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## **LOTUS LOOKS TO RENOVATE NEW SPACE TO BRING “MORE LOTUS” TO COMMUNITY**

**Lotus Education & Arts Foundation’s current crowd-funding campaign matches donations made by October 31.**

*Bloomington, Indiana:* The Lotus Education & Arts Foundation is looking to expand its yearlong programming to include performances, workshops, educational opportunities, and visual arts projects in a new venue: the Lotus headquarters. Lotus has an opportunity to raise nearly half of its estimated \$220,000 renovation budget through a crowd-funding capital campaign sponsored by the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority. If Lotus reaches its \$50,000 goal by October 31, the organization will receive a matching \$50,000 grant made possible by IHCD’s CreatINg Places program.

Located in a retired firehouse at 105 S. Rogers, Lotus plans to transform the historic building into a Global Arts Center that engages the community while helping the organization to further its mission to create opportunities to explore, experience, and celebrate cultures from around the globe through music and the arts.

"It's thrilling to see a long-held Lotus dream finally becoming real -- the chance to have a permanent, brick-and-mortar home. Our message of multiculturalism has been part of the Bloomington fabric for 25 years, and to give that message a literal foundation is quite powerful. It speaks to our community's permanent, ongoing engagement with the wider world....not just something that happens a few times a year, but a really important

part of who we are and who we want to be,” says Sunni Fass, Executive Director of the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation.

Lotus anticipates welcoming the community into its new space in the fall of 2018, just in time for the 25th anniversary of the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival tentatively scheduled for September 27-30, 2018.

For project details, current dollars raised, donations, and more, visit:  
[www.patronicity.com/lotus](http://www.patronicity.com/lotus)

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