dog specially trained to assist patients with brain injuries and meet health care professionals up close and personal. Children's games will mimic the functions of the spinal cord. Held in collaboration with Community Health Network.

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