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## Autumn Lights Festival

### Illuminating the Gardens at Lake Merritt

**Oakland, CA** – Get ready to be enlightened, illuminated and thrilled. Mark your calendars and get your tickets! The 2014 **Autumn Lights Festival** this Friday and Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> will make the Gardens at Lake Merritt shine, sparkle and shimmer. Enjoy art, wine, beer, food trucks, music and the silent disco. Electric fireflies, glowing waterfalls, a forest of astro-botanicals, sound installations, live fire dancers and video projections will all electrify the party!

Over fifty local artists are bringing their light-infused art to enchant every corner of this beautiful space, the Gardens at Lake Merritt at 666 Bellevue Avenue (off Grand Avenue), Oakland, CA. Music and sound installations will surprise at every turn on the garden paths that are lit with hundreds of luminaria. Guests can become part of the illuminated art, by lighting up themselves and their clothes!

The **Autumn Lights Festival** is a fundraiser for Oakland's hidden jewel, recently named one of “California's Top Five Gardens” by VIA Magazine. Funds will be used for garden improvements for the enjoyment of the entire community. Tickets are \$20 in advance at <https://autumnlights.eventbrite.com> or \$25 at the gate; Children 3-12 years are \$10; free under 3 years. A shuttle will be provided from the 19<sup>th</sup> Street BART station (19<sup>th</sup> & Broadway) to the Gardens at Lake Merritt, to Grand Ave. parking lot (beneath 580). Bicycle valet parking will be provided by the Bike East Bay.

The **Autumn Lights Festival** is a fabulously creative two-night fundraiser held inside the beautiful Gardens at Lake Merritt, and is sponsored by PG&E and the City of Oakland. The Gardens are a seven-acre oasis of themed landscaping and botanical delights nestled at the north end of Lakeside Park in Oakland. This third annual Festival is a fundraiser for the Gardens, a free public garden that truly is the “Green Heart of Oakland.” Last year over 1,000 adults and children came, and excitement is building for this weekend.

Find out more about the local and some world-famous artists at <http://gardensatlakemerritt.org/autumn-lights-festival-artists/> and view last year's festival at <https://vimeo.com/108636121>.

For more information on the upcoming festival see [www.oaklandpw.com](http://www.oaklandpw.com) or [www.gardensatlakemerritt.org](http://www.gardensatlakemerritt.org).

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