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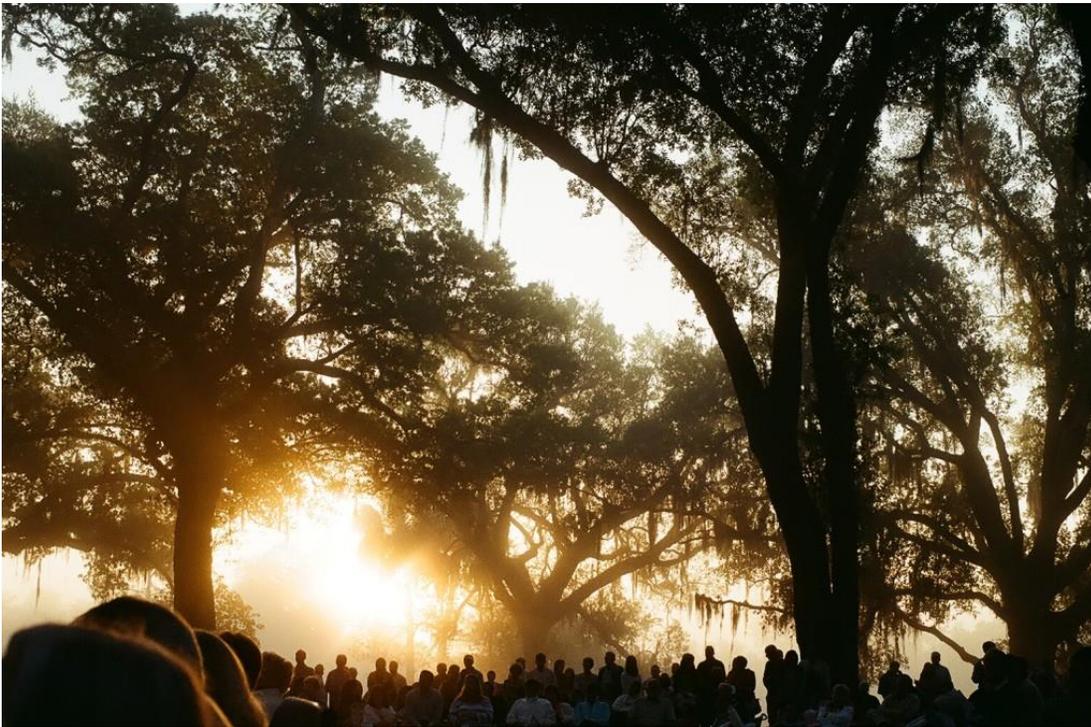
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91st Annual Easter Sunrise Service offered at Bok Tower Gardens April 16

LAKE WALES, Fla. - Bok Tower Gardens will present the 91st annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 a.m. with free admission from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. An annual tradition since 1926, worshipers are invited to experience the majesty of the sun rising over the horizon atop Iron Mountain. Accessible parking, shuttle service, and seating for guests will be available. The Entrance Gate, Visitor Center and Gift Shop will open at 6:00 a.m. Donations are suggested.

Gardens' carillonneur Geert D'hollander will begin the celebration at 6:30 a.m. with a selection of seasonal music performed on the 60-bell Singing Tower carillon. The service will feature the Lake Wales Choral under the director of Vince Treadway and an inspirational Easter message delivered by Pastor Jeffrey Kantz of First United Methodist Church. The service will conclude with a half-hour carillon concert.

Following the service, the Blue Palmetto Café will offer a special buffet for \$12.95 per adult; \$8.95 per child under 12. Scrambled eggs, Spanish eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, home style potatoes, assorted pastries, fresh fruit, and beverages including regular and decaf coffee and Florida's Natural orange juice will be served.

At 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., D'hollander will perform hymns and other seasonal carillon music for the occasion. Visitors can watch the 30-minute concerts on a video monitor in a special seating area located behind the Peace Lantern near the Tower and meet D'hollander by the Information Booth after the concerts.

The Easter Sunrise Service has been an annual tradition since April 17, 1927, making it the longest continuously running event at Bok Tower Gardens. Reverend G.W.R. Cadman formally dedicated the Sanctuary during the first service. The son of Gardens' founder, Curtis Bok, said the service "quite literally helps the sun get over the horizon on Easter morning."

After 8:00 a.m. general admission to the Gardens is \$14 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Members and children under 5 are admitted free. Pinewood Estate will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. for an additional fee.