International Interior Design Association, Indiana Chapter Hosts Summer Event, "Cirque de Paris"

IIDA Indiana Chapter pushed creativity to the max with their summer event fundraiser this year, "Cirque de Paris." This event was the first of its kind for any IIDA Chapter across the United States; with over 200 industry professionals in attendance, guests enjoyed a variety of activities, foods, and music related to the Parisian theme.

Taking place on Friday, August 22 at the Historic Ambassador House and Gardens in Fishers, guests participated in interactive games, were entertained by a live acrobatic aerial act, caricature artist and strolling mime, and enjoyed a complimentary French wine tasting.

Guests were invited to dress the role and come wearing their "interpretation of Paris." Some channeled Coco in a petit black dress, Marie Antoinette, their favorite French building or a simple black beret. Costume contest prizes were awarded for most creative and most authentic costumes.

The concept was developed by the planning committee to provide a casual social platform for Interior Designers to interact with Industry Reps in fun way. Top level sponsors participated in an adult tricycle race called "Tour de IIDA." Unlike the Tour de France, this race was a comedic adventure, and the course consisted of 100 feet of all-out pedaling on a jumbo-sized trike.

Prior to the event, Architecture and Design firms were invited to showcase their artistic talents in a Paris themed art competition. The 30 completed paintings were displayed at the event in the "Musee de Louvre" gallery and judged by local artist, Mike Graves. The top eight went on to be displayed in the atrium of the Indiana Design Center and all 30 paintings found a new home at The Colonial Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion, IN.

The annual summer event is a fundraiser for the IIDA Indiana Chapter. Money raised through industry sponsorship helps cover operating expenses and funds other educational and social events hosted throughout the year.

This is not the first time IIDA Indiana Chapter has hosted a unique summer fundraising event. In 2013, guests were invited to the "1920's World's Fair" and came dressed as flappers, mobsters, and there were even a few 20's style swimsuits. To contribute to an authentic 20's experience, entertainment included a jazz band, a strolling stilt-walker, a Speakeasy, and Charleston dance off. They also enjoyed complimentary hot air balloon rides in the large park next to the Ambassador House.

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Guests arriving to the Historic Ambassador House and Gardens in Fishers, IN

Guests completed a Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win donated gift cards from sponsors.

Erin Jennings, IIDA Indiana Chapter President - KRM Architecture+ and Janey Zurface, Mayer Fabrics

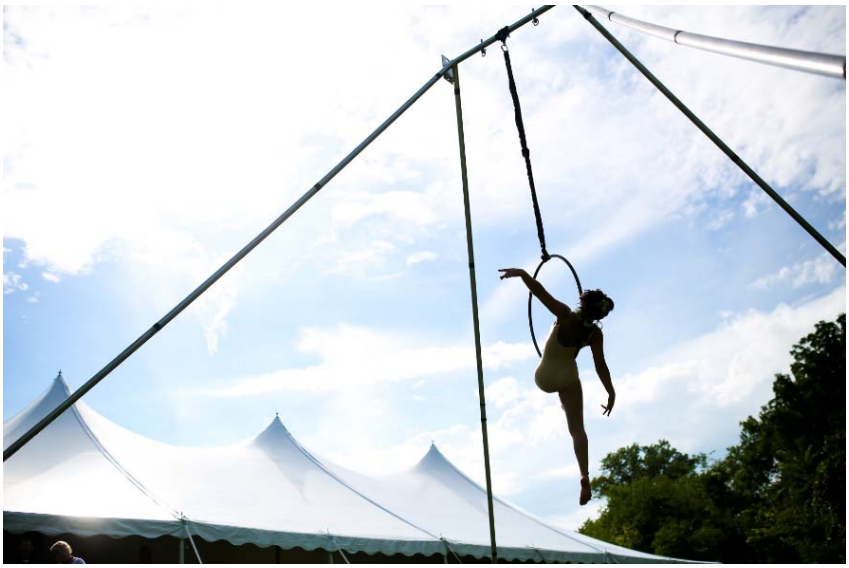
(background left to right – Jaimie Pflanzer, DL Couch & Brittany Rissler, American Structurepoint)

Cupcake decorating booth by OfficeWorks – Julie Burroughs, Lamson Condon decorates cupcake

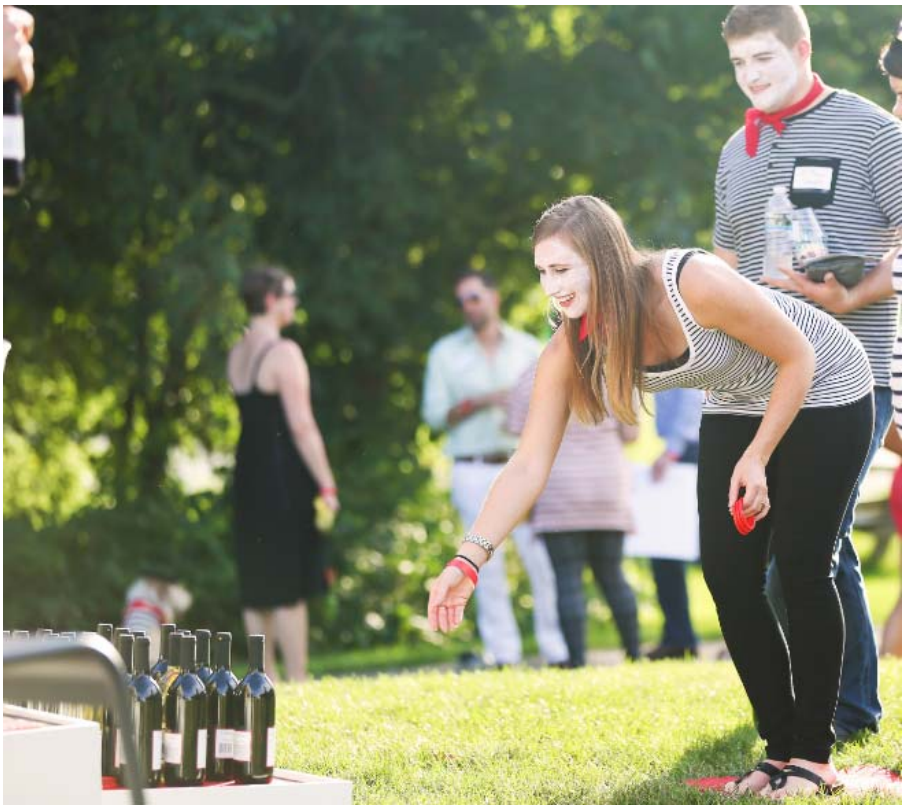
OfficeWorks interactive “Let There Be Cake” cupcake decorating booth

Bruce Longhino Group – “Casino Royale” –

(left to right) Marj Sparks, Blakleys, Wendy Smart, BLG & Ryan Young, BLG



Aerial Artists from Cirque de Indy perform throughout event



Commercial Office Environments – Wine Ring Toss game

(left to right) Rebecca Dean, BFC & Amy Boggs, Steelcase & Carla Hill, BFC

Mime juggles in French Wine Tasting Booth sponsored by Louisville Tile

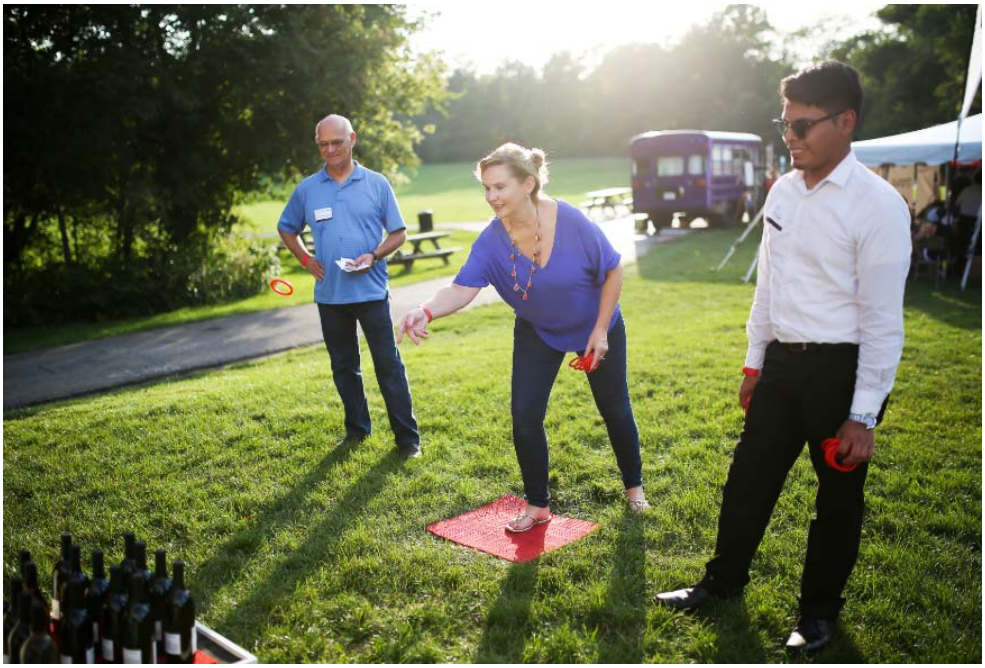
“Tour de IIDA” adult tricycle race - Scott Martin, Patcraft - Ryan Boskin, Teknion - Luke Baskett, Lumbermans

Erik Pedersen, J&J & Angie Clayton, Teknion

Larry Fuhs, DesignTex Fabric wins his heat in “Tour de IIDA”

Cirque de Paris event co-chairs – Tracey Kessens, Louisville Tile of Indianapolis & Cristina Tularak, Momemtum Group

Cirque de Paris Event Committee: (front row from left to right) Susie Fawcett – OMS, Sarah Savage – MSKTD, Rita Movelle – Axis, Jae Park – Interface, Cristina Tularak – Momentum Group; (back row from left to right) Andrea Cole – Lorh Design, Phil Caito – Armstrong, Caryl Sugden – Momentum Group, Kaitlyn Barrett – American Structurepoint, Yvonne Rush – IDO, Tracey Kessens – Louisville Tile of Indianapolis, Wendy Smart – BLG; (not pictured – Janey Zurface of Mayer Fabrics).



Connie Jung, Jung Design

Rita Movelle, Axis Architecture

Parisian themed foods