

# Lotus Blossoms Impact Report

We live in times in which there is a shift in the way we see the connectedness of things, the way we imagine our lives. How do we connect to each other and to people different from us? How do we imagine a future and create meaning? We take risks, we ask questions, we listen. As a vital cultural organization in Indiana, Lotus commits to asking these questions and to serving our community. We commit to working with you to create places of connection where people can explore the wider world through the lens of the arts. Please reach out to us to learn more about Lotus Blossoms and how we can increase the impact in our communities.

## What Fuels this Work

Driven by your generosity, Blossoms Educational Outreach Program reached new heights in 2018. Your philanthropy, joined by gifts from more sponsors than ever before, inspired children and adults— and you helped bring it all to life. Thank You.

## 2018 LOTUS BLOSSOMS

**YEAR OF  
FIRSTS**

2018 firsts included a visual arts residency program at a juvenile detention center, and children artists performing at schools.

**12,800  
PEOPLE**

Highest-ever engagement and attendance at Lotus Blossoms events, including both school and public programs.

**7  
COUNTIES**

Participating counties include Bartholomew, Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Marion, Monroe, and Owen.

**100%  
PARTICIPATION**

16 schools - including 100% of MCCSC 4th graders - took part in Lotus Blossoms World Bazaar School Day.



**6  
ARTISTS**

Representing Angola, Finland, India, Uganda, and the U.S.

**45+  
EVENTS**

Including 13 free public performances plus 33 school and outreach performances.

**36  
SCHOOLS**

Through performances, events, and the World Bazaar, Lotus Blossoms impacted children during 42 school programs.

**NEW  
PROGRAMMING**

With community workshops led by a visual artist, artist performances at IU First Thursdays-India Remixed, and a house concert.

## SNAPSHOT

### New Stories Shared

Local families opened their hearts and homes to Dance of Hope musicians during their stay in Indiana. Lots of laughs were shared when Dance of Hope exchanged Uganda dances with the dance team from Bloomington High School South. Dance of Hope amazed young audiences at every school in Brown County.

And for the first time, Lotus brought music into the Juvenile Detention Center in Indianapolis. Finnish artists, Kardemimmit talked with youth about their country and how they are inspired to make music.



*Dance of Hope and The Patterson Family*

## New Audiences

Lotus Blossoms brought body percussionists, Cross Pulse Duo, to an elementary school in Indianapolis. Our partner shares the impact that Lotus Blossoms had on her school this year:

*"Our students have few opportunities to learn about dance, music, theater, or the visual arts. Having a Lotus Blossoms artist perform at our school exposed them to a world completely new to them, helping them broaden their horizons, discover something new about themselves and inspire them to possibly pursue the arts and instill an appreciation of the arts."* -Patsy Schanz, teacher, George H. Fisher Elementary, Indianapolis Public Schools #93

This year also featured a visual artist, Radha Lakshmi who created such visually stunning Mandalams with community members at Vibe Yoga and at Indiana University's First Thursday.



**Thank you for helping us reach new audiences and share new stories with you. So many individuals, foundations, and businesses in Indiana support Lotus Blossoms. Please make note of these generous local sponsors and thank them for their support.**

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