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Harpeth Conservancy Reimagines River Swing

The outdoor event provides live music, great food and an online auction

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On a perfect October evening, a small assortment of Harpeth Conservancy supporters came together for the 17th annual River Swing, but like most events this year, the gathering looked a little different. Safety was at the top of the nonprofit's mind when planning the outdoor party, so they took every precaution to keep attendees safe and at an appropriate distance from one another. The guest list was limited considerably, which helped ensure that every table was only filled with people who are already in the same social bubble. For further safety, the tables were spread far apart, and everyone was required to wear a mask as they roamed the grounds.

Just a couple days before the party, ardent champion of the Harpeth Conservancy and River Swing co-host Agneta Currey passed away, leaving a noticeable absence at the annual event. The fundraiser had to quickly be moved to the home of Harpeth Conservancy President and CEO Dorie Bolze, but the team pulled off a stunning event, nonetheless. With string lights crisscrossing the open field at dusk, gorgeous autumn-themed tablescapes and torches lighting the pathway, it was a beautiful evening that would have made Agneta proud.

Attendees enjoyed cocktails, wine and charcuterie boxes from WillCo Wine and Cheese, and the delicious meal of sliced brisket, grilled chicken and veggies, cornbread and an autumnal kale salad was catered by Puckett's. Partygoers ate, drank, browsed the online auction and chatted while listening to live music from J.B. Strauss and friends (along with a little bit from Adam Wakefield).

The Harpeth Conservancy's mission is to restore and protect Tennessee's rivers and their surrounding ecosystems. In a year when so many have found comfort and solace in natural spaces, the reimagined River Swing served as an apt reminder of why conservation is more important than ever.



