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Dallas Arboretum Presents “Celebrate the Children,” an Exhibition Featuring Bronze Sculptures by Gary Lee Price

Collection Presented by Reliant

DALLAS, Texas, March 21, 2019 – From April 15 to October 15, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden unveils “Celebrate the Children,” an art exhibition designed and created by Gary Lee Price. Guests can interact with beautiful, hand-crafted bronze sculptures of children, which are displayed throughout the garden. The exhibition, presented by [Reliant](#), is the focal point of Summer at the Arboretum that features special events and Family Fun Fridays from June to August.

Created by Price, “Celebrate the Children” features more than 25 different, hand-produced, bronze sculptures, many of which are of his own children. The 11-foot sculpture, “Celebration!” features joyous children celebrating life and soaring around the globe. The exhibition encourages guests to revisit childhood memories such as singing Ring-Around-The-Rosie in “Circle of Peace” with five children or playing in the grass near one of the four “Cartwheel” statues. The pieces range from 2 to 7.5 feet tall with one sculpture weighing more than 1,300 lbs.

Dallas Arboretum Board Chairman Alan Walne said, “Thousands of Gary Lee Price’s sculptures are on display in public and private collections throughout the world, and now the public can see many of them up close. You may remember his ‘Great Contributors’ bronze collection at the Dallas Arboretum in 2016. They were so popular that we are excited to welcome him back as he captures the true essence of passion in every sculpture.”

Price remarked, “Not only do I love the message and energy that great, positive art can put out into the world for our nourishment and sustainment...I love the very act itself of that creation.

To be able to take an unidentifiable lump of clay and transform it into a shape that lifts and inspires others. I can scarcely put into words the joy that gives this sculptor!"

All of the Price sculptures on display are available for purchase, along with smaller versions in the Hoffman Family Gift Store. The Dallas Arboretum receives a portion of the proceeds.

According to his biography, "Gary Lee Price was born with the innate ability to communicate stories by 'simply breathing life into his clay and ultimately bronze. His multiple award-winning sculptures commandeer the power and grace of life as we know it. Gary's tenacious 40-year crusade has been fueled by a desire to lift the human spirit through sculpture...He credits his success to his mother who...instilled in Gary the ability to express himself through art; and to his children who provide constant inspiration." He and his wife have nine children and 16 grandchildren.

The exhibition is also a celebration of the fifth year of the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, an eight-acre scientific garden dedicated to teaching children about nature, life and earth sciences in a garden. With 17 indoor-outdoor galleries designed for science learning objectives, the Children's Adventure Garden is revolutionizing the landscape of interactive learning through a unique blend of innovative technology, 150 interactive exhibits and natural elements. The displays revolve around STEAM—science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

"Celebrate the Children" exhibition is part of Summer at the Arboretum during which the garden hosts special Family Fun Fridays in June, July and August where families can enjoy the gardens, along with special activities such as face painting and a petting zoo. In the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, there are misters to keep guests cool along with experiments and fun learning activities daily.

The "Celebrate the Children" exhibition, presented by Reliant, is also supported by the Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District. For more information, visit dallasarboretum.org.

Spring Activities in the Main Garden:

Opening Weekend for Gary Lee Price "Celebrate the Children" Exhibit:

Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m.- Lecture with Gary Lee Price

1:45 p.m.- Meet and greet in the garden with the artist, and get a sneak peek of his new sculpture exhibit "Celebrate the Children"

Easter Weekend Activities in Main Garden:

Good Friday Children's Concert

Sponsored by *DallasChild*

Friday, April 19 | 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. | Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Celebrate Good Friday with children's activities and family-friendly concerts with Eddie Coker.

New! Break the World Record for Largest Bunny Hop

Saturday, April 20 | Noon | Jonsson Color Garden

Join WFAA Good Morning Texas anchor, Paige McCoy-Smith, and the Easter Bunny in the garden, and help them attempt to break the Guinness World Records for the largest bunny hop. All ages are welcome to participate, and the event is free with paid garden admission.

Easter Portraits

Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Jonsson Color Garden

Chris Ivey Photography will be in the garden to take family portraits with a live bunny. Portraits are available to purchase from the photographer.

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 21 | 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. | Restaurant DeGolyer and Rosine Hall

Get together with family and friends for a picturesque brunch. Enjoy an elaborate menu featuring multiple carving stations and extensive chef antipasto displays. Seating for brunch is at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. To book your reservation, please call 214-515-6511

Artscape Fine Art and Craft Show

Saturday & Sunday, April 27-28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pecan Grove

sponsored in part by Graff Chevrolet

Artscape, a juried fine art and fine craft show and sale, is where 100 outstanding artists from around the country showcase their art. Artscape features a variety of mediums including painting, sculpture, 2-D and 3-D mixed media, photography, jewelry, glass, digital art, ceramics and more. The layout for the art fair is architect-designed for maximum visibility of artists and audience flow. Visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/artscape/> for more information.

Spring Cool Thursdays Concert Series

Every Thursday through June 27

7:30-9 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

The premier concert series "Cool Thursdays," sponsored by Wells Fargo, single tickets are available for purchase now at the Dallas Arboretum and feature four new exciting tribute bands. As Dallas' only concert series overlooking the picturesque White Rock Lake on the award-winning Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, concert subscriptions and single tickets have a history of selling out quickly. To see concert lineup and purchase tickets, visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/cool-thursdays-concert-series/>

Garden Tea

Daily, April 8-September 21

11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Enjoy Garden Tea which includes a three-course meal with three different tea options. Teas are available Monday through Friday with seatings at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for \$49 per person, or an additional \$10 to add champagne. Reservations are required. Contact 214-515-6511 or email teas@dallasarboretum.org to book a reservation.

A Tasteful Place: To learn more, register for cooking classes and special events, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses

Seasonal Tastings

Every day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ruthie Pack's Tasting Plaza

Try three free different samples featuring a weekly vegetable, fruit or herb from the garden. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/recipes for past, current and future recipes.

DEMONSTRATION COOKING: El Centro College Cooks

Every Monday, 11 a.m.-Noon

Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Participate in this popular demonstration cooking class, taught by Chef Alison Matis from the college's nationally recognized culinary school.

April-Honey Roasted Radishes and Creamy Dilled Green Bean Salad

DEMONSTRATION COOKING: Chef-tastic Cooking Series

Select Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Free with paid garden admission

Enjoy a demonstration from local chefs of how to make one of their signature dishes using seasonal vegetables growing in the garden, with a small taste for attendees to try.

April 10-Chef Jeramie Robison, City Hall Bistro

April 17-Chef Ben Zimmerer, White Rock Ale House

McShan Floral Demonstration

April 16, 11 a.m.-Noon

Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion

Free with paid garden admission

Join experts from McShan Florist as they share tips to create a unique floral arrangement for a beautiful table.

DEMONSTRATION COOKING:

Presented by: Chef Carol Pock

Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.-Noon

Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

Free with paid garden admission

Join Chef Carol Pock, a Certified Integrated Health Coach, Healthy Living cooking instructor, and Wellness Consultant, demonstrate how to make three different types of deviled egg recipes.

Flower Power

A Meditative Walk in the Garden

April 26 • Level 1 • 10:30am-Noon

May 17 • Level 2 • 10:30am-Noon

\$45

In the last 30 years, the immediacy of the technology coupled with the "I must have this" causes havoc on the body, brain and spirit. Bodies can go into in crisis mode with digestive disorders, anxiety and panic attacks. In this two-part series, Patricia Dedman Nail, owner of 6-D Design and clinical psychotherapist, teaches a processes that can be used to combat stress. Class is held in A Tasteful Place, followed by a healing meditative walk in the garden. For more information,

please visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/event/flower-power-spring-april-2019-2/> or call 214-515-6615.

INTERACTIVE COOKING:

Lorie Fangio- 4-Course Spring Market Menu

April 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Donald and Charlotte Test Pavilion

\$70

Join Lorie Fangio, teaching chef, and owner of A Taste of Paris™, for a spring French market class. Lorie teaches a four-course meal as she shares stories of the French table. This four-course meal starts with decadent Baked Goat Cheese with Tomato Confit. Our second course will be a beautiful Pear and Endive Salad with a French vinaigrette, and learn to make the perfect risotto; French style. To register, visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/event/lorie-fangio-french-pastries-2-17-19/>

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden Activities:EGG-stravaganza

Natural Egg Dying, April 12-14 **Extra Weekend Added!

Natural Egg Dying, Easter Weekend, April 19-21

Exploration Center-Plant Lab, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get excited for two weekends full of egg-citing, egg-themed programs. Stop by the Plant Lab for special egg-squisite egg dying using plant-based dyes. This year, an eggs-tra egg-citing weekend is included, and the plant lab offers egg-speriments every hour on the hour. Be sure to reserve a lab seat [online](#). Appropriate for ages 5 and older.

Creativity Corner: Easter Edition Sponsored by Neiman Marcus

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14 & April 19-21

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Entry Plaza

Kick off the day by creating a homemade Easter craft to take home.

About the Dallas Arboretum:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$15 or \$9, if purchased in advance online. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.

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