

The 20 things you need to know this month: Narnia-themed light installations come to Cali!

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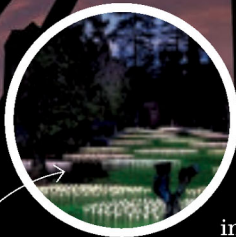
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## California is getting lit

Inspired by C.S. Lewis, a British artist uses light to transform the Montalvo Arts Center



Munro is scattering 6,250 stemmed spheres of light across Montalvo's great lawn

BRUCE MUNRO SAW A fantasyland when he first visited the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga Hills, California. The British artist, whose illuminated installations have appeared across the globe, has long been inspired by the work of C.S. Lewis.

The museum's sprawling gardens matched his childhood vision of the magical realm from *The Chronicles of Narnia*. "I've made quite a lot of pieces of work with reference to Narnia," he says, "and I thought, 'Here's my chance of a lifetime to create an exhibition

inspired by these books.'"

The result is "Bruce Munro at Montalvo: Stories in Light" (opening Oct. 28), which features 10 of his works, including a sculpture of iron lamp posts (pictured here) and a flock of 1,000 color-changing flamingos. Through his sparkling whimsy, Munro aims to communicate his love of nature to visitors.

"Hopefully, I get it right and people will be slightly intrigued," he says, "and they'll come away having had a good time."

— SANDY COHEN

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