Press preview: Magic awaits at first-ever WildLanterns! New larger-than-life lantern festival

WHAT:

The press is invited to an exclusive preview of Woodland Park Zoo's new WildLanterns presented by Sound Credit Union: Thursday, November 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The region's first holiday lantern festival will be a fairytale come to life with a larger-than-life, immersive experience that will "wow" anyone—of all ages! There are many memories to be made full of fun, light and magic with awe-inspiring sights!

Picture this: a selfie safari through a tunnel of lanterns more than 130 feet long or the sight of a 15-foot tall illuminated giraffe. Begin the magical expedition by strolling through the Living Northwest with lanterns of animals many are familiar with including grizzly bears, eagles and mountain goats. Next, march through the magical Jungle Lights featuring lanterns of some of the most elusive creatures such as snow leopards, tigers and gorillas. Along the journey dive into the depths of SeaMazium, filled with underwater and aquatic creatures including sea turtles, jellyfish and seals. Finally, take an African Savanna safari and discover herds of giraffe, zebra and much more.

Other highlights will include T-Mobile Interactive Zones to enjoy such as a star walking pad, gigantic angel wings, a bubble tree and a kaleidoscope—all selfie worthy!

Hungry and thirsty visitors can choose from a host of tasty treats for purchase such as pizza, burgers, fish and chips, scones, elephant ears, donuts, maple bacon rolls, hot chocolate and cider, and mulled wine (for guests 21 and over with ID).

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WildLanterns runs November 13, 2020 through January 17, 2021 (closed Mondays, November 26, December 24 and 25) WildLanterns hours: 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE:Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N.
56th Sts. Park in the Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.
All press will be asked to sign in for contact tracing

TICKETS: General Tickets

- Adult: \$28.95
- Child: \$23.95 (3 to 12 years old)
- Toddlers ages 2 and under are free
- Members receive 20% off general admission ticket prices

To limit the number of visitors inside the zoo, tickets are timed entry and can be purchased online by visiting <u>zoo.org/wildlanterns</u>. WildLanterns will be a rain or shine event and there will be no ticket refunds.

INFO: Visit <u>https://www.zoo.org/wildlanterns</u> for information



New Safety Protocols for Press

Due to limited capacity and PR staff continuing to work from home, advanced notice will be required for press shoots after the press preview from November 13 through January 17, **Tuesdays to Thursdays only.** The press will be asked to sign in as a business guest for contact tracing purposes. Please give one to two days' notice by contacting woodlandparkzoopr@zoo.org

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