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MEDIA ALERT

WHAT: Veterans Day activities featuring a bell ringing ceremony and special carillon concerts

WHEN: Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11

WHERE: Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales, FL 33853

WHO: Active, retired and disabled veterans receive free admission with valid ID.

To mark the 100-year anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 and to commemorate the loss of more than 70 million military personnel, bell towers and carillons across the globe will ring their bells on November 11, 2018. Towers will also perform concerts including the **WORLD PREMIERE** of *A Sacred Suite*, music composed for the international endeavor by Bok Tower Gardens' Carillonneur Geert D'hollander.

Joining the world in musical unity, Bok Tower Gardens will participate with a bell ringing ceremony at 12:30pm followed by live concerts at 1pm and 3pm. D'hollander will premiere his composition, *A Sacred Suite*, at both concerts.

This Veterans Day also marks the first time D'hollander will perform as an American citizen as he took the Oath of Allegiance on October 26.

Beginning with Bok Tower Gardens' first Carillonneur, Anton Brees, and the Singing Tower Carillon has performed special concerts dedicated to the memory of veterans for decades providing musical solace for their friends and family. This tradition continues with Geert D'hollander whose musical composition; *A Sacred Suite* will serve as a global reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by veterans from around the world.

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About Bok Tower Gardens:

Voted Florida's best garden, Bok Tower Gardens is a National Historic Landmark located 10 miles from LEGOLAND Florida, 55 miles southwest of Orlando and 60 miles east of Tampa near Lake Wales in Central Florida's rolling hills of citrus. Open every day of the year from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visitor Center, Café and Gift Shop are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults (effective Oct. 1, 2018) and \$5 for ages 5-12. Members and children under 5 are admitted free. For more information contact Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Boulevard, Lake Wales FL 33853; 863-676-1408 or visit