

## **RANDALL AND MARIANNE TOBIAS TO GIVE \$1 MILLION TOWARD COMPLETION OF TOBIAS THEATER RENOVATION AT THE IMA**

***Opening in fall 2008, the 604-seat theater—nicknamed “The Toby”—  
will feature films, performances and other programs***

Indianapolis – (January 23, 2008) – The Indianapolis Museum of Art announced today that it has received a gift of \$1 million from Randall and Marianne Tobias toward the renovation of the 604-seat Tobias Theater on the Museum’s ground level. With this gift, the IMA will now focus on improving the theater’s technology, handicapped accessibility and upgrading other fixtures and will reopen the theater in fall 2008. The Tobias’ gift adds to the couple’s original commitment of \$1 million made in 2003 as part of the capital campaign for the new IMA.

“Randy and Marianne’s ongoing support is essential to our goal of bringing more adventurous programming to visitors of all ages,” said Maxwell L. Anderson, the Melvin & Bren Simon Director and CEO of the IMA. “Our hope is to see Tobias Theater as a welcoming space devoted to the exchange of ideas, whether they are expressed in film, by speakers or through performances.”

The remodeling project will begin in this spring and will include these upgrades or modifications:

- Increased handicapped accessibility
- Enhanced sound system to include surround sound
- High-definition digital rear projection and 35 millimeter and 16 millimeter film capacity
- A new film screen and curtain
- New seats
- New fixtures, carpeting and wall treatments
- New lighting controls
- Added concession area

Nicknamed “The Toby” to reflect the informal style of the space and upcoming programs and events, the theater will at first feature independent as well as award-winning films and documentaries. In addition, the theater will be used for lectures, panel discussions and live performances. More program information will be announced this spring.

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