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**GRAMMY-WINNING JAZZ ARTIST AND IU ALUM CHRIS BOTTI TO PERFORM  
HOMECOMING CONCERT AT IU AUDITORIUM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.**

**WHAT:** Chris Botti

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** IU Auditorium

**TICKETS:** \$18–\$39 for IU Bloomington students with a valid student ID and \$30–\$46 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com), in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – Grammy Award-winning jazz trumpeter Chris Botti, along with his ensemble of renowned jazz artists, will hold their very first public performance at IU Auditorium with a special Homecoming concert on Saturday, October 15 at 8 p.m.

Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist since the release of his 2004 CD, *When I Fall in Love*, and has gained acclaim in the contemporary music world as one of its most innovative artists.

Botti developed his style of jazz while studying at the Jacobs School of Music with the likes of jazz educator David Baker and trumpet teacher Bill Adam. His powerful musical imagination led to the release of several chart-topping jazz albums—including *To Love Again: The Duets* (2005), *Italia* (2007), and the CD/DVD *Chris Botti in Boston* (2009). His latest album, *Impressions* (2012), won the Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Album in 2013.

Starting his career playing alongside Frank Sinatra and Sting, Botti has sold more than 4 million albums and recorded and performed with some of the brightest stars in music, including Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga, Josh Groban, John Mayer, and Yo-Yo Ma—further establishing himself as an important figure in the contemporary music world. His style of jazz is praised as an expressive sound that transcends the limits of any single genre.

“Chris Botti’s performances are awe-inspiring. He and his ensemble create a concert experience that is both engaging and intimate—making it perfect for both jazz enthusiasts and popular music lovers alike,” said IU Auditorium Director Doug Booher. “It is an honor and a privilege to welcome Chris back to IU and to have the opportunity to share his incredible talents with the Bloomington community.”

During their stay in Bloomington, Chris Botti and his ensemble will be leading educational activities with students from the IU Jacobs School of Music. In addition, Chris Botti has been chosen as a 2016 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Each year Indiana University recognizes outstanding alumni who are leaders in their chosen fields and also make significant contributions benefiting their community, state, nation, or university. The Distinguished Alumni Service Award the highest accolade reserved solely for Indiana University alumni.

For more information on Chris Botti and the rest of the 2016–2017 season, visit [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com). The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season’s performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Chris Botti at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of show partners Bunger & Robertson Attorneys at Law, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, and the Indiana University Alumni Association. IU Auditorium’s 2016–2017 season is presented by our season partners Curry Auto Center, B97, *the Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and Cook Medical.

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