

# *Gardens of the World*

## **News Release**

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#### **BIG BAND CLOSES OUT GARDENS OF THE WORLD SUMMER CONCERTS**

(Thousand Oaks, CA) With summer coming to a close, the Gardens of the World is concluding its free concert series August 28 with The Late Nite Big Band, a rousing, fun, 16-member swing band led by Joel Gray. The orchestra will play at the Gardens located across from the Thousand Oaks Civic Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

This diverse and powerful band will play many swing and big band favorites, featuring special guest soloists. Members of the group have played with such musical luminaries as Count Basie, Harry James, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton, Cab Calloway, Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole, Patti LaBelle, Quincy Jones, Henry Mancini, Nancy Wilson, Mel Torme, Liza Minnelli, Jack Jones, Stevie Wonder, the Boston Pops, and many more.

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

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](mailto: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](http://www.gardensoftheworld.info).