

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, Offers Installation by Bruce Munro



Field of Light by Bruce Munro. Photo by Mark Pickthall. © 2019 Bruce Munro Ltd.

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, is pleased to announce *Bruce Munro at Brookgreen: Southern Light*, a major exhibition, on view from Apr. 4 through Sept. 12, 2020. The exhibit will consist of seven works of art in light and mixed media, each designed specifically for the natural garden rooms 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 offering our guests and members the opportunity to experience not only American sculptural art, but art in a variety of mediums. This is a rare opportunity for our community and the region to see the work of this world-renowned artist."

The following illuminated installations will consist of tens of thousands of components, which will be placed throughout the sculpture gardens and arboretum:

Field of Light - 11,700 stems of light in softly moving colors covering the Arboretum.

Fireflies - 600 sprigs, flourishing in Oak Allée.

Time and Again - 37 stainless steel "lilies" in Pegasus Field.

Okonjima Choral Society - 2,000 'frogs' singing in unison behind the garden wall at the Brenda S. Rosen Carolina Terrace.

Hive - installation composed of 1,448 bee-inspired hexagonal elements in the Bell Tower.

Reflections - 4 mesmerizing sound and light digital projections in the arcade between the Welcome Center and Keepsakes.

Water-Towers - 10 Towers illuminated by fiber optics and choreographed sound in the grassy area adjacent to The Visionaries sculpture.

"The inspirations behind the artwork being shown at Brookgreen came to me during a visit to the Garden. I spent time exploring and simply allowing my eye and imagination to wonder and dream." Said Munro, "The visit reinforced the notion of a garden made up of a series of interconnected outside "rooms." It also left me with an impression that the "garden rooms", populated by figurative sculptures, were surrounded by an untamed landscape, a magical place with an edge of the unknown!"

Brookgreen will be opening Wednesday - Saturday evenings from 6-10pm for

this exhibit. The exhibit will run from Apr. 8 - Sept. 12, 2020. Tickets are available for purchase, and a special season pass will be available for members of Brookgreen Gardens. On Apr. 4, 2020, an exclusive VIP launch event, hosted by the Friends of Brookgreen Gardens, will inaugurate the exhibit.

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 immersive 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."

British artist Bruce Munro (b. 1959) is best known for large immersive light-based installations inspired primarily by his interest in shared human experience and connection. He completed a BA in Fine Arts at Bristol Polytechnic in 1982. Shortly thereafter he moved to Sydney where he took up employment in design and lighting, inspired by Australia's natural light and landscape. Returning to England in 1992, he settled in Wiltshire, where he raised 4 children with his wife. Following his father's death in 1999, Munro felt compelled to resume artmaking on a personal level. His work has been shown at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London; Waddesdon Manor, the Rothschild Collection, Buckinghamshire; and the Guggenheim Museum, New York. It is held in museum collections internationally including the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is located on US Hwy. 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, SC, 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.

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