

Gardens of the World

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USAF BAND SOARS INTO THE GARDENS OF THE WORLD

(Thousand Oaks, CA) For the sixth time, the Hogan Family Foundation's Gardens of the World is hosting the award-winning United States Air Force (USAF) Band of the Golden West in a free concert to be held Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m. The band last played at the Gardens of the World in 2009, generating a record audience of 1,200 people who enjoyed a rousing performance.

The hour-and-a-half concert will feature an array of musical selections that include military marches, jazz and pop arrangements, Broadway standards, and, of course, patriotic music. The presentations will also show off the talents of instrumental soloists and vocalists.

Marianne Coulson, resident manager of the Gardens of the World, notes, "We are very pleased to have the USAF band visit us again this year. They always bring an enthusiastic, crowd-pleasing performance with something for every musical taste. The free event is an excellent choice for family entertainment."

The Golden West Concert Band is a select group of professional Airmen-musicians who support the global Air Force mission by providing outstanding musical performances for military and community relations events and by fostering America's national heritage. Touring throughout the western states, the acclaimed band is the largest ensemble within the organization and has entertained thousands of listeners in live concerts and through international radio and television appearances, often collaborating with some of America's top conductors.

The Gardens of the World is located at 2001 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard in Thousand Oaks. Free parking across the street at the Civic Arts Plaza is sponsored by the City of Thousand Oaks Environmental Programs. Additional, limited free parking is also available along the Boulevard.

Lawn seating is available in front of the American Bandstand, where the concert will be performed. Blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets are welcomed; however, alcoholic beverages, smoking, glass containers, and pets are not allowed.

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.