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BOTANICAL GARDEN

Garden Feast

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

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Welcome to Garden Feast!

2021

Travel the World in 55 Acres

Thank you for joining us for Garden Feast, our annual fundraiser for San Francisco Botanical Garden in support of our global plant collections and education programs. While we are not able to gather in person as a large group this year, we are happy to report that the Garden has been very busy since we reopened June 1, 2020. In fact, we are experiencing record-breaking visitation this year.

Throughout the pandemic, children and families have flocked to the Garden for our Bean Sprouts Family Days, Garden Camp, Garden After-School, and Children's Books To-Go from our library. It gives us a strong sense of pride and purpose to be a vital resource to the community during these unprecedented times.

We are deeply grateful to our event co-chairs, Carla McKay and Sarah Ryan, as well as the entire event committee and sponsors. Enjoy the event and we will see you next year in the Garden!

With Gratitude,

Delle Maxwell

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Event Program

WELCOME

The Honorable London Breed
45th Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco

TRAVEL THE WORLD IN 55 ACRES

Ryan Guillou
Curator, San Francisco Botanical Garden

KEYNOTE

Abby Meyer
Executive Director, Botanic Gardens Conservation International – U.S.

MUSIC

Polina Sedukh
Violin, San Francisco Symphony
George Enescu's *Impressions d'enfance* mvt. 1, Menétrier ("The Fiddler")

FUND A NEED

Benefiting the Garden's Youth Education Programs

And stay with us until the end of the event for a special announcement about

FLOWER PIANO 2021



Keynote Bio

Abby Meyer

Executive Director, Botanic Gardens
Conservation International – U.S.

Abby Meyer is Executive Director of the U.S. office of Botanic Gardens Conservation International, based at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. Abby works to provide tools and information to build botanic garden plant conservation collections and programs. She tracks botanic garden progress toward the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the parallel North American Botanic Garden Strategy for Plant Conservation.

Abby received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and went on to complete a master's in Public Horticulture Administration through the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware and Longwood Gardens. Prior to her work with BGCI, she was a Putnam Research Fellow at The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University where she developed new approaches for assessing the conservation value of living plant collections.

Now in Los Angeles, Abby enjoys hiking and gardening with her husband Evan and their 4-year-old daughter Violet.

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