

Founded in Bloomington, Indiana in 1994, the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation is a nonprofit arts organization that works to bring dance, music, and art from around the world to South Central Indiana. Best known for the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, and the spring arts engagement program Lotus Blossoms, Lotus also hosts year-round arts workshops for all ages.

**Mission:** The Lotus Education & Arts Foundation mission is to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures, through music and the arts.

**Opportunity:** Interested in helping Lotus bring international artists and arts educators to communities throughout South Central Indiana? Lotus is seeking volunteers who are interested in assisting with artist logistics during Lotus Blossoms as a **Blossoms Liaison**. The Blossoms Liaison helps Lotus staff by transporting artists and their instruments to each performance, acting as the emcee, getting a crowd count, and collecting payment after a performance is complete.

**Timeframe:** Lotus Blossoms 2024 runs from Monday, March 18th - Friday, April 12th. Artists are typically in town for three days a week, with two to three performances a day. A typical day will include an AM performance, a PM performance, and a potential evening performance. A more detailed schedule will be provided closer to the program start date. The ideal Blossoms Liaison is able to volunteer for a whole day, but this is not a requirement.

Reports to: Jill Campbell, Community Arts & Engagement Director

## **General Duties:**

- 1) The Blossoms Liaison is responsible for getting the artist/band to each performance on time for soundcheck. An itinerary outlining all arrival and departure times will be provided. Soundchecks occur 45 minutes prior to a performance, performance length is generally 40-45 minutes, and 30 minutes is allowed after a performance for tear-down.
  - a) NOTE: A 4-door sedan, van, or SUV is usually sufficient to drive performers and their instruments around. If the artist/band has their own vehicle, this

- might not be necessary. You would lead the band to each location in your own vehicle in this instance.
- 2) Lunch breaks between AM and PM performances are covered by the artist's per diem provided by Lotus. You can take them to lunch, but you do not have to pay for their food.
- 3) Liaisons act as emcees for each performance. You will be provided a script by Lotus staff that will include information about the artist, Lotus Blossoms programming, and sponsor acknowledgements.
- 4) Liaisons help Lotus track our impact by getting a crowd count of children and adults who attend the performance.
- 5) Liaisons are responsible for collecting the payment from each school or community organization after the performance. The amount due for each performance will be listed in the itinerary. You are responsible for getting this check back to the Lotus offices at 105 S Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN 47404.
- 6) To help identify you as a Lotus volunteer, please wear a volunteer t-shirt (from any year) while performing your duties as a Blossoms Liaison.

**How to Apply:** Email Jill Campbell at <a href="mailto:engagement@lotusfest.org">engagement@lotusfest.org</a> with the times and dates you are available to volunteer.