



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Dallas Arboretum Announces Garden Gigs 2018 Lineup

Bask in the magic of live music at twilight with Garden Gigs, returning to the Dallas Arboretum for its fourth season on Friday evenings, July 13 to 27. 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 **Zach Coffey**, **Kirk Thurmond** and **Becky Middleton**, returning from previous seasons, as well as new talent to the garden including **Reinventing Jude**, **Haylee and Amanda**, **Rahim Quazi** and [more](#).

Open to the general public, Garden Gigs runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., offering both fabulous views of the Dallas skyline and White Rock Lake at sunset and special late access to the garden. Guests can bring their own picnics and beverages, or purchase tasty meals and treats from some of the area's most popular [food trucks](#). Gates open at 6 p.m., tickets are \$15 per person with parking included.

Dave Forehand, VP of Gardens said, "Walking into the Dallas Arboretum always feels like you're stepping into a painting, but we extend that effect with the laid back enchantment of live music on a summer evening with Garden Gigs. It's the perfect excursion to enjoy a local summer weekend, or show out-of-town guests and locals big and bright stars at night."

This year's lineup includes:

July 13: Zach Coffey, Kirk Thurmond, Haylee and Amanda

July 20: Rahim Quazi, Reinventing Jude, John Tipton

July 27: Jake Paleschic, Becky Middleton, Leoncarlo

Tickets for the 2018 season of Garden Gigs at the Dallas Arboretum are available online at: www.dallasarboretum.org/gardengigs

About the artists:

Returning to the gardens opening weekend, **Zach Coffey** grew up singing on various Opry stages and honed his vocal skills by performing opera. His love for popular country and knowledge of the "classical" era blends with his red dirt roots for a sound that is uniquely his.

Born in Dallas, Texas, **Kirk Thurmond** is a singer and songwriter with a distinctive sound that spans several genres, including soul, pop and R&B, with authenticity remaining at the core.

Haylee and Amanda are a duo who also perform as a full band called *Sister*. The band is a project based around a love for lyrics, melody, tight harmonies and music that encourages dancing and makes memories.

Rahim Quazi writes and performs pop folk melodies A Troubadour or full band, Rahim captivates the audience with his feel good melodies.

New to this season of Garden Gigs, **Reinventing Jude**, fronted by one of the most admired female artists in Texas, Jude Gonzalez, blends soul, indie rock and blues seamlessly into a symphony of musical bliss.

John Tipton has been entertaining all over Texas for 10 years. Performing favorites from Johnny Cash to Bob Dylan, to The Beatles and Eric Clapton, and many more.

Becky Middleton is a folk singer and songwriter from Texas, and captivates audiences with her poignant lyrics and an honest, emotional delivery of songs about love, loss, pain, life and faith.

Jake Paleschic is a singer and songwriter from Fort Worth, TX. His band collectively explores newer frontiers of folk, rock and roll and country.

Leoncarlo Canlas is a musician and violinist based in North Texas with over twenty years of experience. Classically trained, he attended the University of North Texas for violin and went on to collaborate with a number of national acts, namely Seryn and Botany.

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. *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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