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Celebrate Ganna Walska Lotusland's 25th Anniversary as a Public Garden

Lotus Rising

Lotusland Celebrates Gems of the Garden

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Afternoon Garden Walk

Experience Lotusland's breathtaking botanical gems, art, and music during a delightful garden stroll with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Your garden journey concludes in a lively cocktail reception under the oaks.

5:30 PM

Celebratory Gathering

Enjoy a beautiful seasonal meal served on the Grand Lawn.

7:00 PM

Evening Program

Engage in an exciting Live Auction with guest auctioneer Eliza Osborne.

Sunset

Goodnight

Elegant Cocktail Attire

Valet Parking

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LOTUS RISING

2018 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOTUSLAND, and like its namesake, the blossoming of the Lotus and preservation of the garden is symbolic of our community's rebirth and renewal. This has been a year of tragedy and triumph in Montecito. Lotusland's operations and visitation have been significantly impacted and many of our members experienced firsthand devastation from the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslides.

MADAME GANNA WALSKA BUILT THIS MIGHTY GARDEN AGAINST ALL ODDS. In her signature dramatic fashion, Ganna moved to California for the second half of her life, where her energy and resources were poured into creating Lotusland, a botanical garden of rare and exotic plants. She used her natural artistic talents to create a fantasy world of exquisite beauty and scientific importance.

MADAME WALSKA WAS SO DETERMINED to finish the work she had begun that in the 1970s she auctioned off her jewelry in order to finance her final creation—the Cycad Garden at Lotusland.

IT IS WITH THIS SPIRIT, forgoing our attachment to the material in search of enlightenment, that we join as a community to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Lotusland's existence as a Public Garden. Our gala theme Gems of the Garden honors the beauty and science of the rare plants that are prized and conserved through Lotusland's work.

DURING HER LIFETIME, Ganna Walska made arrangements to gift her garden and her entire estate to establish Ganna Walska Lotusland as a nonprofit botanical garden, to ensure a center of horticultural excellence was preserved for the benefit of public education and enjoyment. With the devotion of a key group of volunteers and staff, in 1993 the Visitor Center was built and the first public tours began. Today, Lotusland operates under a restrictive Conditional Use Permit. With such limited access to the garden, Lotusland is unable to cover its costs through admissions and programs alone.

YOUR PARTICIPATION, with your membership, annual giving, and special event participation, keeps the garden thriving for public enjoyment and education.

ON THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY, we invite you to join in support of the little garden that could. We would be honored to add your name to our honor roll of 25th Anniversary supporters.

GEMS OF THE GARDEN

LOTUS RISING AUCTION ITEMS

1. Lotus Rising: A Ring by Daniel Gibbings

THE LOTUS RISING RING is a one-of-a-kind piece, realized through a time intensive process beginning with an original vision, sketching, stone sourcing, and then the final hand crafting in precious metal. This 18K royal yellow gold ring with custom-cut blue sapphires surrounded by 3D diamond accents is a jewelry collector's dream. High karat gold, vibrant precious gems and multi-layered metalwork characterize the distinctive look of esteemed jeweler Daniel Gibbings. Daniel's work continues to garner the attention of industry professionals, celebrities and a loyal following of sophisticated and stylish women around the world.

2. Escape in Luxury: A Belmond Andean Adventure

ESCAPE IN LUXURY to the exclusive Belmond Peruvian collection of hotels, trains, and cultural experiences with a five-night trip for two. Your adventure begins at the Belmond Miraflores in Lima. Once you acclimate, you will travel to spend two nights at the Belmond Hotel Montecarlo and venture on the Belmond Hiram Bingham train to the 15th century Incan citadel Machu Picchu. Indulge in a tranquil night at the incredible Belmond Rio Sagrado beside the Urubamba River before returning to Lima for a final night at Miraflores Park.

3. Oui, s'il vous plait! A Dinner Party in Paradise

ENJOY AN INTIMATE EVENING of fine dining surrounded by the incomparable beauty of the garden with a private dinner for ten at Lotusland. Elizabeth Colling and Joe Hafner of Merci to Go will create a delectable dinner expertly paired with fantastic wines by sommelier Stephane Colling. Valerie Rice of Eat Drink Garden will adorn your dining table with sophisticated California styled décor. This is a rare opportunity to host an unforgettable evening of culinary pleasures at Lotusland.

4. Be an Enemy of the Average: "Bouton" Earclips by Suzanne Belperron

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY from the jewelry collection of Madame Ganna Walska. Adorn yourself in opulent earrings created by revolutionary twentieth century jeweler Suzanne Belperron. These thoroughly modern platinum and gray gold earrings are set with two generous mabe pearls and surmounted by two sparkling European cut diamonds. *Gifted from the collection of Madame Ganna Walska by her family.* When shopping at Verdura and Belperron anytime through August, please mention Lotusland to provide a percentage of sales to benefit the garden. Special thanks to Sotheby's Fine Jewelry for the promotion of this item.



5. Party of Eight: A Day Trip to Napa

GET WHISKED AWAY for a Napa getaway! Your party of eight will enjoy private transportation to the airport as you begin your day with a private jet journey from Santa Barbara to Napa. When you deplane in Napa, a limousine will transport you to a luncheon, tour and tasting at the famed Napa Valley Reserve, a private club with a Membership of only 600 couples who share a passion for wine and the way of life that surrounds it. After a day of dining and tasting, you and your guests will complete your journey back to Santa Barbara and end with a nightcap and stay at the beautiful Belmond El Encanto.

6. All That Glitters: A Coco Chanel Diamond Dust Portrait

CAST YOUR GAZE ON THIS ATOMIC GOLD DIAMOND DUST silk screen masterpiece of Coco Chanel created by renowned British-American artist Russell Young. Russell's work is collected by museums, celebrities and connoisseurs worldwide and he is celebrated for his diamond enhanced silkscreen portraits of pop culture icons. Famed fashion designer Coco Chanel is remembered for her trademark suits, little black dresses, and timeless designs that continue to inspire. Printed on linen, the piece measures 38 x 30 inches.



7. Club James: A Party at The Famed Sheats Goldstein Property

PICK OUT YOUR NEW TESLA to test drive for the weekend and begin to unwind as you drive to Los Angeles to host an intimate gathering in the modern John Lautner masterpiece the Sheats Goldstein House, one of Los Angeles's most iconic homes. The home, built into the sandstone ledge of the hillside with spectacular views of the Los Angeles skyline, has been featured in *The Big Lebowski* and *Charlie's Angels* films. Tour the home, have farm-to-bar cocktails poolside and explore the Eric Nagle fern-designed gardens and incredible art installation by James Terrell. Continue your celebration in the newly built private nightclub, Club James, complete with small bites by duo catering and events, an in-house DJ and lightshow.

8. Entertain at Lotusland: Cocktails Inspired by the Garden

THIS IS YOUR RAREFIED OPPORTUNITY to host a private, elegant and enchanting event at Lotusland for up to 40 friends. Guests will enjoy unprecedented access to an after-hours garden party, with personalized garden tours, hors d'oeuvres, and garden inspired cocktails. This package will not be auctioned, but rather sold via absentee bids. Two available.

Please visit lotusland.org to bid online and to view auction descriptions.