



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Dallas Arboretum Announces Garden Gigs 2017 Lineup

DALLAS, Texas 2017 – Bask in the magic of live music at twilight with Garden Gigs, returning to the Dallas Arboretum for its third season on Friday evenings, July 14-28. 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 Coffey, Becky Middleton, Shayne Green, Jonathan Fox and more.

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 enjoy a local summer weekend, or show out-of-town guests big and bright stars at night. Gates open at 6 p.m., tickets are \$10 per person with parking included.

This season, 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 perform sets that blend storytelling with an indie rock and Texas country sound.

Zach Coffey grew up singing on various Opry stages and honed his vocal skills by performing opera while at Oklahoma Baptist University. His love for popular country and knowledge of the "classical" era blends with his Red Dirt roots for a sound that is uniquely his. Becky Middleton is an up-and-coming singer-songwriter from Texas, captivating audiences with poignant lyrics and an honest, emotional delivery of songs about love, loss, pain, life, and faith.

After years of recording and performing, both locally and abroad, Shayne Green continues to release vibrant, engaging music as a recording artist while composing music for film/tv. Austin, TX independent singer/songwriter Jonathan Fox tests the boundaries of pop-rock and Americana in his sophomore record with the Jonathan Fox Band, "Loverlust".

This year's lineup includes:

July 14: Jonathan Fox, Zach Coffey, Becky Middleton

July 21: David Tribble, John Lefler & Camille Cortinas, Micah Peacock

July 28: Kate Miner, Shayne Green, Parker Twomey

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 that effect with the laid back enchantment of live music on a summer evening with Garden Gigs."

Tickets for the 2017 season of Garden Gigs at the Dallas Arboretum are available online at: <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/garden-gigs>.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden 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. It 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. Visit dallasarboretum.org or Facebook for more information.

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