



## **News Release**

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## **Celebrate “Love in Bloom” at the Opening Night Party!**

*Arboretum Gala Returns to Kick Off the Garden Festival With a Valentine’s Day Extravaganza*

*Tuesday, February 14, 5 to 9 p.m.  
Washington State Convention Center, Seattle*

**Seattle, WA**—The [Northwest Flower & Garden Festival](#) returns to the Convention Center in mid-February, and for the first time since the start of the pandemic, the Arboretum Foundation will again kick off the event with its annual [Opening Night Party](#).

One of the region’s most anticipated galas, Opening Night Party is a major fundraiser for Washington Park Arboretum—supporting youth environmental education, tree care, and volunteer programs at the park.

On February 14, guests will enjoy a celebratory dinner, dazzling entertainment, and an intimate preview of the Garden Festival displays the evening before they open to the public.

**Party theme:** This year’s party theme is “Love in Bloom,” and what better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day than with friends, food, flowers, and fun—all to benefit the Arboretum!

**Musical guests:** The party will include a live performance by the [Milo Peterson Quintet](#).

**Ticket levels and benefits:** Patron-level and Benefactor-level tickets to the party cost \$250 and \$500, respectively. All guests will enjoy a hosted wine reception and plated dinner, as well as two complimentary tickets to the Garden Festival.

**Purchasing tickets and RSVP deadline:** For reservations, please call 206-325-4510 or visit [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org). The final day of phone and online ticket sales will be *Tuesday, February 7*, so get your tickets today!

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