LOTUS RISING 2018 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOTUSLAND, and in the tradition of the luminous and preservation of the garden’s symbols of our community’s vitality and renewal. This has been a year of triumph and tragedy, with unexpected operations and critical renovation projects. It is now more than ever evident and yearned to see many of our historic foundational destinations from the Tesoro and Montecito mudslides.

MADAME GANNA WALSKA BUILT THIS MIGHTY GARDEN AGAINST ALL ODDS. In her signature dramatic flair, Madame built and cultivated a world of exquisite beauty and scientific importance. She used her natural artistic talents to create a fantasy world of rare and exotic plants. She used her jewelry in order to finance her final creation—the Cycad Garden at Lotusland.

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IT IS WITH THIS SPIRIT, honoring our attachment to the natural world of gems and adornment, that we join you in commemorating 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. The beauty and science of the rare plants that are prized and conserved through Lotusland’s work.

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