## **Global Music to Many: Lotus Blossoms 2017**

Amazing teaching artists came to Indiana this spring for Lotus Blossoms Educational Outreach Program. This year, artists representing China, Mexico, Iraq, Uganda, and North American/Celtic traditions shared their unique talents with schoolchildren across our region.

"I am such a supporter of Lotus Blossoms – the music and education are genuinely WORLD CLASS." – Dr. Laura Hammack, Superintendent, Brown County School

## **Biggest Blossoms Bazaar Ever!**

Donors and sponsors covered the cost of transportation for <u>ALL</u> 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Monroe County to attend the Bazaar! Lotus volunteers welcomed families from all walks of life for a free day of international crafts, foreign languages, global instruments, and more on family day.

"Students like to learn by doing and experiencing, and that's exactly what they do at the bazaar." – Teacher, Marlin Elementary



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Lotus Blossoms Bazaar 2017, Photo by Kevin Atkins

## **Practicing our Humanity**

Beyond school engagements, artists performed at senior living centers, child care centers, hospitals, and organizations like Stone Belt that serve people with disabilities. Audiences were clearly moved and had the opportunity to engage in discussions with the artists. At a performance at Meadowood, artist Rahim Alhaj said he plays music to make a difference. "If I can reach a little child or an old man with my playing, I've succeeded. We need to practice our humanity, and music helps us do that."

Thank you to all our supporters for bringing more curiosity about the world to our community.

Blossoms was bolstered by our generous sponsors who care so deeply about global art, youth, and our communities in South Central Indiana and beyond.

