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## **2016 Dates Announced for Lotus World Music and Arts Festival September 15-18, 2016 | Bloomington, Indiana**

Bloomington, IN – The 23rd annual Lotus World Music and Arts Festival will return to the heart of Bloomington, Indiana in 2016 on **September 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**, filling the downtown streets once again with its eclectic blend of global sound and spectacle.

Nearly 12,000 attendees experienced the magic of Lotus this past fall, taking in 27 bands with over 150 individual musicians from 22+ countries. For more than two decades, the non-profit Lotus Education and Arts Foundation has transformed downtown Bloomington into an exuberant world of music for one blissful, boisterous September weekend, in addition to providing a full range of multicultural music and art programming throughout the year.

Save the date for September 15-18, 2016, when the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Lotus World Music & Arts Festival will be back with a mix of ticketed evening events and plenty of free programming for the entire family to enjoy. From outdoor dance tents to contemplative church venues and historic theaters, and from the kid-friendly Lotus in the Park to art exhibitions and a swirling street scene, the Lotus vibe is one of exuberant energy, vivid colors, and delectably diverse soundscapes.

Tickets for the 2016 Festival go on sale starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. Look for 2016 Festival previews and performer information starting in mid-summer.

The Lotus Education and Arts Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. In addition to the Festival, it annually offers Lotus Blossoms educational outreach in schools as well as concerts, arts events, and community workshops. Every Lotus event supports its 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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