

An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River

annual fundraiser to benefit the work of



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 | 5:00 – 8:30 pm
ARIA EVENT CENTER | 105 NORTH 1st STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401



The Mississippi River is an ecological resource of global and local significance. Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) is the leading non-profit focused on protecting, restoring and enhancing this ecological and global resource in the Twin Cities region.

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

2018-25th Anniversary Celebration Host Committee

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The River Inspires

2018 marks Friends of the Mississippi River's 25th Anniversary, and we're planning an extra special event focusing on how **the river inspires**, shining the spotlight on the connection between the river and our thriving local arts community. The Mississippi River is a muse for so much creativity and artistic expression, and our event program promises to be fun and educational as we celebrate and feature local, acclaimed artists of various media who rely on our Big River as a source of inspiration and rejuvenation. To date the artist lineup includes: St. Paul-based visual artist **Seitu Jones** (our keynote storyteller), **Jearlyn Steele** (singer and emcee), **Bao Phi** (writer and spoken word artist), **Laura Caviani** (jazz pianist) and **Gwen Westerman** (poet and Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate member).

We hope you'll join us for a celebration of this milestone--and imagine the next 25 years of urban river conservation!--while appreciating all the river inspires in our lives today.

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 the following promotional and informational materials for the event: *invitation, event website, printed program*
- 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
- Complimentary valet parking
- Tax deductible portion of the sponsorship = \$2,100



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Bald Eagle Sponsor | \$1,000

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- Named "Bald Eagle Sponsor" of the celebration in the following promotional and informational materials for the event: *invitation, event website, printed program*
- 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
- Complimentary valet parking
- Tax deductible portion of the sponsorship = \$800



Blue Heron Sponsor | \$500

- Named "Blue Heron Sponsor" of the celebration in the following promotional and informational materials for the event: *invitation, event website, printed program*
- 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
- Complimentary valet parking
- Tax deductible portion of the sponsorship = \$400



River Otter Sponsor | \$250

- Named "River Otter Sponsor" of the celebration in the following promotional and informational materials for the event: *invitation, event website, printed program*
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for one (one ticket)
- An invitation to the pre-event Sponsors Reception
- Complimentary valet parking
- Tax deductible portion of the sponsorship = \$200



Sponsorship Reservation Form & Agreement

Your impact as a sponsor of this event extends beyond a single night – it spreads down the river corridor and through our communities. **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

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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