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MONUMENTAL STEVE TOBIN SCULPTURE EXHIBITION OPENS THIS WEEKEND AT TYLER ARBORETUM

More than 50 works now transform 24 sites across Tyler's gardens, meadows and woodlands

MEDIA, Pa. (Oct. 14, 2026) – More than 50 monumental sculptures are now installed throughout Tyler Arboretum as the public garden prepares to open *STEVE TOBIN: IN THE LIGHT* on Friday, Oct. 16.

The year-long outdoor exhibition presents the work of internationally acclaimed, Philadelphia-born artist Steve Tobin across 24 sites throughout Tyler's 650-acre landscape. Filled with movement and color, the sculptures respond to the natural forms, dynamic forces and layered history found within Tyler's gardens, meadows and woodlands.

Opening-weekend festivities will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, and Sunday, Oct. 18, with stationed guides, food, beverages and activities included with general admission. In the weeks that follow, visitors can choose from sculpture tours, extended tours to the exhibition's larger works, special sunrise and golden-hour experiences, and a program for children and families.

STEVE TOBIN: IN THE LIGHT features monumental works in steel and bronze representing several of Tobin's signature series. Towering, twisting *STEELROOTS* extend up to 30 feet into the sky, while life-sized *BRONZEROOTS* reveal the complexity and unseen strength of root systems. Mirror-like polished steel *CLOUDS* reflect the surrounding landscape, inviting visitors to see themselves, the artwork and the natural world from a new perspective.

"Tyler Arboretum is exactly where I want to bring this work," Tobin said. "There's something indescribable about placing sculpture in a living landscape — the art and the place change each other. Tyler's landscapes are filled with intimate natural settings, like living vignettes, perfect for sculptural display. My work digs into the hidden power of root systems and the forces of nature, and that's a conversation Tyler's already having with every visitor who walks its pathways. Coming home to do this, here with my neighbors and family, is a dream realized."

The exhibition will remain on view through October 2027, offering visitors the opportunity to experience the sculptures as Tyler's landscape changes through autumn color, winter stillness, spring bloom and summer canopy. Visitors are invited to move around and beneath the sculptures and, where indicated, step inside selected works to experience them from changing perspectives and observe the play of light and shadow.

"We are delighted to bring this world-class public art experience to the region," said Kathryn Ombam, Tyler Arboretum Interim Executive Director. "Both first-time visitors and our longtime Tyler supporters will experience new ways to engage with our beloved arboretum. We hope bringing art inspired by nature to this property will help visitors see Tyler Arboretum with fresh eyes and allow all of us to reimagine our favorite vistas with the immersive and joyful quality of Steve's work."

Raised on Philadelphia's Main Line and now based in Bucks County, Tobin is known internationally for large-scale sculptures inspired by trees, roots, geology and the hidden structures of the natural world. His award-winning work has been exhibited across the globe, including exhibitions in Osaka, Japan; Maui; Houston; and Beidaihe, China. His recent exhibition *NEW YORK ROOTS* on Broadway was voted Best Public Art in NYC in 2025.

STEVE TOBIN: IN THE LIGHT is supported by the Visit Delco Tourism Grant Program, Manheim Imports, Energy Transfer, and other generous donors.

For exhibition information, admission details and upcoming programs, visit TylerArboretum.org.

About Steve Tobin

For more than 40 years, Steve Tobin has developed innovative techniques that merge scientific methods with industrial processes and recycled materials. Working in steel and bronze, with a history in glass and ceramics, Tobin creates sculptures that explore the structures and forces of the natural world. Raised on Philadelphia's Main Line and based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, his work has been exhibited throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Learn more at *SteveTobin.com*.

About Tyler Arboretum

Tyler Arboretum, one of the oldest and largest arboreta in the northeastern United States, sits on 650 acres just 30 minutes west of Philadelphia in Media, PA. Tyler Arboretum is known for its plant collections, champion trees, and historic buildings, with 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. The Arboretum offers workshops, classes, kids camps, and tours for adults and children throughout the year.

For more information, please visit TylerArboretum.org.