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LOTUS LINEUP UNVEILED

Over 25 artists take the stage for the 24th annual Lotus World Music & Arts Festival in Bloomington, Indiana, September 28 – October 1.

Bloomington, Indiana: Over 25 international artists come together September 28 – October 1 in Bloomington, Indiana, for the 24th annual Lotus World Music & Arts Festival. The four-day festival packs nine downtown venues with internationally recognized artists representing over 20 countries, including Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Denmark, India, and beyond. The music is as diverse as the geography, showcasing notes of folk, parranda, Ethio-jazz, Latinx alt-rock, polyphonic vocals, French fusion, Appalachian African-American, big Balkan brass, and more.

Festival passes and one-day tickets will be available beginning August 1. Free activities, family fun, parades, and visual arts are also available on Festival weekend. Preview artist and event details at lotusfest.org.

As the flagship program of the non-profit Lotus Education & Arts Foundation, the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival is one of the oldest world music festivals in the U.S. and the only one of its kind in Indiana. Established in 1994, the Festival now attracts more than 12,000 people to downtown Bloomington each fall for 4-5 days of music and arts from

around the globe. Through the Festival, Lotus creates – on a grand scale – the rare opportunity for audiences to experience places far removed from their everyday routines and to broaden their worldview through the arts. In doing so, the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival contributes to the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation mission: to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures, through music and the arts.

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The Lotus World Music & Arts Festival continues seeking community partners and underwriters to help bring the world to Bloomington to celebrate the beauty of diversity in music and arts. Interested parties can learn more at lotusfest.org/contribute/festival-sponsorship

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About Lotus Education & Arts Foundation

Established in 1994, the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Bloomington, Indiana, with a mission to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures, through music and the arts.

All Lotus programming supports the institutional mission and includes the annual Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, Lotus Blossoms Educational Outreach, Edible Lotus, and a vibrant Visual Arts program. Lotus also offers special programming, concerts, workshops, and events with community partners throughout the year.

For More Information

LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

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