

FORKLIFT DANCEWORKS



BOTANICAL of
Desire

NOVEMBER 2, 2023
ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS

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invites you to collaborate on earth-saving creativity by picking a flower for

BOTANY of
Desire

Treat yourself to a Tulip, a Passionflower, a Tuberose, or Bee Orchid,
and join us on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS

This year, our annual fundraiser celebrates
the gravitational pull of plant life and the desires it gratifies
to get humans to do the one thing plants can't –
move through the world with purpose.



Event proceeds will support
The Way of Water, Forklift's global, multi-year project engaging
international stewards of this vital resource.





At **Botany of Desire** guests will enjoy a wholly sensory experience, evoking the brilliance of botanicals.



VIP Reception 6:30-8pm

Hosted by Matthew Gaston — Zilker Botanical Garden's Director of Education and a fount of knowledge and forever friend of plantae. Overlooking the Austin skyline, the pre-party will feature top-shelf elixirs and specialty bites from some of Austin's finest eateries, culminating with a private tour for honored guests.

Program, Performance and Dance Party 8-10:30pm

At 8pm, garden gates will open up to more local bites, botanical-inspired beverages, a flowering photo booth, interactive performance, and dance party overlooking the city skyline!

Attire: Seductive Reasoning

Sartorial interpretations of the four human desires — beauty, intoxication, sweetness, and control — that plants evolved to stir and gratify.

“Art is the only possibility for evolution, the only possibility to change the situation in the world.”

— Joseph Bueys

Collaborate on earth-saving creativity and join us as a
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Tulip

\$10,000

10 VIP Tickets
Event Program Recognition
Event Webpage Recognition
Event Sponsor Signage
Name/Logo on Invitation
4 Valet Parking Passes
Email & Social Media Recognition

Passion Flower

\$5,000

8 VIP Tickets
Event Program Recognition
Event Webpage Recognition
Event Sponsor Signage
Name/Logo on Invitation

Tuberose

\$2,500

6 VIP Tickets
Event Program Recognition
Event Webpage Recognition
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Bee Orchid

\$1,000

4 VIP Tickets
Event Program Recognition
Event Webpage Recognition

Special thanks to our **Botany of Desire**
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Since 2001, Forklift has been creating radically inclusive, community-building performances featuring people who are not typically thought of as dancers all of whom provide essential services with a level of grace and acumen that warrants center stage. The resulting dances are joyfully educational, gifting audiences a deeper understanding of and appreciation for essential trades and workers, while fostering meaningful civic discourse, and challenging the boundaries between art and everyday life.



“Where flowers bloom so does hope.”

— Lady Bird Johnson