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**Announcing *FORESTival: A Celebration of Art and Nature* at A Studio in the Woods**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** - A Studio in the Woods is excited to announce that the 9th annual ***FORESTival: A Celebration of Art and Nature*** will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2019, 10am - 5pm**. Set in the lush bottomland hardwood forest of A Studio in the Woods, FORESTival is fun for the whole family and feels a world away while still being within the city limits. This year, FORESTival honors the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founders Joe and Lucianne Carmichael's purchase of our land and the construction of a new space for artists, the Writer's Cabin.

- Music will be provided by **Lost Bayou Ramblers**, Panorama Brass Band, Blake Amos and Nancy Burtchaell.
- Artistic presentations by resident and guest artists including Monica Haller and Sebastian Muellauer, Geraldine Laurendeau and Jonathan "rat de bois farouche" Mayers, Margaret Pearce, Antenna's Draw-a-thon, and more!
- Anthropocene River Campus and New Orleans Center for the Gulf South Basecamp, with offerings by Ryan Clarke, Mareli Sanchez Julia and Kristina Kay Robinson.
- Swiss Touch with Green Light New Orleans and panel discussion featuring artists Anne Blenker, Hannah Chalew, Miro Hoffmann, and Michel Varisco.
- Food by Faubourg Farms, Pirogues, and Quintin's Natural Ice Cream.
- Art activities for kids and kids-at-heart alike.
- Walks in the Woods with Tulane scientists.
- Silent auction of one-of-a-kind art objects and experiences.

"We are excited to throw open our doors to the community and celebrate 50 years of our caring for this land and it caring for us. Our founders felt this place's power to inspire and heal when they purchased it in 1969 and FORESTival is when we get to share that unique magic with everyone," said Managing Director Ama Rogan.

FORESTival is the only time during the year that A Studio in the Woods is open to the public at large and this signature celebration of art and nature is not to be missed. **Tickets are \$15 per adult, kids free. Early bird hour 10am – 11am with \$10 admission and a bird tour at 10:30am.** A Studio in the Woods is located in Lower Algiers at 13401 Patterson Rd. New Orleans LA, 70131, about a 25 minute drive from downtown New Orleans. Overflow parking and shuttle available at 9201 Patterson Rd.

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**About A Studio in The Woods:**

A Studio in the Woods, located in 7.66 forested acres on the Mississippi River in New Orleans, is dedicated to preserving the endangered bottomland hardwood forest and providing within it a peaceful retreat where artists and scholars can work uninterrupted. A program of Tulane University's ByWater Institute, A Studio in the Woods focuses on interrelated areas of programming including artistic and scholarly residencies, forest restoration, and science-inspired art education for children and adults. For more information, visit: [www.astudiointhewoods.org](http://www.astudiointhewoods.org).