

# *Gardens of the World*

## **News Release**

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### **For Immediate Release (August 6, 2012)**

#### **GARDENS OF THE WORLD HOSTS JOE GRAY BIG BAND CONCERT**

(Thousand Oaks, CA) The Late Nite Big Band led by Joe Gray will headline the free August 19 concert at the Gardens of the World, as part of the Gardens' 10th Annual Summer Jazz Concert Series called the "Big Band Extravaganza." The 18-piece, Late Nite Big Band will perform from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with its fun, diverse, powerful music, featuring everything from swing tunes of the 1940s right up to work done by modern composers.

Big band and swing music are experiencing a major revitalization throughout the nation. Just ten years ago Paul Mole, a Ventura County restaurateur and trumpet player called together some musician friends to jam at his Simi Valley restaurant and, before long, The Late Nite Big Band was born. The Late Nite Big Band, now led by saxophonist Joe Gray, is recognized as one of the most popular orchestras in Southern California.

The Gardens' concert series concludes August 26 with the Bruce Lofgren Jazz Orchestra, featuring Lofgren compositions that are uniquely compelling and

transcend multiple music genres, including Latin, New Age, Jazz, Blues, Classical, and Pop.

Lawn seating available in front of the Gardens of the World American Bandstand. Blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets are welcome; however, smoking, glass containers, alcohol, 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 may be available across the street at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center.

For additional information or sponsorship opportunities, call 805-557-1135 or visit the Gardens of the World website at [www.gardensoftheworld.info](http://www.gardensoftheworld.info).

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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).