

News Release

Award Winning Musician Mike Farris to Perform at the U of M Crookston on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium

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Award-winning musician Mike Farris will perform at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Farris, whose diverse music rooted in early American gospel and blues, will perform on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, in Kiehle Auditorium at 7 p.m. The concert, which is part of Recovery Month, is free and all are welcome.

Farris has performed with the who's who of American music legends including Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Dave Matthews Band, Sheryl Crow, and Bob Dylan. He won an Americana Music Award for New/Emerging Artist in 2008 followed by a Dove Award in 2010. With a personal history that includes alcohol and drug addiction, Farris' music celebrates his freedom from chemicals and his faith in God.

He is set to release his newest studio album, Shine for All the People, on September 16, 2014. This upcoming album pushes beyond Salvation in Lights in that it reveals hope not in any glory to come, but in the failures and suffering of the present.

He said in a recent interview, "I was a destructive person. I was a drug addict and an alcoholic, so being where I am now and being able to share this spiritual music, this great musical heritage from America, and being part of a healing force is great."

It was in 2005 that Mike Farris cracked open the hallway door when, for the first time since the age of 15, he was clean and sober. Recording what would become the critically acclaimed Salvation in Lights (2007). He played the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame's 16th Annual American Music Masters concert honoring Aretha Franklin, then TEDx Nashville, and then to the inaugural Austin City Limits Hall of Fame with Double Trouble.

Last year, he travelled to Copenhagen, Denmark and in an interview there he talked about the diverse music genres that have influenced his style and he cited African American spiritual music as the foundation of his music. To learn more about Farris and his music, visit mikefarrismusic.com.

Recovery Month is a national observance each September that spreads the positive message that chemical dependency treatment is effective and people can and do recover. Events will be held across the country throughout the month.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.



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