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URBAN ARTISTRY'S 8th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SOUL SOCIETY FESTIVAL™
A full spectrum Hip-Hop and Urban Arts experience

Washington, D.C. [May 24, 2016] -- Urban Artistry, Inc. announces the 8th Annual International Soul Society Festival™: an all ages, week-long series of events celebrating the full spectrum of Hip-Hop, Urban Arts and its many influences.

About the International Soul Society Festival™

The International Soul Society Festival™ (ISSF) provides the forum, context, and inspiration for artists from around the world to come together in celebration of urban dance and arts culture. For the entire week of June 12-19, 2016, we highlight a different aspect of the culture each day. Exploring the art forms of urban dance, DJ'ing, Mceeing, spoken word, and live art along with the individual contributions that sustain the culture the festival celebrates and elevates the diversity, traditions, and ingenuity of the urban dance and arts community. The 8th Annual International Soul Society Festival™ is proudly presented by Urban Artistry, Inc. in concert with its partners: U Street Music Hall, Flash Nightclub and DJs Mate Masie, Baronhawk Poitier & BJ Piggo, The BBQ Joint, National Park Service - Lincoln Memorial, DJ Sam "The Man" Burns and Eighteenth Street Lounge, Urban Artistry Dance Academy and several internationally renowned visual and performance artists.

Full event schedule: <http://internationalsoulsociety.com/events/>

Highlighted Events for The International Soul Society Festival™

Saturday June 18th, 2p-10p: **International Soul Society Festival™ Dance Competitions** at U Street Music Hall, 1115A U St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. Innovative and world-renowned dance battles in the styles of Popping, House Dance, and more, peppered with all-styles cyphers. The groundbreaking dance competitions feature: four national and international champions of 'The ABYSS: A House Dance Experience' Qualifiers who will travel to DC to participate in the final hour cypher battle competition featuring live vocalists and West African Drum Ensemble. The event will also include the innovative 'Book of Styles Popping Contest and it's 'Wheel of Funk' sound selector challenging the knowledge and creativity of its competitors in the art of Popping. Featuring the sounds of Baronhawk Poitier and esteemed judging panel: Monsta Pop - Symbiotic Monsters & Assassins DC - Montreal Canada; Lady Beast -



Boston, Mass; and Disco Dave - Boogie Brats
NYC. And an incredible showcasing of rhythm,

style and flow in "1st 48: A Memphis Jookin' Showcase" featuring Grammy
nominated choreographer Marico "Dr. Rico" Flake - Memphis, TN. There
will also be live painting, urban apparel vendors and more!! \$15 presale, \$20 at the
door. All ages welcome, 6 and under free with a guardian.



Highlighted Events for The International Soul Society Festival™ continued:

Sunday June 19th, 2p-7p: **A Juneteenth Celebration with Urban Artistry** at The
Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool Stairs, 2 Lincoln Memorial Circle NW, Washington, DC
20024. In commemoration of the announcement of freedom reaching the most Southern
enslaved peoples and in gratitude to the President who decreed our freedoms, Urban
Artistry invites all artists, movers and culturalists to gather together for expressions of
honor, memorial and freedom. We will be celebrating all of the art, music, movement
and communities that have evolved as a direct and indirect result of the emancipation of
enslaved people and in doing so, fortify our commitment to honoring the dignity of every
individual. Our celebration will begin with a traditional African blessing and include a
reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and expressions of honor and gratitude to
those who paid the price so that we may live, dance and create freely. Live & DJ'd,
music, poetry, art, dancing and more!

About Urban Artistry

Urban Artistry, Inc., is an internationally recognized 501(c)3 non-profit organization
dedicated to the performance and preservation of art forms inspired by the urban
experience. Serving as cultural ambassadors for communities that are often unsung, the
group fulfills their mission through effective collaborations that support artists past,
present, and future. Visit us at urbanartistry.org

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