



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Dallas Arboretum Announces 2016 Garden Gigs Season

Local Stars Are Bright at Night for Popular Evening Music and Art Series

DALLAS, Texas (Summer 2016) – Bask in the magic of live music at twilight with **Garden Gigs**, returning to the Dallas Arboretum for its second season this July. Each Friday event features a curated selection of local artists and musicians performing intimate sets in picturesque settings throughout the 66-acre grounds. Among this year’s featured artists are **John Lefler** with **Camille Cortinas**, returning from the inaugural 2015 season, as well as **Zach Nytomt** and **Rania Khoury**.

Open to the general public, Garden Gigs run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., offering both fabulous views of Dallas at sunset and late access to the garden on the shores of White Rock Lake. Guests can bring their own picnics and beverages, or take advantage of delicious offerings from some of DFW’s most popular food trucks. It’s the perfect excursion to kick-off your local summer weekend, or show your out-of-town guests those big and bright stars at night. Parking is included in the tickets, available for \$10 per person.

Singer and songwriter John Lefler, formerly of Dashboard Confessional and The Wimbledons, teams again with Dallas native songstress and songwriter Camille Cortinas. Both artists appear together and individually locally performing sets that blend storytelling with an indie rock and Texas country sound.

Hailing from Argyle, Zach Nytomt has been heard on Fort Worth’s 95.9 The Ranch where he was named by Shayne Hollinger as one of the best up-and-coming Texas music artists.

Drawing from his experience living in the Hill Country, Nytomt delivers a set that blends his soulful voice with acoustic guitar and harmonica, troubadour-style.

Arlington's Rania Khoury debut album *Stone Wolf* has been described as soul-inspired with a twist of pop. Her sharp-tongued lyrics have recently been heard at the Wildflower! Art and Music Festival and Klyde Warren Park.

Dave Forehand, VP of gardens added: "We create experiences for our visitors that extend beyond the visual. Walking into the Arboretum always feels like you're stepping into a painting, but we extend effect with the laid back enchantment of live music on a summer evening with Garden Gigs. It's an easy and cheap answer to "what's going on this Friday?""

The Arboretum is still featuring The Great Contributors exhibit by Gary Lee Price of eight life-size bronze sculptures throughout the garden. Some of history's most well-loved and accomplished personalities are positioned for admirers to pose with, including: Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain or the Wright Brothers.

Tickets for the 2016 season of Garden Gigs at the Dallas Arboretum are available online at: <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/garden-gigs>

Discounts:

BOGO Wednesdays, which are buy one get one free general admission and include Nature Nights. Available at ticket booth, with a limit of one purchase per person. Senior Thursdays offer discounted admission of \$11 for seniors 65 and older and a 20% discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 3-12 and free for Arboretum members and children two and under. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$8. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.

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