



LEGACY OF HOPE FAQ

A Celebration of George Archibald's 80th Birthday

Event Basics

Saturday July 18, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware Place, Chicago, IL

**Ticket sales and event sponsor registration close June 18, 2026*

Evening Program Schedule

4:30 p.m. The Roost registration opens **VIP cocktail reception for event sponsor hosts at \$25,000 and event sponsors and their guests at \$50,000 and above*

5 p.m. Registration opens

5:15 p.m. Bar service opens

6:15 p.m. Ballroom doors open

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Program begins

8 p.m. Paddle raise ** Help support our mission with a 100% tax deductible donation*

8:30 p.m. Closing remarks

How much does it cost to attend?

Individual tickets are \$750. All ticketing is electronic, and all ticket communications will come from the email address noreply@onecause.com. Tickets will be available for purchase starting mid-April until they sell out or on June 18. There is also the option to become an event sponsor. Sponsorship begins at \$10,000. If you are interested in learning more about event sponsorship, please contact Kate Fitzwilliams at 608-356-9462 ext. 147.

What is included in the ticket?

Included with your ticket is a reception, dinner, drinks, and program, including a presentation by Michael Forsberg, wildlife photographer, conservation storyteller and renowned author of *Into Whooperland – A photographer's journey with Whooping Cranes*. Each household will get a complimentary copy of *Into Whooperland*, a value of \$55.

What is The Roost and who can attend?

The Roost is an intimate pre-gala cocktail hour with Dr. George Archibald, Dr. Rich Beilfuss, and Michael Forsberg to toast crane conservation before the evening takes flight. This sponsorship benefit is for table hosts and their guests at the \$80,000 and \$50,000 levels and for table hosts at the \$25,000 level. The Roost runs from 5-6 p.m. and all Roost guests will first check in with registration beginning at 4:30 p.m.

How will I check in event night?

There will be no printed tickets. You will have the option to download an electronic ticket before the event, or to check-in by name at the event. Upon arrival, we will scan the electronic ticket you received via email or text or look you up by name. At check-in you will confirm your table assignment, confirm your contact information and credit card, and receive an assigned paddle for the paddle raise. Please note that all email ticket communications will come from the email address noreply@onecause.com.

Arrival & Check-In

What time should I arrive?

We'll start welcoming guests at **5 p.m.** to check in at our registration station on the 7th floor and mingle and enjoy a drink before the festivities begin. The **program begins at 6:30 p.m.**, so we recommend arriving before then to get registered and find your table. ***Event sponsor hosts at \$25,000 and tables above may arrive at 4:30 p.m. for The Roost pre-gala VIP cocktail reception.***

Will there be a way to donate during the gala?

Yes, we will have a paddle raise the night of the gala. Once you complete your registration in OneCause, you will be able to participate in the live paddle raise event. Please note that the paddle raise is 100% tax deductible, as no goods or services are provided. A formal tax receipt will follow post event. Sign-up can be completed through the link you received with your electronic ticket from OneCause. If you have any questions, please contact our Gift Processing team at 608-356-9462 ext. 807 or gifts@savingcranes.org.

What should I bring?

Please bring your ticket or confirmation email for express entry. If you'd like to take part in the paddle raise, we encourage you to bring a credit card or checkbook. Otherwise, simply come ready to enjoy an elegant evening of celebration.

What is the suggested attire?

The dress code is semi-formal. Cocktail attire is welcome — elegant dresses, suits, or dressy separates are all appropriate for the occasion. We also recommend bringing a light wrap or jacket in case the venue is cool.

Is this an adult-only event / is there an age minimum?

The gala is primarily an adult-oriented event, though guests aged 18 and older are welcome. Please note that alcohol will be available only to those 21 and over.

Venue, Logistics, & Accessibility

Is there a room block at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago for guests of the gala?

Please note that the room block rate for this event at the Four Seasons Hotel is sold out. Please call the hotel directly at 312-280-8800 for room availability and the best rate.

What if I require assistance or have mobility limitations?

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago is fully accessible. If you or a guest requires assistance, please notify us in advance so we can ensure appropriate accommodations, including accessible seating or entry support.

Is photography / recording allowed?

Guests are welcome to take personal photos and short videos during the evening. We kindly ask that flash photography and recording be kept discreet to ensure an enjoyable experience for all. A professional photographer will also be in attendance to capture important moments throughout the evening. Please note, our staff will also be taking photos and videos throughout the event and these may be used in our communications.

Food & Beverage

What kind of menu will be offered?

Guests will enjoy a multi-course plated dinner prepared by the Four Seasons culinary team, featuring seasonal ingredients and locally inspired flavors. Entrée selections will be made in advance on your RSVP reply card or online no later than June 18. You can manage your tickets online through OneCause, or by calling our Gift Processing Team at 608-356-9462 ext. 807. Guests will choose from a meat, seafood, or vegan dish.

Menu

Garden Green Salad and Bread Basket

Heirloom tomatoes, radish, cucumber, beet, toasted almonds, edible flowers, and lemon thyme vinaigrette

Mini baguettes, pretzel rolls, and flatbread crisps with butter

Entrée Choice

Miso Braised Beef Short Ribs

Butternut squash puree, French beans, crispy sweet potato, cipollini onion, shiso

Herb Roasted Sustainable Salmon

Creamy lobster fregola, sweet corn, peas, carrots, shaved fennel, tarragon oil

Rosenthal Bowl

Grilled tofu “steak” and broccoli (DF, GV, V, VG)

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated? How do I notify you?

Yes. The Four Seasons culinary team is happy to accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies with advance notice. Please indicate any special requirements when you register online or RSVP with your reply card, or contact gifts@savingcranes.org or (608) 356-9462 ext. 807 no later than June 18, 2026.

Will there be a bar / open bar, or limited drink service?

A hosted bar will be available during the cocktail reception, and wine service will be available during dinner.

Transportation & Parking

Valet parking is available at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago entrance on Delaware Place and is included in the ticket purchase for all sponsors and their guests \$25,000 and above. Self-parking is also available at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. If you would like to self-park off site, there is a parking ramp in the nearby 900 North Michigan garage with direct access to the hotel. A breakdown of parking costs at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago is listed below.

Valet Parking	
Height clearance is 6 ft. 2 inches	
Less than 3 hours	\$38
3 to 8 hours	\$48
8 to 24 hours	\$82 (includes in/out privileges for guests)

Self-Parking	
Height clearance is 6 ft. 2 inches	
Less 1 hour	\$29
Less than 2 hours	\$33
Less than 3 hours	\$38
Less than 4 hours	\$40
4 to 10 hours	\$43
10 to 24 hours	\$56

Donations, Sponsorship & Giving

Who should I contact about sponsoring the event?

You may contact gifts@savingcranes.org or reach out to us at (608) 356-6462 ext. 807.

Is the ticket cost tax-deductible (or a portion thereof)?

A portion of your ticket purchase is tax-deductible. You will receive an acknowledgment letter detailing the deductible amount, in accordance with IRS guidelines.

Miscellaneous

What is the cancellation / refund policy?

Because this event is a benefit for the International Crane Foundation, tickets are nonrefundable. If your plans change, please know that your contribution will still support our ongoing programs and initiatives.

Who should I contact if I have further questions?

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