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### Adkins Arboretum and Academy Art Museum Host Trip to View *Isamu Noguchi at Brooklyn Botanic Garden*

Join Adkins Arboretum and Academy Art Museum on Wed., Sept. 30 for **a trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the opportunity to view a special fall exhibition of sculptures by renowned Japanese-American artist Isamu Noguchi**. Organized in collaboration with The Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum, the show will include more than a dozen works by Noguchi sited throughout BBG's outdoor and indoor public gardens.

In celebration of the BBG Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden's centennial anniversary, the exhibit will feature six large-scale works situated among the garden's rolling hills, pond, rocks and plantings. While the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden is the center of the



*Isamu Noguchi, Strange Bird (1945, cast 1971), bronze, installation in Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden. Photo: Liz Ligon; courtesy BBG and the Noguchi Museum.*

exhibition, the installation will extend to other areas of BBG. Several of Noguchi's interpretations of rock formations will be installed along the grassy hillsides near BBG's Rock Garden. Other works will be displayed in the diverse settings of the C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum, the Desert Pavilion, the Native Flora Garden, the Osborne Garden, the Plant Family Collection and Ginkgo Allée.

Opened in 1915, the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden was the first Japanese garden created in an American

public garden. It is one of the oldest and most visited Japanese-inspired gardens outside Japan and is considered the masterpiece of its creator, landscape designer Takeo Shiota.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden also features a new green-roofed visitor center and Native Flora Garden expansion—a newly planted area that features a cultivated pine barrens and a meadow modeled after Long Island’s Hempstead Plains. The habitats include native species, many of them rare or threatened, and most propagated from seeds collected legally in the wild.

The fee of \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members includes transportation, driver gratuity and admission. Visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) for full details.

The bus departs from 315 Aurora Park Drive in Easton at 7 a.m. and from the Route 50 westbound Park and Ride at Route 404 at 7:20 a.m. An additional stop at 7:50 a.m. at the 301/291 Park and Ride will be added upon request for Chestertown-area residents. The bus will depart from BBG at 4 p.m. to return at approximately 8 p.m. in Easton. To ensure the trip proceeds, advance registration is required by Wed., Sept. 2 at [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or by calling 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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*Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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