# VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF WORLD HERITAGE

# December 19, 2020



It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the US/ICOMOS Virtual Celebration of World Heritage. In previous years, we would be gathered in the beautiful ballroom of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. Instead, we are coming together virtually and celebrating all that World Heritage offers with friends and colleagues across the globe.

We know that 2020 has been a transformative year with many challenges. This year, US/ICOMOS introduced a number of new programs, coming together virtually for critical conversations and collaborating with many partners new and old. US/ICOMOS conveys its deep appreciation to the sponsors of this event. All sponsorships and donations received by December 31, 2020, will be doubled by a generous \$200,000 matching challenge grant from US/ICOMOS Fellow Ronald Lee Fleming.

As we think about the role of US/ICOMOS in this changing world, we are reminded of the power and importance of heritage. Heritage is the foundation on which we build our communities. At US/ICOMOS, we will continue to employ heritage as a tool to advance our priorities of intercultural understanding — to support social justice, slow climate change, and implement the UNESCO 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

In our program this evening you will hear from speakers who will address the need for intercultural understanding from World Heritage Sites in the United States and around the world. This will be our tenth annual Celebration of World Heritage, and we invite you to celebrate Russell E. Train's revolutionary idea of our shared cultural heritage. Your support and commitment ensure that the future of US/ICOMOS will continue to be bright.

# HONORARY CHAIRS

The Honorable Irina Bokova Former Director-General, UNESCO

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Saturday, December 19, 2020

# PROGRAM

Welcome by Douglas C. Comer, Ph.D. President, US/ICOMOS

Remarks by Jan C. K. Anderson Fellow, US/ICOMOS

The Honorable Irina Bokova Former Director-General, UNESCO

Remarks by T. Destry Jarvis Vice President, US/ICOMOS

The Honorable Congresswoman Deb Haaland U.S. Representative from New Mexico's 1st Congressional District

Year-End Greetings by World Heritage Sites

Recognition of Ronald Lee Fleming by Jan C. K. Anderson Fellow, US/ICOMOS

### Remarks by Her Royal Highness Dana Firas

Celebratory Toast Kate Montague Perry, Secretary, US/ICOMOS T. Destry Jarvis, Vice President, US/ICOMOS Peyton Hall, FAIA, Trustee, US/ICOMOS Jan C. K. Anderson, Fellow, US/ICOMOS Honorable William A. Bell, Sr., Trustee, US/ICOMOS Douglas C. Comer, Ph.D., President, US/ICOMOS

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The United States National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) is part of the worldwide ICOMOS network of people, institutions, government agencies, and private corporations who support the conservation of the world's heritage. For over 50 years, US/ICOMOS has worked to deliver the best of international historic preservation and heritage conservation work to the U.S. domestic preservation dialogue, while sharing and interpreting for the world the unique American historic preservation system.

As the only U.S. professional preservation organization with a global focus, US/ICOMOS is the gateway for U.S. professionals to participate in worldwide heritage conservation. With over 700 members, US/ICOMOS promotes strong ties between national, regional, private, and governmental organizations within the U.S. and the international preservation community.

US/ICOMOS guides and promotes activities through an extensive membership network of preservation professionals, institutions, and organizations, including specialized scientific committees. US/ICOMOS also organizes an annual international scientific symposium, an international intern exchange program, and occasional special training courses and workshops.

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