

Gardens of the World

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GARDENS OF THE WORLD ANNOUNCES 8th ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES

(Thousand Oaks, CA) The Gardens of the World, located across from the Thousand Oaks Civic Center, is announcing its 8th Annual Summer Jazz Concert Series to begin August 1 and ending August 22, 2010. The free Sunday concerts will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and will feature the top jazz groups of Sambaguru, The Fatum Brothers Jazz Orchestra, Spanky Wilson, and The Influence Jazz Orchestra.

Sambaguru, featuring Katia Moraes, will kick off the series August 1. The six-member ensemble is comprised of musicians from Brazil, Sri Lanka and the United States. Their original music is high energy, upbeat, and runs the spectrum of rhythms and styles from all over Brazil.

August 8 will see The Fatum Brothers Jazz Orchestra, which is made up of some of our country's most talented college musicians. Originating in Chicago, their big band jazz performance at the Gardens of the World is part of their national summer tour.

August 15, Spanky Wilson, an extraordinary jazz singer, combines her unique vocal talents, charisma, and sense of humor with a strong stage presence to engage her audiences. She has returned to the United States after living in Paris, France for several years and performs an interesting array of French jazz interpretations.

The last concert of the series on August 22 will feature The Influence Jazz Orchestra, which is led by television and film composer Ron Jones. His group is like a who's who of Hollywood musicians, who record many of the movie soundtracks heard around the world. These amazing musicians are influenced by the rich compositions of many of the jazz greats and they perform new works to keep the music fresh and lively.

Lawn seating at the Gardens of the World is available in front of the American Bandstand, where the free concerts will be held. Blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets are welcomed; however, smoking, glass containers and pets are not allowed.

The Gardens of the World is located at 2001 Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Free parking is available along the street. Parking for a fee is available across the street at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center.

For additional information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Marianne Coulson at 805-557-1135 or Coulson@hoganfoundation.org.

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About the Gardens of the World: The Gardens of the World is a 4.5-acre cultural garden open to the public and located across the street from the Thousand Oaks Civic Center on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. The authentically-landscaped Gardens commemorate various cultures of the world, including Italian, French, Japanese, and English. There is also a California Mission Courtyard, an American Bandstand for free summer jazz concerts, and the Resource Center, where local artists can exhibit their works. The Gardens of the World is owned and operated by the Hogan Family Foundation. Admission is free. Reservations are required for Docent tours and any group visit. For more information, visit www.gardensoftheworld.info.

