

Destination Asia Festival

Friday, August 5, through Sunday, August 7, 2022



Conservation Across the Globe

The Destination Asia Festival celebrates the cultures of Asia, where many trees and plants at The Morton Arboretum originated. From its founding in 1922, The Arboretum's collection has included Asian plants. Since the early 1990s, Kris Bachtell, vice president of collections and facilities, and colleagues have traveled to China and other Asian countries frequently, collecting specimens of paperbark maple and other plants. The Arboretum collects plants, including endangered trees, from the wild for study and conservation. Research teams then add these plants to the Arboretum collection and preserve the species for the study and enjoyment of tree champions in future generations. The Arboretum's scientists and arborists also work with colleagues in countries such as Myanmar, China, and Taiwan to support research and encourage policies that improve the conservation and management of forests and trees in the face of rapid changes in these countries' economy, ecology, and culture. The Destination Asia Festival celebrates Asian cultures and plants as the Arboretum champions trees in Illinois and around the globe.



General Information

Friday Opening Evening: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Festival Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS

Visitor Center: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ginkgo Restaurant: Daily, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ginkgo Café: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Children's Garden: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arboretum Store: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sterling Morton Library: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plant Clinic: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For general Arboretum and membership information, please stop inside the Visitor Center at the Information and Membership desks. For festival information, visit the festival information tent (location 5 on map).

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

Human+Nature

Internationally renowned artist Daniel Popper created 15- to 26-foot-tall sculptures exclusively for the Arboretum featured in various locations across its 1,700 acres, leading guests to areas they may not have explored before. It is his largest exhibition to date anywhere in the world.

Learn more at mortonarb.org/humannature.

Friday, August 5

5:30 to 6:00 p.m.	Chinese music, Kerry Leung	Location 1
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Bonsai show, Prairie State Bonsai Society	Location 4
6:00 to 6:30 p.m.	Opening speech	Location 1
6:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Chinese music, Kerry Leung	Location 1
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Sumo wrestling, USA Sumo	Location 2
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	Toro Nagashi Ceremony lantern decorating	Location 6
7:30 to 8:00 p.m.	Chinese lion dance, Seven Star Lion Dance Group	Location 1
7:30 to 8:00 p.m.	Pungmul drumming, Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago	Location 2
8:00 p.m.	Toro Nagashi Ceremony, lantern display	Location 6

Saturday, August 6

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Bonsai show, Prairie State Bonsai Society	Location 4
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Awaodori dancing, Miko-Ren	Location 2
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Indian dance, Acharya Performing Arts Academy	Location 1
	Hindustani musical duet, Rajeswari McKearn	Location 3
	Bonsai Society demonstration	Location 1
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Learn cricket, Midwest Cricket League	Location 7
	Chinese Yo-Yo interactive booth, Ryan Shi	Location 6
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Tsukasa Taiko drumming, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Ray Chinese School programming	Location 10
11:00 a.m. to noon	Traditional Philippine performance, Philippine American Cultural Foundation	Location 1
	Indian musical performance, RAMETI Group	Location 3
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Japanese archery, Fuko Kyudojo	Location 7
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Sumo wrestling, USA Sumo	Location 2
	Ikebana floral demonstration	Location 6
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Pungmul drumming, Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago	Location 1
	Japanese ensemble music, Chicago Koto Group	Location 3
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	Shubukai dance performance, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Asian folk music, Shobana	Location 1
	Japanese Shinkedo swordsmanship demo, Trevis Crane	Location 3
	Bonsai Society demonstration	Location 1
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Japanese martial arts, Chicago Keikokai Meifu Shinkage Ryu	Location 2
	Ikebana floral demonstration	Location 6
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Baul/Kawali folk songs, Aqilbrothers	Location 1
	Cambodian dance, National Cambodian Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial	Location 3
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Sumo wrestling, USA Sumo	Location 2
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Chinese music, Kerry Leung	Location 1
	Thai dance performance, Thai Cultural Institute of Illinois	Location 3
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Kung Fu performance, Illinois Shaolin Kung Fu School	Location 2

Sunday, August 7

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Bonsai show, Prairie State Bonsai Society	Location 4
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Awaodori dancing, Miko-Ren	Location 2
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	J-Pop music performance, ORiHANA	Location 1
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Learn cricket, Midwest Cricket League	Location 7
	Chinese Yo-Yo interactive booth, Ryan Shi	Location 6
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Sumo wrestling, USA Sumo	Location 2
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Ray Chinese School programming	Location 10
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Japanese archery, Fuko Kyudojo	Location 7
11:00 a.m. to noon	Cambodian dance, National Cambodian Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial	Location 3
	Chicago Indian Music and Dance Association	Location 1
	Ikebana floral demonstration	Location 6
11:30 a.m. to noon	Japanese storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Tsukasa Taiko drumming, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Indonesian gamelan music, Friends of the Gamelan	Location 1
	Folk dance along with mandala arts, Mandala South Asia Performing Arts	Location 3
12:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Japanese storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	Sumo wrestling, USA Sumo	Location 2
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Traditional Bali music and dance performance, Chicago Balinese Gamelan	Location 1
	Japanese Shinkedo swordsmanship demo, Trevis Crane	Location 3
	Bonsai Society demonstration	Location 1
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Shubukai dance performance, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
	Ikebana floral demonstration	Location 6
2:00 to 2:30 p.m.	Japanese storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Indian musical performance, Akshaya Music Academy	Location 1
	Mongolian Morin khuur and throat singing, The American Mongolian Association	Location 3
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.	Japanese martial arts, Chicago Keikokai Meifu Shinkage Ryu	Location 2
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Chinese music, Kerry Leung	Location 1
	Indian classical dance, Kalakriti School of Dance	Location 3
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Kung Fu performance, Illinois Shaolin Kung Fu School	Location 2



Location 1: Arbor Court; Dawn Redwood
Stage Performances

Location 2: Golden Ginkgo Stage Performances

Location 3: Peking Lilac Stage Performances

Location 4: Sycamore Room Bonsai Show

Location 5: Information Tent, Food Trucks, Activities

Location 6: Meadow Lake Point; Vendors, Performances

Locations 7: Frost Hill Lawn Performances

Location 8/9: Asian Tree Collections

Location 10: Children's Garden Activities

Reasons to Return

Walking Plays

Select dates in August and October

Take an immersive journey through favorite literary tales performed live throughout 1,700 acres of changing trees and beautiful landscapes.

Wine and Art Walk

Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21

Sip wine and shop for nature-themed art as you stroll around Meadow Lake.

The Grand Garden Opening

September

The Grand Garden will be a central new attraction for gathering and enjoyment during the Arboretum's second century. The garden will showcase the beauty and diversity of plants alongside delightful water features and spaces for celebration and joy.

Fall Color 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, October 1

Satisfy your inner champion on the Arboretum's scenic, rolling course through the fresh autumn air. Celebrate your finish with live music and a complimentary beer (participants age 21 and older) at the post-race party.

Fall Color Festival

Select dates in October

Enjoy the Scarecrow Trail, Glass Pumpkin Patch and the Cider and Ale Festival as The Morton Arboretum celebrates fall.

Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum

November 20, 2022 through January 7, 2023

Journey along a one-mile paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter. Along the route, warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores, or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage.

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See mortonarb.org/events for more information.

All Special Event and General Admission visits require the purchase of advance timed-entry tickets before you arrive at the Arboretum.

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