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Event: **The Spitfire Tour** - musicians, actors and activists speaking out on global affairs.

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Location: Shirk Athletic Center, 302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington

Admission: Students: Free General Public: \$5

Background: The Spitfire Tour is the first-ever tour of musicians, actors & activists speaking out on global affairs. Created in part by human rights advocate Zack De la Rocha of the rock group Rage Against The Machine, Spitfire is a free speech forum that tours college campuses across America. It aims to educate, enlighten and entertain, while prompting others to act.

The speaker lineup on April 5 at IWU includes, Actress Rosie Perez "AIDS Awareness;" Spearhead musician Michael Franti "Staying Human;" Ex-MTV VJ and author 'Kennedy' "If freedom rings, will you answer it?;" and editor of the National Review Online Jonah Goldberg "The conservative case for lighting up".

"Student Senate is bringing the Spitfire Tour to IWU to give students a global perspective," said Kosha Baxi, event planner. "Student's often complain that they live in a bubble. The Spitfire Tour is an opportunity to break the 'bubble' and talk about what is going on in the 'real' world."

Contact: Tickets are available at the Main Desk of the IWU Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington or by calling 309-556-2633.

