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# theNate's "Sculpture, Wine & Dine" Returns Sept. 11



The [Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park's "Sculpture, Wine & Dine"](#) event will be returning this Sept. 11 to [Governors State University](#). The annual benefit is a tradition that has welcomed up to 300 guests for the last five years who come to support theNate, which holds a collection of more than 30 master works of large-scale sculptures situated within 100 acres of prairie landscape.

And there's much to celebrate. The park was recently ranked the nation's best according to the [2021 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Sculpture Park](#). Free and open to the public 365 days a year, the park boasts a large fanbase as it also provides programs for adults and children integrating art and nature.

Jeff Stevenson, Director of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, said the event is "everything our guests loved about past events, plus some amazing new features no one will want to miss."

The event will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and guests can take tours of the sculpture park and the [Visual Arts Gallery](#) – which is featuring artist Rodrigo Lara Zendejas' "Crowd Gate". A screening of "Searching for Lady Day: A Portrait in Steel" a 30-minute documentary about artist Mark di Suvero, as well as a silent auction for pieces from regional artists and beyond will be highlights of the event.

The farm-to-table dinner in the Park will be accompanied by a musical tribute to Richard Hunt by Ernest Dawkins, a GSU alum. The dedication of the new acquisition, "Stargazing with Contrails" by Terrence Karpowicz will be announced during the evenings' line-up.

Guests will linger at the afterglow party with drinks by the fire, music, and mingling.

[Tickets are available now.](#)