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The Cleveland Museum of Art and Ideastream Public Media Partner for Live Music Series

FREE Third Thursdays at Transformer Station events offer music and engaging conversation in an intimate setting



Photo courtesy of Opus 216

CLEVELAND (May 31, 2024)—Enjoy a mix of live local music and conversation at Third Thursdays at Transformer Station. Curated and hosted by Ideastream Public radio personalities, each event engages a different show host with a band, highlighting the diversity of Northeast Ohio’s music scene and bringing Ideastream’s beloved music programs to the public. These events are free, but a ticket is required. Tickets can be reserved [online](#) or by calling 216-421-7350.

“Transformer Station gives the CMA an opportunity to highlight and engage with local and regional talent in a new, intimate setting,” reflected Gabe Pollack, director of performing arts. “Partnering with Ideastream, an organization that does a great job amplifying the local scene, and allowing their staff to curate acts is an exciting way to invite the community to be a part of the space.”

The first installment in the series takes place on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and features Talons’. Ideastream Public Media’s Amanda Rabinowitz (host of the [Shuffle](#) podcast and WKSU’s *All*

Things Considered) leads an in-depth interview with Talons' about the group's regionally inspired records—from the stylistic approach combining acoustic instruments with field recordings to the band's lyrical references to Taco Bell and *Breaking Bad*. It's an evening of musical performances and conversations you don't want to miss. More information about Talons' can be found on the group's [Bandcamp page](#) and on Ideastream's [Spotify playlist](#).

"It's exciting to work with the museum to showcase talented musicians who call Northeast Ohio home," said Carrie Wise, deputy editor of arts and culture for Ideastream Public Media. "We're also looking forward to sharing with the public what it's like to sit in on an interview with Ideastream's music experts across these diverse genres."

Save the dates for these upcoming Third Thursdays at Transformer Station events:

July 18: [Bill O'Connell and Opus 216](#)

August 15: [Dan Polletta and Aidan Plank Ensemble](#)

Each event is being recorded for Ideastream's *Shuffle* podcast—Northeast Ohio's backstage pass to the region's independent music scene.

Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and grab dinner and a drink at one of [Ohio City's bars or restaurants or visit one of the local shops](#). Parking is available in the Lutheran Hospital parking lot located at West 28th Street and Franklin Boulevard. FREE to all.

Transformer Station is located at 1460 West 29th Street (at the corner of Church Avenue), Cleveland, OH 44113. The building is currently open for special events only. For more information, visit www.clevelandart.org/transformer-station.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship, and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning open access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs, and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org.