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MEIJER GARDENS CONFIRMS FOUR ACTS FOR 2009 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

With summer right around the corner, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is preparing for the annual Summer Concert Series beginning in June. Meijer Gardens is proud to announce four confirmed acts for the series. This year's eclectic mix is guaranteed to be a combination of old favorites as well as first-timers. Stay tuned for the entire lineup in early April.

Tickets will become available to Meijer Gardens' members before the general public. The Member Pre-Sale will occur May 2 through May 15. Meijer Gardens' members will have an exclusive two week period to purchase tickets and save up to \$5 per ticket. Members can purchase tickets at Meijer Gardens during hours of operation without service fees or through Star Tickets by phone (1-800-585-3737) and StarTickets.com. *Per-order service fees apply.*

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on May 16. Tickets may be purchased at Meijer Gardens during hours of operation, MeijerGardens.org and at any Star Tickets location including StarTickets.com and Meijer stores. *Per-ticket and per-order fees apply.*

Ticket prices will become available on MeijerGardens.org following the release of the entire lineup.

Derek Trucks Band With Special Guest Ruthie Foster

Wednesday, June 10

Slide guitarist Derek Trucks, with a passion for improvisation and musical exploration, blends a variety of genres including jazz, rock, blues, Latin and other world music. A member of The Allman Brothers, Trucks has also shared the stage with Bob Dylan, Santana and Eric Clapton, and was featured on the cover of Rolling Stone's "New Guitar Gods" Issue.

The Avett Brothers

Thursday, June 18

The all-acoustic The Avett Brothers combine folk, rock, bluegrass and country to create their infectious and upbeat melodies with three-part harmonies and introspective lyrics. The Avett Brothers' music has been compared to everyone from Buddy Holly and 1960s-era Beatles, to the Ramones and Nirvana.

George Thorogood & Jonny Lang

Wednesday, August 19

George Thorogood's rock-and-roll hits "Bad to the Bone" and "Who Do You Love" have earned him a spot at the top of Billboard's blues chart. Renowned for live performances in small blues clubs, he earned Billboard's "Best Blues Album of the Year" in 2004, and has had four gold albums to his credit.

Singer-songwriter Jonny Lang's mix of gospel, rustic country, Motown funk and jazzy folk earned him a Grammy and two platinum records early in his career. A professional musician since age

12, Lang has shared the stage with guitar legends like B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Aerosmith, Sting and the Rolling Stones among others.

Bon Taj Roulet: Bonnie Raitt & Taj Mahal Alone & Together

Sunday, August 23

Nine-time Grammy winner Bonnie Raitt is an accomplished songwriter, expressive singer and respected guitarist. A mix of blues, folk and soul led Raitt into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She has collaborated with many great musicians including Ray Charles, B.B. King, Tony Bennett and Eric Clapton. Raitt is one of the best-selling artists and a legend in American music.

Blues legend Taj Mahal's vibrant music spans four decades and represents a global perspective. A composer, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist, Taj Mahal is a two-time Grammy winner and will be inducted into the 2009 Blues Hall of Fame.

Photos of the artists are available for download here:

<http://www.meijergardens.org/media/scms/First4.zip>

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About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

One of the nation's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park serves more than a half-million visitors annually. The 132-acre grounds feature Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest children's gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens; and a 1750-seat outdoor amphitheater, featuring an eclectic mix of world-renowned musicians every summer. The internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park features a permanent collection including works by Rodin, Oldenburg, Moore, Bourgeois and Plensa among others. Indoor galleries host changing sculpture exhibitions with recent exhibitions by Picasso, Degas, di Suvero and Chihuly. For additional information, please visit www.meijergardens.org.

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