

Media Advisory

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Celebrating the Jordan River's Renaissance

Envision Utah and the Center for Documentary Arts invite you to the "Reawakening Jordan River Luncheon" on Thursday, January 14th, at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (1355 West 3100 South) in West Valley City. Registration is at 11:30 a.m., and the two hour program begins at 12 noon. Join us as we celebrate the Jordan River's potential while we explore its past, present and future.

Dr. Karl Haglund, author of *Inventing the Charles River*, will provide the keynote. With an increased public awareness of the Jordan River's future, as evidenced by the controversy associated with the proposed sports complex in Salt Lake City near the river, Dr. Haglund will explain how Boston residents reclaimed the Charles River and made it a regional treasure.

Dr. Haglund will also participate on a panel discussion with Ted Wilson, Governor Herbert's Senior Advisor on Environmental Issues and former Executive Director of the Utah Rivers Council; Chris McCandless, Sandy City councilman; Ty Harrison, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Westminster College; and Chris Cline, Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service. The panel discussion is open to the public.

The traveling exhibit of Tillman Crane's mural-size Jordan River photographs will also be unveiled at the luncheon. "The Tillman Crane photos show the many faces of the Jordan River," said Alan Matheson, Envision Utah's Executive Director. "The photos remind us that the river is a treasure worth preserving and enhancing. I hope the photos will inspire Utahns to thought and action."

The cost is \$25 per person and \$250 for a table of ten seats. Chevron is the event's gold sponsor, and the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District the silver sponsor.

Please RSVP with Kristine at Kwidner@envisionutah.org by January 12th.

Reawakening the Jordan River
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Utah Cultural Celebration Center on the Jordan River

Agenda

- 11:30: Registration
- 11:45: Welcome
Wendy Fisher, Executive Director, Utah Open Lands
- 11:50: Overview of efforts to restore the Jordan River, past, present and future.
Corey Rushton, co-chair *Blueprint Jordan River* Implementation Committee and West Valley City Councilman
- 12:00: ***Reawakened Beauty: Tillman Crane's Jordan River Photographs***
Les Kelen, Executive Director, Center for Documentary Arts
- 12:10: Introduction of Karl Haglund
Dan Johnson, Public Affairs Manager, Chevron, Salt Lake Refinery
- 12:15: Keynote address, ***Inventing the Charles River***
Karl Haglund, Ph.D. , Urban Planner, Author, Historian, Boston, MA
- 12:50: Panel discussion
Moderator: **Alan A. Matheson**, Executive Director, Envision Utah
Panelists: **Karl Haglund**; **Ted Wilson**, Governor Herbert's Senior Advisor on Environmental Issues and Executive Director of the Utah River Council; **Chris McCandless**, Sandy City Councilman; **Ty Harrison**, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Westminster College; and **Christine Cline**, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2:00: Adjourn

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