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Arboretum Gala to Celebrate the "Art of Nature"!

Virtual fundraiser will explore nature, art, and community at Seattle's most beloved park

Thursday, February 10, 6 to 7 p.m. www.arboretumfoundation.org
FREE livestream! Register today!

Seattle, WA—The Arboretum Foundation will host its 34th annual gala and auction online this year. Please join us on February 10 to help raise critical funds for Washington Park Arboretum and sustain an invaluable city and regional resource.

The Art of Nature will celebrate the art and beauty of the Arboretum—in the design of its landscape and gardens—and explore how nature in this special place inspires artists, visitors, and students to create in myriad ways, enhancing our shared community.

Meet special guest artists such as <u>Gerry Tsutakawa</u>, who is recreating the beloved memorial gates, stolen from the Arboretum and destroyed at the start of the pandemic. And large-sculpture artist <u>John Grade</u>, who is creating a new installation for the Arboretum, to be unveiled in 2023.

Host of KING 5's "Evening" show <u>Angela Poe Russell</u> will be the emcee for our studio livestream, and she will be joined on stage by special guest host, gardening personality <u>Ciscoe Morris</u>.

Enjoy surprise guests, wonderful performances, silent and live auctions, and an unforgettable hour in support of the Arboretum.

All funds raised will support horticulture, environmental education, and volunteer programs at the Arboretum, as well as cultural programs at the Seattle Japanese Garden.

Registration: Online registration is required to participate in auction bidding and to make a donation to the Arboretum. To sign up, visit our event page on www.arboretumfoundation.org. Registration is FREE. If you need assistance with sign-up, call us at 206-325-4510 or email info@arboretumfoundation.org.

Online auction: The online auction will open three days before the livestream event, on Monday, February 7.

Event sponsors: Freestone, Safeco Insurance, Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Parkshore, Marshall & Sullivan, WSECU, Seattle Lives, Bellevue Children's Academy, Noriko & Doug Palmer.

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