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HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016 ATHFEST MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Festival Will Feature Arrested Development, Kishi Bashi, Family and Friends, The Black Lips

(March 30th, 2016---) AthFest Educates announced the headliners for this year's 20th Anniversary AthFest Music & Arts Festival, which will take place June 24th- 26th in historic downtown Athens, with affiliated events starting June 22nd. This year's outdoor stage headliners are Family and Friends, Arrested Development, and Kishi Bashi.

Family and Friends, who played to a sold out Georgia Theatre last AthFest, will headline the festival for the first time with a main stage performance Friday night. The seven-piece band's high-energy shows include two drummers, many stringed instruments, and group harmonies.

Arrested Development will headline the main stage Saturday night. The Atlanta based hip-hop collective has been making music for more than twenty years. The Grammy award-winning group describes itself as "pioneers of the conscious rap" genre, highlighting social issues and in their songs, and using their earnings to support justice efforts.

Kishi Bashi will close the festival Sunday night, bringing his unique violin soundscape and infectious lyricism to the AthFest stage for the second time. The internationally renown Kishi Bashi has been touring for his latest album *String Quartet: Live!* since it came out last November, but has made time to play shows for nine local Clarke County schools this Spring.

Troy Aubrey, music chair for AthFest says he is especially excited that this year's headliners embody the spirit of AthFest Educates: "It's really great that our headliners share the belief in the importance of music and art to change lives and to be a positive force in the world. I love to see our talent and our mission align well as it really helps our non-profit make more of a local impact."

Atlanta punk rockers Black Lips will headline the Club Crawl 40 Watt Saturday night show. More line-up announcements will be coming soon, with the full line-up announced May 3rd. Wristbands for Club Crawl shows are available on AthFest.com at the early bird price of \$20 through April, when they go up to \$25 in May and \$30 in June.

High Resolution Band Photos Available Upon Request

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AthFest Educates advances high-quality music and arts education for local youth and the Athens community through direct support of school and community-based programs and events, including an annual music and arts festival.