



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

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MEIJER GARDENS ANNOUNCES 2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – April 11, 2019 – Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is pleased to announce the *Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens* 2019 lineup, featuring 30 unique shows. This lineup reflects our continued commitment to bring high-quality, talented and broadly diverse artists to Meijer Gardens.

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 & 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. With beautiful terraced lawn seating and spectacular views of gardens and sculpture, the 1,900-seat amphitheater is Michigan's most unique and intimate outdoor concert venue.

A new concessions building has been added for the 2019 season. Increased capacity will assist with quicker food and beverage service. An improved point of sale system with quick chip technology will speed up purchases. This building also has new restrooms outside of the entry gates for guests waiting in line. An expanded plaza area with additional entry gates will help shorten lines and wait times. Consistent with previous years, 1,900 general admission tickets will be available for each concert of the 2019 season.

Meijer Gardens is also pleased 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 at Meijer Gardens."

[Artist bios and high-resolution press images are available here:](#)

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2019 Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens Lineup:

Gate and show start times vary. Check website for details.

Nahko And Medicine For The People, June 6, \$35 presale | \$38 member | \$40 public

Rodrigo y Gabriela with Justin Townes Earle, June 9, \$52 presale | \$55 member | \$57 public

Buddy Guy + Kenny Wayne Shepherd, June 10, \$77 presale | \$80 member | \$82 public

Lake Street Dive + The Wood Brothers, June 12, \$55 presale | \$58 member | \$60 public

Big Head Todd and The Monsters + Toad the Wet Sprocket, June 20, \$55 presale | \$58 member | \$60 public

Old Crow Medicine Show, June 21, \$47 presale | \$50 member | \$52 public

Steve Miller Band + Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives, June 24, \$120 presale | \$123 member | \$125 public

The Mighty O.A.R. Summer Tour 2019 with American Authors, June 26, \$75 presale | \$78 member | \$80 public

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, June 27, \$50 presale | \$53 member | \$55 public

Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, June 30, \$50 presale | \$53 member | \$55 public

Three Dog Night, July 11, \$48 presale | \$51 member | \$53 public

Amos Lee, July 15, \$48 presale | \$51 member | \$53 public

Andrew Bird, July 18, \$40 presale | \$43 member | \$45 public

Gipsy Kings with Simi, July 21, \$75 presale | \$78 member | \$80 public

The Mavericks + Los Lobos, July 25, \$62 presale | \$65 member | \$67 public

An Evening with Lyle Lovett and his Large Band, July 26, \$63 presale | \$66 member | \$68 public

The Temptations + The Righteous Brothers, July 28, \$62 presale | \$65 member | \$67 public

Dawes + Margo Price, July 31, \$45 presale | \$48 member | \$50 public

An Evening with The Beach Boys, August 1, \$64 presale | \$67 member | \$69 public

An Evening with CAKE, August 7, \$70 presale | \$73 member | \$75 public

Sarah McLachlan with Orchestra, August 8, \$92 presale | \$95 member | \$97 public

An Evening with Styx, August 9, \$72 presale | \$75 member | \$77 public

Foreigner, August 11, \$79 presale | \$82 member | \$84 public

JJ Grey & Mofro + Jonny Lang, August 14, \$66 presale | \$69 member | \$71 public

Stray Cats, August 15, \$97 presale | \$100 member | \$102 public

Michael Franti & Spearhead, August 23, \$48 presale | \$51 member | \$53 public

Mandolin Orange, September 4, \$37 presale | \$40 member | \$42 public

Tash Sultana with Leo James Conroy, September 8, \$45 presale | \$48 member | \$50 public

The B-52s + OMD + Berlin, September 11, \$88 presale | \$91 member | \$93 public

Calexico and Iron & Wine, September 18, \$45 presale | \$48 member | \$50 public

To help members and guests prepare for buying tickets and getting the best entertainment value possible, Meijer Gardens has created an Insider's Guide to Buying Tickets to help make the ticket purchasing experience easy and hassle-free. The Insider's Guide is available at MeijerGardens.org/concerts

Members-Only Presale

Members may buy tickets during the members-only presale beginning at 9 a.m., April 27 through midnight, May 10. Members save \$5 per ticket during the presale. After May 11, members save \$2 per ticket. There is a limit of 8 tickets per show, per transaction. The preferred method to purchase tickets is online, but multiple options are available:

- Online at StarTickets.com (**preferred method**) – handling fee of \$10 per order
- By phone at 1-800-585-3737 – handling fee of \$10 per order
- In-person at Meijer Gardens Admission Desk during normal business hours – no handling fees

On April 27, Meijer Gardens will open at 7 a.m. for members who would like to begin lining up to buy tickets at 9 a.m. in the Covenant Learning Center. Visitors can eat breakfast in the James & Shirley Balk Café or purchase coffee and a quick bite to eat while waiting in line. The DeVos - Keeler Gift Shop will open at 9 a.m., selling Meijer Gardens branded low-rise concert chairs.

To join or renew a membership before April 27, visit MeijerGardens.org or call the Membership Department at 616-977-7689.

Public Ticket Sale

Sales to the public begin at 9 a.m., May 11. There is a limit of 8 tickets per show, per transaction. The preferred method to purchase tickets is online, but multiple options are available:

- Online at StarTickets.com (**preferred method**) – handling fee of \$5 per order and convenience fee of \$5.25 per ticket
- By phone at 1-800-585-3737 – handling fee of \$5 per order and convenience fee of \$5.25 per ticket
- In-person at Meijer Gardens Admission Desk during normal business hours – no handling or convenience fees

The Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, Harvey Lexus of Grand Rapids, Spectrum Health and Life EMS. Media sponsors are Classic Rock 97 LAV-FM, Mlive/Grand Rapids Press and FOX 17.

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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 and Guiseppe Penone.

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