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MEIJER GARDENS HOSTS LARGEST CONCERT SERIES IN EIGHT-YEAR HISTORY

Impressive 16-Concert Lineup Celebrates Meijer Gardens' 15th Anniversary

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., — April 11, 2010 — Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, one of the nation's most significant sculpture and botanic experiences, announces the complete lineup for its 2010 Summer Concert Series. The 1,750-seat outdoor amphitheater is one of the most unique and intimate venues in West Michigan and features acclaimed artists in blues, rock, country, folk, bluegrass and more.

In its eighth season, Meijer Gardens has developed a robust schedule featuring 16 concerts to honor the organization's 15th anniversary. This is the largest lineup Meijer Gardens has ever scheduled.

"We have seen more than 100,000 concert goers over the past seven years and we're thrilled to continue to bring big-name acts to West Michigan," said David Hooker, president and CEO of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. "This impressive lineup is one of the major ways we're celebrating our organization's 15 year anniversary."

Returning crowd-favorite, Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, will headline a special anniversary concert held on August 7. A portion of the ticket sales for Lovett's concert will be donated to Meijer Gardens' Annual Fund and matched dollar-for-dollar by Fred and Lena Meijer. A special program to honor the organization's namesakes will occur before the concert begins and fireworks will conclude the evening.

Tickets will become available to Meijer Gardens' members two weeks before going on sale to the general public. The Member Pre-Sale will occur May 1 through May 14. Members can purchase tickets at Meijer Gardens during normal business hours without service fees or through Star Tickets by phone (800-585-3737) or StarTickets.com. Service fees apply when purchasing through Star Tickets.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on May 15. Tickets can be purchased at Meijer Gardens without service fees during hours of operation. Tickets are also available at any Star Tickets location including StarTickets.com, by phone (800-585-3737) or any local Meijer store, including service fees.

Memberships are available online at www.meijergardens.org/membership.

The 2010 Summer Concert Series is sponsored by WOOD TV 8, McCormick and Harvey Lexus of Grand Rapids.

2010 Summer Concert Series Lineup

Doobie Brothers

Friday, May 21, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$64 | Member \$67 | Public \$69

As one of America's most-loved rock bands, the Doobie Brothers blend country, blues, jazz and rock in signature high-energy shows. Over 30 years and 22 million albums sold, they have won multiple Grammy awards, earned numerous gold, platinum and multi-platinum albums, and were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004.

Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain & Edgar Meyer**Thursday, June 10, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$37 | Member \$40 | Public \$42**

Three masterful genre-benders and the leading virtuosos on their respective instruments, Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain and Edgar Meyer move with ease among the worlds of classical, bluegrass and world music. Three of the most limitless creators and composers in the history of music, Fleck, Hussain and Meyer share an unprecedented array of projects and pairings among them that touch every geographical and stylistic corner of the musical world.

Kenny Loggins**Wednesday, June 16, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$55 | Member \$58 | Public \$60**

During nearly four decades as a professional singer-songwriter, Kenny Loggins has established himself as many things to countless music lovers, from Loggins and Messina to soundtrack pop hits like "I'm Alright," "Footloose" and "Danger Zone." *All Join In*, his most recent album of music for children and families, is an inspired collection of creative takes on past classics by the Beatles, Randy Newman, Del Vikings, Traffic and Donovan.

Buddy Guy**With JJ Grey and Mofro****Thursday, June 17, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$42 | Member \$45 | Public \$47**

Any discussion of Buddy Guy invariably involves a recitation of his colossal musical resume and hard-earned accolades. He's a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a chief guitar influence to rock titans like Hendrix, Clapton, Beck, and Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound, and a living link to that city's halcyon days of electric blues. Yet despite his long list of achievements, Buddy Guy and his music remain as vital as ever.

The Levon Helm Band**With James Hunter****Wednesday, June 30, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$42 | Member \$45 | Public \$47**

Always an enthusiastic and passionate performer, Levon Helm captivates his audiences both young and old, with a rhythmic power all his own. During a career that has spanned over five decades, including The Band in the 60s and 70s, Levon Helm has nurtured a tradition of professionalism with a deep respect for his craft. He is a master storyteller who weaves his tales with the magic thread of universality that ties us all.

Mary Chapin Carpenter**Friday, July 9, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$45 | Member \$48 | Public \$50**

From her first gigs as a rising star on Washington DC's folk scene in the early 1980s, Mary Chapin Carpenter has made a reputation as a both a singer and songwriter with a mind of her own. She has sold over 13 million records and won six Grammy awards, most recently for *The Calling*, released in 2007.

Umphey's McGee**Friday, July 16, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$34 | Member \$37 | Public \$39**

Founded in 1997 in the shadows of the Golden Dome of Notre Dame, Umphey's McGee soon made Chicago their home base and set their sights on becoming one of the premier live acts in today's touring circuit. Over the course of the last ten years, the band has performed at festivals including Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza, toured Europe multiple times and performed at Japan's Fuji Rock Festival in 2006.

Indigo Girls**Sunday, July 25, 7 PM****Pre-Sale \$42 | Member \$45 | Public \$47**

This folk rock duo brings their Grammy award-winning songwriting to the stage with effortless harmonies, honest and passionate lyrics, and infectious melodies. Their albums reflect a distinct style with influences from pop, punk and modern cataloguing over two decades worth of revolutionary music.

Natalie Merchant

Monday, July 26, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$60 | Member \$63 | Public \$65

Hitting the music scene as lead singer for *10,000 Maniacs*, Natalie Merchant has enjoyed a solo career that includes hit singles such as “Carnival” and “Kind and Generous.” She describes her latest work, *Leave Your Sleep*, as ‘the most elaborate project I have ever completed or even imagined,’ touching on Cajun music, bluegrass, reggae, chamber music, folk and jazz, as well as folk styles from around the world.

Chris Isaak

with Marc Broussard

Thursday, July 29, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$57 | Member \$60 | Public \$62

Chris Isaak has released nine albums, been nominated for two Grammy awards, acted in motion pictures and starred in a critically acclaimed TV series. Legendary shows with his longtime band Silvertone have entertained tens of thousands of people. *Best Of Chris Isaak* showcases his stellar songwriting; smooth, dusky baritone; and effortless brand of stylish retro-cool. The album displays his different musical personas: the rockabilly rebel, the brokenhearted crooner and the breezy acoustic storyteller.

Natalie MacMaster

Thursday, August 5, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$28 | Member \$31 | Public \$33

Natalie MacMaster, the virtuoso Cape Breton fiddler, is an electrifying performer with passionate proficiency on the beloved four-string. It’s a signature sound that has resonated with world audiences through 10 albums, multiple gold sales figures and 27 years; numerous Juno and East Coast Music Awards; two honorary degrees and an honorary doctorate; the Order Of Canada—and a reputation as one of Canada’s most captivating performers.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band

Saturday, August 7, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$85 | Member \$85 | Public \$85

Lyle Lovett is one of the all-time great American singer/songwriters and one of the most distinctive, original artists to emerge since the 80s. Lovett’s Grammy award-winning music is beyond country and his diverse collection of songs mixes gospel, blues, confessional rock, swing and Americana to weave stories with a rare literary talent. A portion of this ticket price supports the Meijer Gardens Annual Fund, matched dollar-for-dollar by Fred and Lena Meijer. This is a great opportunity to support the quality programs, exhibitions and events that have made Meijer Gardens one of the “Top 30 Must-See Museums in the World.”

Melissa Etheridge

Monday, August 9, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$72 | Member \$75 | Public \$77

One of the all-time greatest female rock icons, Melissa Etheridge has never forgotten that it all begins with the songs. Her efforts have earned her five Platinum albums, a pair of Grammys®, an Oscar®, an ASCAP Songwriter of the Year honor and the ASCAP Founders Award. With *Fearless Love*, her tenth studio album scheduled for release in late April 2010, Etheridge is at the top of her game.

A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor

“Summer Love” Tour

Wednesday, August 11, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$62 | Member \$65 | Public \$67

Garrison Keillor, hailed as America’s finest storyteller, brings a special live performance of *A Prairie Home Companion* to Meijer Gardens Amphitheater with comedy, eclectic music and the signature “News from Lake

Wobegon.” Heard weekly on public radio since 1974, the live show will have all the elements of the weekly radio broadcast without any of the time constraints.

George Thorogood & The Destroyers

Sunday, August 15, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$42 | Member \$45 | Public \$47

Returning this year is fan-favorite George Thorogood and the Destroyers for another high-energy performance. 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.

Brandi Carlile

Wednesday, August 25, 7 PM

Pre-Sale \$34 | Member \$37 | Public \$39

Brandi Carlile’s third album, *Give Up The Ghost*, unveils her talents in their truest form. After two albums and non-stop touring, she has let her guard down and offers her most candid recording to date. Sheryl Crow said online about Carlile’s performances, “She has the most amazing voice I may have ever heard. Soulful. Country. Perfect in every way—and propelled by taste.”

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, Calder, 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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