



## **Forest Giants in a Giant Forest Fact Sheet**

### **Celebrating Bernheim's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a GIANT way**

- Bernheim is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a GIANT way through a new art exhibit called **Forest Giants in a Giant Forest**.
- Internationally renowned Danish artist Thomas Dambo will be at Bernheim from Feb 20 – March 18 creating giant larger than life sculptures made from recycled materials.
- He will create three giants. They are expected to live on site for at least three years.
- This will be Dambo's second largest installation in the United States to date, following Morton Arboretum in 2018.
- The public is invited to watch Dambo and his team create these GIANT whimsical creatures.

### **Why Art in Nature**

- Founder Isaac W. Bernheim directed that art be a part of Bernheim Forest.
- Mr. Bernheim understood that through the lens of art people can develop deeper connections with nature and that is precisely what Thomas Dambo's Forest Giants are designed to do.

### **A Commitment to Conservation**

- Dambo repurposes materials that would otherwise be thrown away. His work openly communicates messages about individual responsibility for the environment.
- When he established the forest 90 years ago, founder Isaac W. Bernheim repurposed land that had been farmed, forested and used for mineral extraction.
- Today, at 16,000+ acres or more than 25 square miles, Bernheim is the largest privately held forest dedicated to conservation and education in the eastern United States.

### **Giant Forests are Important**

- Large protected forest blocks like Bernheim are tremendously important.
  - Bernheim provides healthy protected land where thousands of plant and wildlife species flourish.
  - Bernheim provides the Greater Louisville Region with clean air, clean water and a place of unmatched beauty where people can connect with nature.

### **Thanks to Local Organizations**

The reclaimed wood used to construct the Forest Giants was gathered from Bernheim Forest and other community partners:

- Allen's Logging and Sawmill, Shepherdsville, KY
- Amlung Construction in Louisville, KY
- Best Made Pallets, Shepherdsville, KY
- Buzick Construction, Bardstown, KY
- Champion Wood Projects, Sellersburg, IN
- Louisville Slugger, Louisville, KY
- Publishers Printing, Lebanon Junction, KY
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