LOTUS RISING 2018 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOTUSLAND, and in the tradition of Madame Ganna Walska, the blossoming of the Lotus and presentation of the garden is a symbol of our community’s rebirth and renewal. This has been a year of tragedy and triumph, as the unprecedented and record-breaking operations and studies at Lotusland have been reported and many of our experienced environmental functionaries from the Tierra y Ambiente and Montecito News.

WADINE GANNA WALSKA BUILT THIS MAGNIFICENT GARDEN AGAINST ALL ODDS in her signature dramatic style. Below are a few of her favorite pieces which are included among the offerings at our 25th Anniversary Gala Auction. She planted this rare orchid in order to create the history of the work of her name to be appreciated and encouraged.

WADINE WALSKA WAS SO DETERMINED to finish the work she began that in the 1970s she auctioned off her jewelry in order to finance her final creation—the Cycad Garden at Lotusland. This project, aimed 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 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 tour began. Today, Lotusland operates under a sustainable Complementary Land Use with such limited access to the garden. Lotusland is able to create costs through sales and programs above.

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