

The Prairie Party at theNate 2026



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NATHAN MANILOW SCULPTURE PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

4 p.m. Docent-led walking and golf cart tours of the park

5 p.m. Cocktail/Wine Reception followed by a Barbecue Dinner featuring Drew BBQ

This year for our annual fundraiser “The Prairie Party at theNate”, we have set a goal of raising \$250,000 to support the mission of theNate:

Art, Conservation, and Education.

New **Art** acquisitions, visiting artist installations, and collaborative exhibitions with the Visual Arts Gallery at GovState continue to strengthen and expand the reach of the collection.

Conservation efforts—including the restoration of artworks and the stewardship of the prairie landscape—ensure that the park remains in the condition our visitors deserve.

Our **Education** and Outreach initiatives, including the field trip program Outdoors@theNate, serve surrounding communities that are often described as underserved, making access to high-quality arts education and lifelong learning opportunities especially meaningful. The Lewis Manilow Common Ground Initiative (LMCGI), was established in 2019 as a tribute to our founder Lewis Manilow. Lew’s vision of social equity and justice in the surrounding communities we serve is just as important today as it was in the 1960’s.

This investment will allow the park to broaden its impact and continue growing as a destination for art lovers near and far. Achieving this fundraising goal will further position the Southland as a place where culture and creativity thrive.

The three pillars of our mission are: ART, CONSERVATION, and EDUCATION.

Sponsorship of theNate offers organizations and philanthropists who are passionate about sculpture, sustainability, STEAM and Social Equity Education programs, an opportunity to make a difference by ensuring the continued success of this free community resource.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

SUSTAINER – \$25,000

- 16 tickets
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Opportunity for a customized message during the event
- Prominent Logo display at event and within all marketing & social media
- Logo inclusion on all event marketing materials including social media and website
- GSU Digital Marquee acknowledgement
- Featured in 5 issues of “News From theNate” digital newsletter
- Press release
- Social Media announcement

HARVESTER – \$15,000

- 8 tickets
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Listing in program
- Logo inclusion on all event marketing materials including social media and website
- Acknowledgement in 5 issues of “News From theNate” digital newsletter

CULTIVATOR – \$10,000

- 6 Tickets
- Listing in program
- Logo inclusion on all event marketing materials including social media and website
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STEWARD – \$5,000

- 4 Tickets
- Listing in program

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP

FRIEND – \$1,500

- 2 tickets to the event
- Listing in program

ADVOCATE – \$500

- Sponsor a student leader
- Listing in program

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION

I am pleased to contribute my support for Art, Conservation, and Education at theNate in the amount of: \$ _____

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