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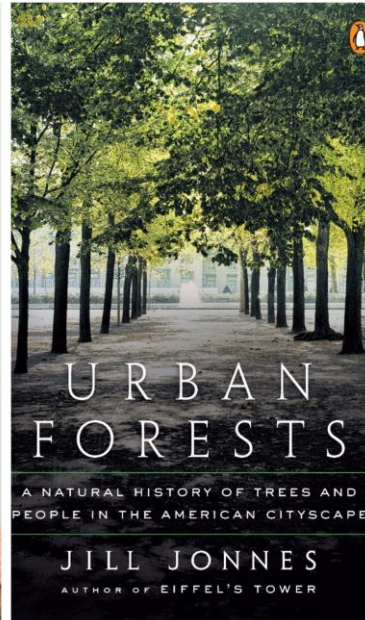
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### ADKINS ARBORETUM HOSTS AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN JILL JONNES FOR URBAN FOREST TALK OCT. 5 AT ACADEMY ART MUSEUM

Nature's largest and longest-lived creations, trees play an extraordinary role in our landscapes. They are living landmarks that define space, cool the air, soothe our psyches and connect us to nature and our past. Learn about the fascinating natural history of the tree in American cities when Adkins Arboretum hosts author and historian Jill Jonnes for [Urban Forests](#) on Thurs., Oct. 5 at the Academy Art Museum in Easton. The talk begins at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing.

Jonnes's latest book, *Urban Forests: A Natural History of Trees and People in the American Cityscape*, celebrates urban trees and the Americans—presidents, plant explorers, visionaries, citizen activists, scientists, nurserymen and tree nerds—whose arboreal passions have shaped and ornamented the nation's cities. Ranging from Thomas Jefferson's day, to the postwar devastation of magnificent American elm canopies by Dutch elm disease, to the present, Jonnes lauds the nation's arboreal advocates, from the founders of Arbor Day, arboretums and tree surgery to the current generation of scientists who engage technology to illuminate the value of trees as green infrastructure and their importance to public health.

Jonnes holds a Ph.D. in American history from Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of numerous books, including *Eiffel's Tower*, *Conquering Gotham* and *Empires of Light*. Founder of the nonprofit Baltimore Tree Trust, she is leading the Baltimore City Forestry Board's new initiative, Baltimore's Flowering Tree Trails. As a staff member of the 2010 Presidential National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, she wrote the first



chapter of the report *Deep Water: The Gulf Oil Disaster and the Future of Offshore Drilling*. Jonnes also has been named a National Endowment for the Humanities scholar and has received several grants from the Ford Foundation.

The talk is \$15 for Arboretum members and \$20 for non-members. Advance registration is requested at [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or by calling 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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