



July 21, 2015 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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22nd Annual Lotus World Music and Arts Festival

> Festival Preview – Complete information to come in early August <

September 24-27, 2015
Downtown Bloomington, Indiana

Tickets on sale August 1 – Online at bctboxoffice.com; Buskirk-Chumley Theater Box Office (114 E. Kirkwood), 812-323-3020

Watch lotusfest.org for schedule updates, artist descriptions, lodging information, and more!

Featured Performing Artists*

Aziz Sahmaoui & University of Gnawa (*Morocco, Senegal, France*)

Baltic Crossing (*U.K., Finland, Denmark*)

Bhi Bhiman (*U.S.*)

Brock McGuire Band (*Ireland*)

Delhi 2 Dublin (*Canada*)

Ester Rada (*Israel, Ethiopia*)

Fanfarai (*France, Algeria, Morocco*)

Heritage Blues Orchestra (*U.S.*)

Indiana Folk Art: 200 Years of Tradition and Innovation (*U.S.*)

Jaron Freeman-Fox & the Opposite of Everything (*Canada*)

Jayme Stone's Lomax Project (*Canada, U.S.*)

Jessica Fichot (*U.S., France*)

Kardemimmit (*Finland*)

Karolina Cicha & Bart Pałyga (*Poland*)

Lotus Dickey Song Workshop (*U.S.*)

Lula Pena (*Portugal*)

Maarja Nuut (*Estonia*)

Mabuhay! Philippine Cultural Community (*U.S., Philippines*)

Martha Redbone Roots Project (*U.S.*)

Nano Stern (*Chile*)

Sierra Maestra, *Cuba*

Şimdi Ensemble (*Turkey*)

The Ryan Academy of Irish Dance (*U.S.*)

Trio Brasileiro (*Brazil*)

tUnE-yArDs (*U.S.*)

Zedashe (*Republic of Georgia*)

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**Roster may be subject to change.*

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Preliminary Schedule

August 28 – September 26: Festival Exhibition

“Seeing Red: World Textiles”, Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center (122 S. Walnut)

September 4: Opening reception, 5 – 8pm

September 10: Gallery Talk by Joan Hart, Ph.D.: 5:30-6:30pm talk, reception to follow till 7:30pm

September 26: “Seeing Red” Collectors gallery talk, 4-5pm

> Free

Thursday, September 24: Lotus Thursday Kick-Off Concert

A double-header Opening Concert gets you into the Lotus groove, featuring Baltic Crossing (Finland/Denmark/UK) and Sierra Maestra (Cuba).

7pm / Buskirk-Chumley Theater (114 E. Kirkwood)

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Friday and Saturday, September 25 – 26: Evening Showcases

A wristband is your passport to multiple performances each showcase night, at venues ranging from the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, to standing-room-only street tents, to churches where traditional music shines

6:30-Midnight / Various venues in downtown Bloomington

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Friday and Saturday, September 25-26: Festival Arts Village

Including Filipino harvest dance and workshop, star weaving and chalk art making activities, and “Celebrating the Harvest” installation, featuring works created in Lotus summer arts outreach workshops.

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6 - 10pm / Downtown Bloomington
> Free

Saturday, September 26: Festival Parade

Led by festival artist Fanfarai. Community is invited to take part in this procession. Decorate your bicycle with a Lotus-inspired theme and ride along or just come and wave a Lotus flag.

8:30 / Downtown Bloomington
> Free

Saturday, September 26: Lotus in the Park

Featuring live performances, interactive workshops, hands-on arts and crafts, artisan exhibits, bicycle parking corral, and more.

Noon - 5:00pm / Waldron, Hill, and Buskirk Park (331 S. Washington)
> Free

Sunday, September 27: World Spirit Concert

The 2015 Commemorative Pin gets you into the Sunday World Spirit Concert, the Festival's beautiful wrap-up event featuring Maarja Nuut (Estonia) and Şimdi Ensemble (Turkey).

3pm / Buskirk-Chumley Theater (114 E. Kirkwood)
> **2015 Lotus Pin (\$5) gets you in!**

Purchases of this year's collectible Lotus Pin help underwrite the programming that we offer free to the public. Pins will be available several weeks before the Festival at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater box office, at other selected locations, and at the Festival Store on Lotus weekend.

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Festival T-shirt and pin design:

Vincent Desjardins, <http://www.vincentdesjardins.com/>

Volunteer T-shirt design:

Jenn Robison, <http://www.jennrobison.com/>

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Volunteer

The Festival needs approximately 500 volunteers, for a wide range of duties and shift times – **apply online via lotusfest.org**.

[Apply online](#) / **Priority deadline August 11** / [More info](#)

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Sponsor

Admission covers just 50% of the costs for Lotus programming – the rest comes from generous donors and sponsors in our community. Check out our [Sponsorship info page](#) for details on how you or your business can get involved.

**Full information on the 22nd annual Lotus World Music and Arts Festival to come in early August --
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and at lotusfest.org for current info!**

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