



## **“Olmsted 200: Parks for All People” Celebrates the 201<sup>st</sup> Birthday of American Icon**

120+ Organizations Wrap Bicentennial of Frederick Law Olmsted with Events, Concerts

WASHINGTON (April 21, 2023)— April 26, 2023, marks 201 years since the birth of American landscape architect and social reformer Frederick Law Olmsted, who championed the idea of public parks in the United States. It also marks the final week of programs for “[Olmsted 200: Parks for All People](#),” the bicentennial campaign led by the Olmsted Network and supported by more than 120 organizations nationwide. Throughout the bicentennial, 500+ events have been held across the United States and abroad.

Currently, birthday events are happening across the country in communities with Olmsted connections, such as Lake Wales, Atlanta, Riverside and [Hartford](#), where Olmsted was born and buried.

The Olmsted Network is hosting two virtual events and a concert:

On Tuesday, April 25, [Conversations with Olmsted: Olmsted Parks & Climate Change](#) will feature USA Today Climate Reporter Dinah Voyles Pulver; American Society of Landscape Architects CEO Torey Carter-Conneen; Central Park Conservancy Institute for Urban Parks Director of Thought Leadership Steven Thomson; and Town of Brookline Commissioner of Public Works Erin Chute Gallentine.

On Wednesday, April 26, carillonneur John A. Widmann will perform a special birthday recital of “[Inspired by Olmsted](#)” at The Netherlands Carillon in Arlington, VA.

On Thursday, April 27, cast members from “Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America” will gather for [a panel discussion on the film](#). Prospect Park Alliance President Morgan Monaco will moderate the webinar.

While these events mark the end of the “[Olmsted 200: Parks for All People](#)” celebration, the Olmsted Network will continue championing Olmsted’s vision of parks for all people and ensuring that every American has equitable and safe access to open spaces.

“The Olmsted 200 campaign has sparked a rededication to parks and landscapes across the country—but the work is far from over,” said Anne “Dede” Petri, President and CEO of the Olmsted Network. “Just as Olmsted did more than a century ago, we’ll keep advocating for parks as places of American democracy, sustainability, and public health.”

Olmsted famously worked on New York’s Central Park and Prospect Park; the U.S. Capitol Grounds; Boston’s Emerald Necklace; Atlanta’s Druid Hills; and numerous landscapes in Chicago, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Louisville, Hartford, and beyond. He laid the philosophical foundation for the later creation of America’s national and state park systems and thousands of local parks.

For future events, Olmsted history, and commentary by experts and partner organizations, please visit [www.olmsted200.org](http://www.olmsted200.org).

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The Olmsted Network (formerly the National Association for Olmsted Parks) is dedicated to protecting, preserving and championing the work and principles of Frederick Law Olmsted. Its international network of parks and places includes the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Biltmore Estate, Bok Tower Gardens, Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, the Midway Plaisance Park Advisory Council, Birkenhead Park and more.