



**IpsO Facto, Mile One, Eric Koskinen, Members of The Phones and
Minnesota Slim and The Bookies**

To Headline Books For Africa Annual Warehouse Celebration Sept. 27

St. Paul, Minnesota—Books For Africa (BFA) will hold its annual warehouse celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 27, featuring several top Minnesota bands including The McFarlane Brothers from IpsO Facto, Erik Koskinen, Mile One, Members of The Phones and BFA's own Warehouse Band, Minnesota Slim and The Bookies featuring James Hall.

The event, at 635 Prior Ave N., St. Paul, is free and open to the public. It will also feature free refreshments (courtesy of Amara Wines) and South Africa Braai (traditional sausage barbeque).

The Warehouse Party is intended to honor BFA supporters and volunteers who help make the non-profit organization the largest shipper of educational books to Africa.

About the groups:

The **McFarlane Brothers** are key members of **IpsO Facto**, a Reggae band from Minneapolis. Formed in the 1980s, the group has won many Minnesota Music Awards and was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in 2011. IpsO Facto has toured the world as headliners and in support of such groups as UB40, Steel Pulse, the Clash and Tracy Chapman.

Since moving to Minneapolis eight years ago, Eric **Koskinen** has amassed a following as a musician, songwriter, producer and engineer. With experience stemming from years of traveling north to south and coast to coast, Koskinen taps those adventures and encounters in his second album, the follow-up to the acclaimed *Keep It to Yourself*. Musically sprouted from the blend of American folk, country, rock-n-roll, and blues, Koskinen and his top-shelf band realize a sound that is distinctive and fresh while familiar and classic.

Former Warner Brothers recording artists **Mile One**, who have not played together in four years, will be reunited at the celebration.

The Phones began performing in 1979 and 2014 marked the 30th anniversary of *Blind Impulse* and the 25th anniversary of *STICKMAN LIVE*. The group still performs around the Twin Cities. The group performed from 1979-1986 and released two records on the legendary Twin Tone record label, two on Pendulum Records and then released *Echo Return* two years later at the request of fans.

BFA Warehouse Band Minnesota Slim and The Bookies includes James Hall or “Slim,” a rock singer and guitarist known for his gothic-style lyrics and distinctive voice who has played with Marilyn Manson, Mary My Hope, the Pleasure Club and The Futura Bold. Brad Mattson, a former drummer for The Phones, Mile One and more and now the Development and Operations Officer for BFA in Atlanta, will join Hall. The **Warehouse Band** is coming from Atlanta.

“We are really looking forward to the celebration with all these great groups,” said Patrick Plonski, BFA’s executive director. “And our **Warehouse Band** is the best in the business.”

Books for Africa has a simple mission: to end the book famine in Africa. It has shipped over 31 million books to 49 different countries since 1988. Over the past 12 months BFA has shipped 2.6 million books, valued at \$35 million to 27 African countries, with an additional 223 computers and 11 brand new law and human rights libraries.