

BAT

9.27 - 10.17.25

ENRIQUE CHAGOYA | BARRY R. JONES
SHAWN E. RUSSELL | NICKOLAS STROHM
CINDIE UNDERWOOD

RECEPTION

Oct. 2, 2025, 4-8 pm

(Outdoor Projection after dark)

LOCATION

Turman Gallery (Fine Arts Building)

649 Chestnut Street

Terre Haute, IN 47809

HOURS

Mon-Fri 11am-4pm, open until 6pm on Thurs.

All exhibitions are free and open to the public!



Bat is a multidisciplinary exhibition presented in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the Bat Festival, hosted by The Center for Bat Research and Conservation through the Department of Biology at Indiana State University. The exhibition also features selected works from the Indiana State University Permanent Art Collection.

Showcasing the work of internationally recognized artist Shawn E. Russell and multimedia artist Barry R. Jones, Professor of Art in the Department of Art + Design at Austin Peay State University, *Bat* explores the complex duality of bats as creatures both venerated and feared. This thematic inquiry is echoed in Enrique Chagoya's intimate intaglio print, *Mucho hay que chupar* (2012), which further reflects on the symbolic weight borne by these nocturnal animals—particularly those of vampiric species.

Russell contributes a series of meticulously rendered graphite and ink drawings that invite close, contemplative engagement with bats as misunderstood yet vital species. In contrast, Jones employs manipulated video projections—visually arresting sequences of bats in motion—that envelop viewers in a dynamic, immersive environment. This sensory experience culminates in Cindie Underwood's sculptural work *Fruit Bats & Rain Drops* (2003), a contemplative anchor that provides a moment of stillness within the exhibition.

Together, these works form a compelling interplay of motion and stillness, science and symbolism. *Bat* offers a multi-sensory encounter that challenges perception, honors natural beauty, and celebrates the ecological and cultural significance of bats in our shared world.



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