Preview: Media invited to experience the magic of WildLanterns at the zoo

Tour the enchanting brand-new lanterns before opening day

WHAT:

It's back and better than ever: **WildLanterns presented by BECU** is returning with brand-new lanterns and themed zones that will "wow" anyone, no matter their age!

Media are invited to a special press preview on November 10 from 5:00 — 7:00 p.m., two days before WildLanterns opens to the public. You won't want to miss the chance to illuminate your holidays with an immersive, interactive, larger-than-life experience unlike any in the Pacific Northwest!

Start your journey by shrinking down and exploring your surroundings from a Bugs-Eye-View, where you'll be captivated by the beauty of colorful plants and pollinators. Then journey back in time to explore the Creatures of the Past, where you'll meet an array of prehistoric creatures including dinosaurs and mammoths. Next, wander through the Mysterious Forest where you'll find lanterns of some of the most elusive creatures, such as tigers and jaguars, and the colorful peacock. Finally, travel to the other side of the globe and experience the craft of traditional Chinese lanterns to see a 200-foot long dragon, an army of terracotta warriors and so much more!

As if it could get any better, each and every ticket sold directly will support excellent care for the hundreds of animals who call the zoo home, as well as more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

And don't forget to warm up with hot and fresh tasty treats! Festive sweet and savory food will be available for purchase at several locations around the zoo, including the Pizza Corner at 1899 Grove and Gather + Graze Café where covered seating will be provided. Food kiosks will also be dispersed throughout the pathways.

WHEN: Press Preview: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Each press representative will be required to show vaccine verification or a negative PCR test.

WildLanterns runs November 12, 2021 through January 30, 2022 Closed Mondays (except 12/20 and 12/27) as well as Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

WildLanterns hours: 4:00 – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Enter the WildLanterns press preview through Woodland Park Zoo's West Entrance and check in with PR staff at the Membership Office.

West Entrance: 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103 Cross streets: Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th and N. 56th Sts. **TICKETS:** Media will receive complimentary admission to WildLanterns for the press preview.

Tickets for WildLanterns are on sale now at <u>www.zoo.org/wildlanterns</u>.

General Admission Tickets

- Adult: \$30.95 (ages 13+)
- Child: \$25.95 (3 to 12 years old)
- Ages 2 and under are free

Members receive 20% off General Admission ticket prices.

WildLanterns will be a rain or shine event and there will be no ticket refunds.

INFO: Vaccine verification is required for all WildLanterns guests ages 12+ in accordance with the King County public events mandate. Visit www.zoo.org/wildlanterns for more details.

No vaccination or testing requirements apply to guests under the age of 12.

Masks will be required outdoors and indoors (ages 5+).

To learn more about Woodland Park Zoo, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> and follow the zoo on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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