



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

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THREE SHOWS REVEALED FOR THE 2019 FIFTH THIRD BANK SUMMER CONCERTS AT MEIJER GARDENS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – February 13, 2019 – Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is pleased to announce three of the performing artists for the 2019 *Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens* concert series. Featuring an eclectic mix of alternative, indie, blues and rock, the lineup will include Nahko And Medicine For The People on June 6, Rodrigo y Gabriela on June 9, and The Gipsy Kings on July 21.

The complete lineup will be announced in mid-April.

Meijer Gardens is also thrilled to announce that Fifth Third Bank has renewed their title sponsorship of the popular concert series through the 2022 season. "Fifth Third Bank's renewal affirms and continues a 24-year relationship with Meijer Gardens dating back to the founding of our institution. We are enormously grateful for their support as it allows us to present a diverse group of truly world class artists," said David Hooker, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park's President and CEO. "We value our long-time partnership with Meijer Gardens because their cultural and entertainment attractions bring people together, which strengthens families and builds a strong community," said Fifth Third Bank Regional President Tom Welch. "We are pleased to be able to continue our support of the summer concerts."

The Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater has undergone significant expansion and improvement over the past two seasons. While maintaining the intimacy of the venue, the project has renovated the Steve and Amy Van Andel terraces for sponsor seating, added new support areas for visiting artists, backstage and loading dock improvements and increased the space in the general seating area.

A new LEED-certified concessions building has been added for the 2019 season, resulting in quicker food and beverage service and increased capacity, as well as convenient new restrooms for guests waiting in line to enter the venue. An expanded plaza area within the gates will help shorten lines and wait times. An improved point of sale system with quick chip technology will speed up purchases at the new concessions building. Consistent with previous years, 1,900 general admission tickets will be available during each concert of the 2019 season.

Nahko And Medicine For The People

June 6, 2019

Nahko And Medicine For The People continue to gather dedicated members of their global Medicine Tribe of likeminded fans as they spread their positive and powerful musical message around the world. Nahko And Medicine For The People are firm believers in using music as a tool of empowerment to protect and preserve all of creation. They aim to inspire others to take a deeper role in protecting and preserving our planet, people, and the spirit in all of creation. Nahko And Medicine For The People will be releasing new music and touring extensively both domestically and internationally in 2019. For more information on Nahko And Medicine For The People, visit nahko.com

Rodrigo y Gabriela

June 9, 2019

Five years since their last album, Mexican acoustic rock guitar duo Rodrigo y Gabriela are ready to embark on the next chapter of their remarkable story, with the release of the most ambitious music of their twenty-year career together. Entitled 'Mettavolution', the white-hot new album brings together Rod and Gab's shimmering, hummingbird flourishes and extraordinary engine room rhythm section, laser focused on melody, energy and beat. There is not an ounce of excess baggage on the fresh, dynamic tunes that Rod and Gab present here, which blend metal, jazz and Hispanic roots music in their own unique, unmistakable style. For more information on Rodrigo y Gabriela, visit rodgab.com

The Gipsy Kings

July 21, 2019

It has been twenty-five years since the Gipsy Kings captured the world's imagination with their self-titled debut album—a record that became a genuine phenomenon, certified gold and platinum around the globe, introducing millions of listeners to a unique, irresistible blend of traditional flamenco styles with Western pop and Latin rhythms. Since then, the band has toured virtually non-stop, to the farthest-flung corners of the planet, and sold almost twenty million albums, all the while retaining the same lineup of virtuoso musicians. For more information on The Gipsy Kings, visit GipsyKings.com

Members of Meijer Gardens will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets during an exclusive members-only presale, April 27 through May 10. During the pre-sale, members receive a \$5 discount per ticket. To become a member or renew a membership before April 27, visit MeijerGardens.org/Membership.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on May 11. More information on prices and purchasing locations will be available following the release of the full lineup in mid-April.

The 2019 *Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens* are made possible in part by the generous support of Fifth Third Bank, Harvey Lexus of Grand Rapids and Spectrum Health. Media sponsors are FOX17 and Classic Rock 97 LAV. Additional support is provided by Life EMS.

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[High-resolution images and full band bios are available for download here.](#)

About the Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater

The 1,900-seat amphitheater is general admission. Concertgoers are welcome to bring a blanket or low-rise chair to sit on. Low-rise chairs are defined as 12" maximum from ground to front of seat bottom and 32" maximum to top of chair back in highest position. These rules are strictly enforced. No other chairs will be permitted in the venue. A limited number of standard-height chairs will be available to rent for \$10 (located in designated area-may not be removed) on a first-come, first-served basis. All concerts take place rain or shine (weather delays possible). A selection of sandwiches, snacks, water, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are available at the new concessions building. All beverages purchased must be consumed inside the amphitheater gates. Concertgoers are also welcomed to bring their own food, sealed bottled water and non-alcoholic beverages in their original sealed containers.

About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

One of the world's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park served 696,000 visitors in 2018 and was recently listed in the top 30 most visited museums in the United States by *The Art Newspaper*, the leading publication in global art news. The 158-acre main campus features Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest interactive children's gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens; and a 1900-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 Claes Oldenburg & Coosje van Bruggen, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Richard Serra, Louise Bourgeois, Ai Weiwei and Jaume Plensa, among others. Indoor galleries host changing sculpture exhibitions with exhibitions by Ai Weiwei, Pablo Picasso, Edgar Degas, Mark di Suvero, Jonathan Borofsky, Alexander Calder, Jim Dine and others. In June 2015, the eight-acre Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park opened. Created by renowned designer Hoichi Kurisu, the garden features sculpture by Anish Kapoor, Jenny Holzer, David Nash, George Rickey, Masayuki Koorida, Zhang Huan, Guisepe Penone, among others.

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