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**POWELL GARDENS PARTNERS WITH QUIXOTIC TO BRING AN IMMERSIVE MULTIMEDIA
WALK-THROUGH INSTALLATION TO FALL LINEUP**

Venture into the woods to journey through a magical and mysterious Dark Forest

KINGSVILLE, Missouri – This fall, Powell Gardens partners with Quixotic to bring Dark Forest, a brand new immersive outdoor experience tied to the magic and mystery of the woods. At Dark Forest, the universe’s most coveted secrets are freely revealed to all those who wander. This signature event begins October 21 and runs Thursday-Sunday (7-11 p.m.), ending on Halloween.

“Fall is one of the most beautiful times of year in the Midwest,” said Tabitha Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer for Powell Gardens. “Once the sun sets on colorful and changing foliage, the chill in the air brings a quiet, almost eerie, feeling to October. The spectacle of Halloween paired with the dark unknown of the woodland is something new to explore. We are excited to announce a new partnership with Quixotic to bring Dark Forest to our community. With stellar sound, visual, and performance elements from Quixotic, this event is unparalleled in Kansas City.”

As the dark lush veils of nightfall sweep solemnly across an eerie Midwest sky, Powell Gardens invites you to journey through Dark Forest; a magical and mysterious landscape brimming with enthralling performances, captivating music, and innovative creative technology where the channels of nature’s mortal realms are fiercely pierced by unexplainable paranormal forces and spellbinding supernatural beings.

Inside this wooded labyrinth of beguiling darkness and brilliant light, eccentric and ethereal creatures are free to be utterly themselves and unleash the electrifying powers of their spine-chilling gifts in boundless form. Alluring trees coded with secret messages, black waters embodied with mesmerizing reflections, and glowing owls imbued with purifying insight are few among the many signs of nature’s map that will guide you and your loved ones all the way through the tantalizing peril of bat’s bend to the illuminated grounds of garden fairies, angels and gnomes. Dare to brave the call of the sinister night and discover the soul-awakening phenomena that quietly lingers just beyond the glimmering light.

Dark Forest is a PG-13 experience. This signature event has limited tickets available. Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at powellgardens.org/dark-forest when they become

available at 9 a.m. on September 7, 2021.

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About Powell Gardens

As Kansas City's Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens plays a vital role in the community as a space for release, rejuvenation, and the celebration of the fleeting nature of nature itself. Visitors enjoy eight themed display gardens, a three-mile nature trail, seasonal festivals, rotating exhibitions, exceptional architecture, and dining options featuring ingredients grown in our Heartland Harvest Garden, one of the nation's premier edible landscapes. Established in 1988, Powell Gardens is a non-profit, public garden, maintaining 970 acres of lush, rolling hills and windswept meadows, with more than 175 acres and a large collection of plants open to the public for education, exploration, and recreation. Many of the plants in the Gardens are regionally native, and all highlight the changing seasons and Midwest spirit of place.

About Quixotic

Quixotic is an innovative performance art collective that fuses imagination with technology, dance, projection mapping, and live music to create fully immersive, multi-sensory experiences. Quixotic was given Silicon Valley's unofficial stamp of genius when they were invited to perform at the global TED Conference in 2012. A unique blend of performance art, technology and emotion. Quixotic fuses all these elements into what the New York Times branded an "innovative circus performance," and Men's Journal declared "one of the best contemporary [cirque] acts." They have performed for audiences worldwide and have helped launch brand products for companies such as BVLGARI, Faena Hotels, Garmin, HP, Smithsonian, and Toyota. Quixotic harnesses light, rhythm and expressive emotion.