

## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Central Indiana festival to host hip-hop rapper Killer Mike** *Spirit & Place Festival celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with DREAM theme* Nov. 6-15, 2015

**WHAT:** “Full Circle Dreaming,” a Spirit & Place Festival event

In celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Spirit & Place will explore the notion of “full circle dreaming” with three panelists who have each had the audacity to dream beyond themselves and instead have built lives and careers focused on their dreams for building better communities.

Together, Grammy-winning artist/activist **Killer Mike**, restaurateur **Martha Hoover** and pastor **Dr. David Hampton** will explore how they turned their dreams for improving the world into reality and what motivates them to continue to work toward a greater good.

John Beeler, brand manager of MailChimp and label manager at Asthmatic Kitty Records, will moderate the panel discussion.

“Full Circle Dreaming” is one of five Spirit & Place Festival 2015 Signature Series Events.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Light of the World Christian Church  
4646 Michigan Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46228

**TICKETS:** Free

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**About Killer Mike**

The son of a police officer, Michael Render, aka “Killer Mike” for his ability to “kill the mic” during his shows, is an Atlanta-based hip hop artist and bold social activist. By focusing on issues such as the for-profit prison system, police brutality and same-sex marriage, he thoughtfully shines a light on how all Americans suffer when injustice prevails. In 2011, he realized a lifelong dream of opening a barbershop in Atlanta with the goal of opening more shops as a way to “lift up [Black] men in the community who are out of work and to help move them towards sustainable, lifelong careers.”

For more information, please visit <http://killermike.com>.

### **About Martha Hoover**

Local restaurateur Martha Hoover followed her personal dream and left the Prosecutor's Office in 1989 to open the first of many restaurants in a now dynamic dining empire. Her personal values of service to others never left her, however. With the opening of Public Greens earlier this year, the Patachou Foundation strives to meet its mission of feeding children in the community impacted by homelessness and hunger.

For more information, please visit <http://patachouinc.com>.

### **About Dr. David Hampton**

Dr. David A. Hampton is senior pastor of Light of the World Christian Church, the second oldest African-American church in Indianapolis, celebrating 150 years in 2016. Hampton is a tireless champion for social justice, a human rights activist and a passionate leader with a voice that resonates within the religious and civic communities. He has led numerous protests, is an advocate for youth and children – especially quality education – and has preached the gospel locally, nationally and globally.

For more information, please visit <http://lovelwcc.org>.

### **About Spirit & Place Festival**

Spirit & Place is a collaborative community project that brings together 19,000 Central Indiana citizens each year through public programs that ignite creativity, inspire place-making and spark connections in order to build more vibrant and civically engaged communities. Spirit & Place is a legacy project of The Polis Center, part of IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. Major financial contributors include Lilly Endowment Inc.; Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, Inc.; Central Indiana Senior Fund (a CICF affiliate); Bohlsen Group; The Indianapolis Foundation (a CICF affiliate); IUPUI, IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI; University of Indianapolis as well as more than 200 other community partners and donors. The 2015 Spirit & Place Festival takes place from Nov. 6-15, 2015, marking its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

For more information, call The Polis Center at 317-274-2455 or visit <http://spiritandplace.org>.

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