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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)

Fanfaraï (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)

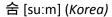
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Preliminary Schedule

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 Fanfaraï. 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.

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

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 <u>Sponsorship info page</u> for details on how you or your business can get involved.

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