Also next week, the Met’s New Year’s Eve Gala will break out the virtual champagne and red carpets, with a dazzling quartet of singers — Javier Camarena, Pretty Yende, Matthew Polenzani and Angel Blue — performing live from the Parktheater in Augsburg, Germany. Tickets for the fundraising event cost $20 and buy access to the performance from 4 p.m. New Year’s Eve through Jan. 14.

For complete details or for tickets to the New Year’s Eve bash, visit MetOpera.org.

**Forest films**

Next year’s United Nations World Wildlife Day will get help from Jackson Wild, which will host the 2021 WWD Film Showcase with the focus on “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet.”

The world organization and Jackson nonprofit are accepting international film submissions that focus on the value of Earth’s forests. Films will be shown throughout the year to stress the importance of forests to social and economic well-being, along with the overall health and diversity of the planet.

Films can be submitted for free through Jan. 4 in five categories: People and Forests, My Forest, Future of Forests, Living Forests and Forests Micro Movie.

Finalists will be announced in mid-February, with winners announced March 3. Rules and guidelines are available at JacksonWild.org/forests.

Jackson Wild also is looking for preliminary judges who can commit 10-20 hours from late December through early February. Apply at JacksonWild.org/wwd-judge-application.

**Back for more ‘big questions’**

Katherine Standefer — author of “Lightning Flowers: My Journey to Uncover the Cost of Saving a Life” and a former Jackson resident — will host a repeat of her popular workshop “Writing Into Big Questions” in conjunction with Jackson Hole Writers and the University of Wyoming MFA Program.

Standefer will work with participants to figure out the interplay between the substantive questions of our time and our own narratives as well as brainstorm research ideas.