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New York City Subway Musician Visits Indianapolis for IndyFringe Festival

The 2011 Fabulous Fringe Festival will play host to New York City singer, songwriter and subway musician, Heidi Kole. While in Indianapolis Kole plans to share her experiences in busking, or street performing, by promoting her book, "The Subway Diaries," www.thesubwaydiaries.com. The book chronicles Kole's last five and a half years performing as a musician in the New York City subways. Readers experience firsthand the hidden subculture of musicians and artists that exist in the underground of New York City.

"I love humanity in all its incarnations; a look, a smile, a bowed head, a dance, a tear, a laugh...all move me past all tangible boundaries," said Kole about what inspires her work. "I hope I capture at least a fraction of that precious energy in my music and art."

As a participant in the annual IndyFringe Festival, Kole will host question and answer sessions at Indiana Landmarks, where the film in which she is featured will be screened. The Coolhand Pictures' film, "Busking the System," takes audiences into the underbelly of New York City, a world in which street musicians play it to make it.

Kole will be available for television, radio and print interviews, as well as book signings both before and during the IndyFringe Festival, August 19- August 28.

AT A GLANCE:

"Busking the System" film at Indiana Landmarks, 1201 N. Central Avenue, 46202.

Thursday August 25 at 8pm

Friday August 26 at 8pm

Saturday August 27 at 2pm

Sunday August 28 at 6pm

Tickets: Adults-\$10, Students-\$8, Children Under 12-\$5. Visit www.indyfringe.org for tickets.

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"Busking the System" is an entertaining and compelling feature-length documentary that follows the ups & downs of three talented young singer/songwriter guitarists who try their hand as "buskers" -or street performers- underneath one of the biggest and most unforgiving cities in the world: New York City. The narrative chronicles how expectations collide with reality, as each musician follows an unpredictable path of successes and heartbreaks.

Reference websites: www.thesubwaydiaries.com, www.twitter.com/heidikole,
www.thesubwaydiaries.com/epk.htm, www.facebook.com/HeidiKole.

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ABOUT HEIDI KOLE:

Heidi Kole, New York City resident, performs, writes and speaks both above and underground in New York City, around the United States and across the globe. Kole, originally from Washington, D.C., is a singer/songwriter, actress, dancer, voiceover artist, stunt person for film/tv and author of "The Subway Diaries" - a firsthand account of her experience as a busker in the NYC Subway System. Her stunt and acting credits include Disney, New Line, HBO, CBS, ABC, Warner Brothers and Tristar, to name a few. Her voice over work can be heard on numerous National radio commercials and her songwriting credits to date include songs that hold both opening and closing credit spots in a number of films.



ABOUT INDYFRINGE THEATRE:

IndyFringe now has its own theatre in the Mass Ave Arts and Theatre District downtown, at 719 East St. Clair Street. The IndyFringe Theatre, opened in January 2009, expands the IndyFringe mission year-round to provide accessible, affordable outlets that draw diverse elements of the community together and inspire creative experiences through the arts. Each August, IndyFringe hosts a 10-day theatre festival, utilizing the other theatre venues on Mass Ave. The IndyFringe Festival brings performers and patrons from all over the United States, and provides affordable venues for up-and-coming performers. The festival came to life seven years ago and has grown into an annual cultural attraction that keeps drawing record audiences.

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