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Whiskey, Wine, & Chocolates Returns to the Memphis Botanic Garden

Memphis, TN - The Memphis Botanic Garden (MBG) is pleased to announce Whiskey, Wine, and Chocolates will return on February 10 from 7-10 pm for the first time since 2020. This beloved event features perfect pairings of chocolates by Memphis-based Chocolatier Phillip Ashley Rix with select whiskeys, wines, & craft beers. These pairings offer a taste experience that is only matched by the lively atmosphere.

Whiskey, Wine, & Chocolates is perfect for a date night with a special someone or a gal-entire's night out. Attendees will discover the Garden after dark at this fun event featuring local & regional libations, an outdoor fireside lounge, and delectable chocolate delights from Phillip Ashley Chocolates. Plus attendees can dance the night away with music from local musical group Short in the Sleeve throwing down lively tunes or challenge themselves with a perfect-for-couples game or two with local board game bar, Board to Beers.

"We are incredibly excited to resurrect Whiskey, Wine, and Chocolates this year and even more delighted to continue working with Phillip Ashley Rix on this beloved event," said Gina Harris, Director of Education & Events. "It's a wonderful winter night out just in time for Valentine's Day that celebrates love & embraces decadence. We can't wait to indulge in smooth whiskey, fine wine, and luxury chocolates with everyone at the Garden."

Phillip Ashley Rix is one of the world's preeminent chefs and designers of luxury chocolate. He is an award-winning chocolatier, founding Memphis based, Phillip Ashley Chocolates in 2012. The brand has an international following and is sought out by high-profile clients, top corporations, and major events to offer premium gifts. A true Ambassador of Taste, he's curated dining experiences at the James Beard House in New York City, as well as creating tens of thousands of chocolates for Hollywood's elite at the EMMYS®, GRAMMYS®, and OSCARS®. In 2014, FORBES Magazine named

Phillip Ashley the “Real Life Willy Wonka.” In February 2020, he competed as a finalist on Food Network’s Chopped Sweets.

This event is for adults 21+ only. Tickets are \$60 for MBG Members and \$75 for non-members. Each ticket includes admission to the event, five alcoholic drinks each paired with a Phillip Ashley chocolate, and small bites.

A special thank you to Board to Beers, Delta Dirt Distillery, Phillip Ashley Chocolates, & White Door Events.

All proceeds support the Memphis Botanic Garden.

Learn more and purchase tickets at membg.org/events/wwc-23

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment. #