



New Orleans Museum of Art

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Rekindled LOVE in the Garden

NOMA to celebrate first LOVE in the Garden since massive renovation

NEW ORLEANS, La. - There's nothing like a new dress, a fresh fragrance - or in this case a renovated lush landscape - to rekindle love. Following its \$2.7 million FEMA-funded renovation, the New Orleans Museum of Art's Sculpture Garden is sure to provide an undeniably romantic setting during the sixth annual **LOVE in the Garden** celebration, to be held Friday evening, September 24. Ten New Orleans-based artists will be honored during the event.

The 10 New Orleans-based artists selected to be honored are:

Peggy Bishop, a potter, creates distinctive totem poles that reinterpret natural elements and wildlife.

Joachim Casell, a painter, captures Gulf Coast scenery and sunlight within his colorful Impressionistic pastels.

Mignon Faget, a jewelry designer, allows New Orleans' natural and architectural forms to inspire her world-renowned precious metal accessories.

Bob Graham, a painter, is well known for his Impressionistic portraits of celebrated local legends.

Nuego, sculptor, transforms recycled material into bold structures that channel artwork of ancient civilizations.

Thomas Mann, a jeweler and sculptor,

Edith Moseley, a painter, hopes to inspire peace and calm through her soft, warm-hued landscapes.

Jacques Soulas, painter and owner of Café Degas, crafts vibrant canvases that reflect the equally-vivacious New Orleans landscape.

Robert Tannen, a sculptor and drawer, creates unconventional sculptures and drawings that both astonish and inspire onlookers.

Sharon Weilbacher, a painter and drawer, uses her background in medial illustration to paint realistic representations of everyday life.

Maria Glorioso chairs this year's event. Love in the Garden has become one of the Museum's most popular annual events, with delectable dining from the city's finest restaurants, an open bar, live music, and dancing under the stars and the oaks in the city's most romantic setting, the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden.

This year's entertainment will be provided by Alex Peters Band and Animal Crackers. Tickets for Love in the Garden start at \$50 for NOMA members and \$60 for non-members. Tickets go up in price the day of the event. To order tickets or reserve tables, visit noma.org/love or contact NOMA's Kristen Jochem at (504) 658-4121.

Participating food and beverage contributors include Antoine's Restaurant, Atchafalaya, Acme Oyster House, Besh Steak, Between the Bread, Café Degas, Catering D'Orleans, Crescent City Brewhouse, Del Porto, Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse, Eleven 79, Elizabeth's Restaurant, Figaro's, Fausto's, Galatoire's Restaurant, Maya, Martin Wine Cellar, Maximo's, MONDO, Muriel's Jackson Square, Palate of New Orleans, PF Chang's China Bistro, Ralph's on the Park, Republic National Distributing Co., Santa Fe, Southern Candymakers, Southern Hospitality Catering, Squeal Bar-B-Q, Venezia and Zea Rotisserie & Grill.

ABOUT NOMA AND THE BESTHOFF SCULPTURE GARDEN

The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 30,000 art objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. Works from the permanent collection, along with continuously changing temporary exhibitions, are on view in the Museum's 46 galleries Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the adjacent Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, featuring work by 61 artists, is always free. The Sculpture Garden is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for Wednesdays, when it's open until dusk. The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

For more information, call (504) 658-4100 or visit www.noma.org.

