

An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River  
annual fundraiser to benefit the work of



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**The Mississippi River is an ecological resource of global and local significance.** Its historic and cultural legacy resonates worldwide. In the Twin Cities, it is the major source of drinking water for more than a million people.

**Join us as we gather to celebrate the Big River,** a resource on which we all depend.

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## 2022 Celebration Host Committee

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## *The River Dreams*



For those who seek and find a connection to our great river, we understand its power to spark imagination, catalyze action, and inspire a future in which its waters run wild and clean.

This year's festivities will feature the stories of our hopes and dreams for the river, and the work we're spearheading in pursuit of these dreams. The stories will be told by Friends of the Mississippi River's own staff, board members and program participants – the people on the front lines of our critical work who daily dream of a brighter future for our river and river communities, and whose imaginations, skill, and effort drive those dreams closer to reality.

The event will also feature updates on Friends of the Mississippi River's work, a lively river-themed auction, and interactive opportunities for event participants to support our vital mission.

## *Event Schedule*

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| 5:30 | Sponsors reception with FMR leadership                                                                      |
| 6:00 | Social hour featuring hearty fare, live music, programmatic exhibits, and a river-themed silent auction     |
| 7:00 | Live program featuring updates on FMR's work, a live auction, and a special opportunity to impact the river |
| 8:00 | Closing reception                                                                                           |

## Oak Savanna Sponsor | \$2,500

- Membership in the Mississippi Riverkeepers, a group of dedicated donors who annually contribute \$1,000+ to FMR, and who receive special annual benefits, including an invitation to a private birding experience on the river with expert birders during migration season.
- Named “Oak Savanna Sponsor” of the celebration in all event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and seven guests (eight tickets total)
- An invitation for you and your guests to the pre-event Sponsors Reception
- Early access to our auction of river-themed items and experiences.
- An invitation to an outdoor VIP tour of an FMR restoration site.
- An invitation to River Talks, FMR's new virtual discussion series on river issues.



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## Bald Eagle Sponsor | \$1,000

- Membership in the Mississippi Riverkeepers, a group of dedicated donors who annually contribute \$1,000+ to FMR, and who receive special annual benefits, including an invitation to a private birding experience on the river with expert birders during migration season.
- Named “Bald Eagle Sponsor” of the celebration in all event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and three guests (four tickets total)
- An invitation for you and your guests to the pre-event Sponsors Reception
- Early access to our online auction of river-themed items and experiences.
- An invitation to an outdoor VIP tour of an FMR restoration site.
- An invitation to River Talks, FMR's new virtual discussion series on river issues.



## Blue Heron Sponsor | \$500

- Named “Blue Heron Sponsor” of the celebration in all event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and a guest (two tickets total)
- An invitation for you and your guest to the pre-event Sponsors Reception
- Early access to our online auction of river-themed items and experiences.
- An invitation to an outdoor VIP tour of an FMR restoration site.
- An invitation to River Talks, FMR's new virtual discussion series on river issues.



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## River Otter Sponsor | \$250

- Named “River Otter Sponsor” of the celebration in all event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for one (one ticket)
- An invitation to the pre-event Sponsors Reception
- Early access to our online auction of river-themed items and experiences.
- An invitation to an outdoor VIP tour of an FMR restoration site.



# Sponsorship Reservation Form & Agreement

Your impact as a sponsor of this event extends beyond a single night – it connects us to our local communities and throughout the river corridor. **Thank you!**

**Sponsorship Level: Oak Savanna | \$2,500 Bald Eagle | \$1,000 Blue Heron | \$500 River Otter | \$250**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

- Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please invoice (invoices will be sent to the contact listed above)
- Please charge my:      Visa              Master Card              Discover              AmEx

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

As a sponsor you are welcome to bring guests to the event. (Please reference the benefits for your sponsorship level to determine how many.) To help us appropriately welcome you and your guests, please indicate the following:

- I will not be using my additional complimentary admissions
- Names of my guests \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- At this time, I do not know who my guests will be. Please follow-up with me for those details in September.

**Thank You! Please mail this form and payment or payment instructions to:**

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