



**TigerLion Arts seeks Community Chorus for *NATURE*, a walking play performing this fall at Washburn Fair Oaks Park & Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, in Celebration of Henry David Thoreau's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

**The Project**

Does being outdoors invigorate you? Would you like to perform in an ensemble of professional actors? This fall TigerLion Arts will present the beloved walking play *Nature* ~ the outdoor telling of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau & their mutual love of the natural world. The play is written & created by Minneapolis-based actor Tyson Forbes (a direct descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson) & director/producer Markell Kiefer. In celebration of the 2017 Bicentennial of Henry David Thoreau, *Nature* will be offered at **Washburn Fair Oaks Park** (Minneapolis) and at the **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** (Chaska, MN).

**The Community Chorus**

The Community Chorus plays an integral role in the play, performing choral music & movement in specific sections of the piece & helping to guide the audience from scene to scene. This is a truly transformative opportunity for local students & community members to be integrated into a unique production & to get an inside view of how this professional, community-building experience operates. No prior acting experience or formal voice training is required, although participants should be able to carry a tune. Previous singing experience is a plus. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should be prepared to be outside in varying weather for at least 2 hours at a time & be able to walk on uneven ground.

**Time Commitment**

The run-time of the show is 90 minutes. Call time is 1 hr prior to showtime. The tentative rehearsal and performance schedule is as follows (participants can perform as available):

**Rehearsal Dates & Times:**

August 12th - September 2nd | Saturdays 9am-noon

TECH: September 4th-6th & Oct 3rd-5th | various evenings/daytimes

**Washburn Fair Oaks Park Performances Dates & Times:**

September 7th-17th | Thurs & Fri @ 6pm | Sat & Sun @ 1pm & 5pm

Student Matinees: Sept 13th-15th | times TBD

**Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Dates & Times:**

October 5th-8th | Thurs & Fri @ 5:30pm | Sat & Sun @ 1:00pm | Sun @ 4:30pm

**Perks** - Participants receive a *Nature* t-shirt, complimentary tickets, a *Nature* field journal, & an unforgettable arts, nature, and community experience.

**Sign Up & More Info** - To sign up, please contact Katia Cardenas at [Katia@tigerlion.org](mailto:Katia@tigerlion.org) or call 206-769-8418 by **July 15th, 2017**. For more info please visit [www.tigerlion.org/nature](http://www.tigerlion.org/nature).

## Community Chorus Testimonials

Here's what previous Community Chorus participants have said:

***"It was a joy from start to finish. I'm not exaggerating when I say it was one of the highlights of my life. The actors, director, stage manager and musicians were talented, generous, and truly inspiring."***

~ Jean Ketter, Grinnell College, 2015

***"Unique, exhilarating, and wonderful... It was an honor and a pleasure to be a part of such an inspiring and unusual production."***

~ Russelle Leggett, Grinnell College, 2015

***"I would encourage anyone who loves to sing to be part of this lovely production. It was an immense spiritual experience for me, bringing together so many facets of love, camaraderie, singing and being outside, healing, and just being in nature together in such a fun and lively way."***

~ Cheri Olerud, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 2014 & Washburn Fair Oaks Park, 2015



***"Everyone I met was very welcoming to the Community Chorus members and really made us feel like we were an essential part of the play, even though we were only joining them for three days!"***

~ Sarah Olson, Carleton College, 2015

***"I felt like community members in the chorus were integrated well into the existing whole. The play itself and the music incorporated were absolutely stunning, of course!"***

~ Ed Lufkin, Carleton College, 2015

***"I was thrilled to be a part of it. I received an email several weeks before the first run and I knew immediately that I wanted to participate. It was a fabulous experience in every possible way."***

~ Linda Hayen, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 2014 & Washburn Fair Oaks Park, 2015