

**HISTORIC NEW HARMONY TOUR SEASON OPENS  
WITH NEW EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES**

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**New Harmony, Indiana (March 7, 2006)** – Historic New Harmony’s annual tour season opens on March 15, 2006. Daily walking tours of the town’s historic sites resume at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily starting at the famed Atheneum/Visitors Center, which is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“We have so many new experiences to offer guests this year,” noted Connie Weinzapfel, Historic New Harmony Director. “With our new bike and walking paths along the Wabash, a new exhibit coming to Thrall’s Opera House, and Historic New Harmony’s headquarters moving to the newly restored Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House, there are lots of exciting things happening.”

“New Harmony has always been a walker’s paradise,” added Weinzapfel. “The new Jane Blaffer and Kenneth Dale Owen Heritage Trails are a great addition to what we have to offer visitors.” The 2.2 mile paths, which are part of the New Harmony Wabash River Greenway, wind along the Wabash River from the Atheneum/Visitors Center to the New Harmony Inn. Walkers, bikers, and even golf carts are welcome.

In early May, a new permanent exhibit at Thrall’s Opera House will explore New Harmony’s rich theater tradition. The Golden Troupe exhibit, featuring a revolving

collection of artifacts from the troupe that performed in New Harmony from 1875 until 1891, will be available as a site on Historic New Harmony's walking tours.

Returning visitors might also notice a new change at the David Lenz House, one of the first tour sites opened in New Harmony. After years of research, the exterior of the house has been painted in the same white color believed used by the Harmonists.

Information on Historic New Harmony's walking tours and special events throughout the year is available at [www.newharmony.org](http://www.newharmony.org) or by calling 800.231.2168.

New Harmony is located 25 miles west of Evansville, Indiana, and just south of Interstate 64. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

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Photograph Outline: The David Lenz House, one of the most popular stops on the Historic New Harmony Walking Tour, was recently painted the same shade of white believed used by the Harmonist.