

An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River

annual fundraiser to benefit the work of



OCTOBER 1, 2020

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The Mississippi River is an ecological resource of global and local significance that connects us all. Its historic and cultural legacy resonates worldwide. In the Twin Cities, it is the major sources 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.

2020 Celebration Host Committee

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Our Storied River



This year's event celebrates the stories that flow from our experiences with the river. Our program will feature storytellers whose lives have been changed by our great river. The curated selection of stories will dazzle and twist, flood and still us, and echo diverse voices and varied experiences.

The night's virtual festivities will be helmed by Shannan Paul, speaker, comedian and local host of The Moth. Our storytellers will be coached by Loren Niemi – a National Storytelling Network Lifetime Achievement Award winner. The event will also feature updates on Friends of the Mississippi River's work during this unprecedented time, and interactive opportunities for event participants to support our critical mission.



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.
- 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.
- A home-delivered meal on the day of the event from Birchwood Café (within their delivery boundary, otherwise you can pick it up from the restaurant).



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River Otter Sponsor | \$250

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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 _____

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

Card Number _____

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As a sponsor you are welcome to invite guests to our virtual event. To help us appropriately welcome your guests, please indicate the following:

- 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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