



Brookgreen Gardens to Host *Bruce Munro Southern Light* Exhibit

April 4, 2020 - September 12, 2020

Murrells Inlet, S.C., August 08, 2019 - [Brookgreen Gardens](#) is pleased to announce *Bruce Munro at Brookgreen: Southern Light*, a major exhibition coming to the garden in Spring 2020. The exhibit will consist of seven works of art in light, made up of thousands of LED lights, each designed for the natural garden where they will be installed. Brookgreen's exhibit will be the only opportunity to see Munro's work in the southeastern United States in 2020.

"We are thrilled to be on the very exclusive list of venues to host an exhibit by Bruce Munro," says Page Kiniry, Brookgreen Gardens' president and CEO. "At Brookgreen we are dedicated to exposing our guests and members to not only American sculptural art, but art in a variety of mediums. This is a rare opportunity for our community to see the work of this world-renowned artist."

The following installations will consist of tens of thousands of lights and will be placed throughout the sculpture gardens and arboretum:

1. *Field of Light* - 11,700 stems of LED lights in changing colors in the Arboretum
2. *Fireflies* - 600 sprays in Oak Allée
3. *Time and Again* - 37 lilies in Pegasus Field
4. *Okonjima Choral Society* - 2,000 "frogs" behind the garden wall at the Rosen Carolina Terrace
5. *Hive* - 1,448 hexagonal diffusers in the Bell Tower
6. *Reflections* - 4 animations highlighting the arcade between the Welcome Center and Keepsakes
7. *Water-Towers* - 10 Towers in the grassy area behind Fillies Playing

Bruce Munro is a British artist best known for immersive large-scale light-based installations inspired largely by his interest in shared human experience. Munro produces both monumental temporary experiential artworks as well as intimate story-pieces worldwide.

"The inspiration for the Field of Light can be attributed to many factors," says Bruce Munro. "Lights have always played a major part in my life and work and, for me, it is a natural medium to use. I wanted to create a field of light stems that, like a dormant seed in a dry desert, will quietly wait until darkness falls and then, under a blazing blanket of southern stars, bloom with gentle rhythms of light. One's attention is thus drawn to the nature that surrounds the installation as well as the Field of Light itself."

Brookgreen will be opening Wednesday – Saturday evenings from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. for this exhibit. The exhibit will run from April 8 – September 12, 2020. Tickets will be available for purchase this fall, and a special season pass will be available for members of Brookgreen Gardens.

Brittain Resorts and Hotels will be the presenting sponsor for *Bruce Munro at Brookgreen: Southern Light*. Matthew Brittain, CEO, commented "Brittain Resorts and Hotels is committed to promoting the Grand Strand as a destination for people of all interests and ages, and Brookgreen Gardens is a best-kept secret that needs to be shared with all who come to our area. The planned experiential exhibit by world renowned artist, Bruce Munro, is certain to captivate visitors to the Gardens and draw in people from all regions of the country who have an interest in inventive, stimulating art forms."

About Brookgreen Gardens

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is located on U.S. 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and is open to the public daily. Founded in 1931 by Anna Hyatt Huntington and Archer Huntington, Brookgreen is home to the largest and most significant collection of American Figurative Sculpture in the county, and continues as a leader in sculpture conservation, environmental conservation, and protection of the plants, animals, and history of the South Carolina Lowcountry. For more information, visit our web site at www.brookgreen.org or call 843-235-6000.

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