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Celebrate Spring Break at the Most Beautiful Place in Dallas

Staycation activities planned for March 14-20 at the Dallas Arboretum

DALLAS, Texas–February, 21 –For families planning a staycation or visitors coming to Dallas for spring break, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden has exciting activities planned from March 14 to 20 during the height of Dallas Blooms, presented by IBERIABANK. At the largest floral festival in the Southwest, Dallas Blooms features more than 500,000 spring-blooming flowers, along with a “World Music” celebration each day, and events at A Tasteful Place and the Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden. Guests are encouraged to check the website and social media to plan their visits.

According to Dallas Arboretum Board Chairman Alan Walne, “There's something for everyone to experience during Dallas Blooms, which ushers in spring in Dallas. The ‘Sounds of Spring’ theme is perfect for traveling the world through music during spring break week. Visit the various gardens, and be sure to take in the 100 varieties of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials.”

Each day celebrates music from a different region or country in the world. The journey begins in Latin America and the Caribbean with two great bands

performing live on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Visitors can participate in a conga line or join the Limbo contest. Other stops include Germany, France, and Ireland on St. Patrick's Day and Mexico during the equinox. The final stop for "World Music" week is Africa where guests can enjoy learning about Window to The Wild's majestic African birds in their flight show at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

Dallas Blooms features six majestic topiaries throughout the garden, each depicting a different musical instrument, including a harp, bass, guitar and saxophone, as well as two topiary musicians. One musician is playing the violin, the other is playing the piano.

Spring Break Activities in the Main Garden:

World Music: March 14-20

**All activities listed for each day below are free with paid garden admission*

Saturday, March 14 - Latin America

Top Ten Records DJ livens the crowd with Latin music in the Entry Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Havana NRG takes the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn from 2 to 4 p.m. to play all the Latin hits. Guests can join in on the conga line to conclude the festivities.

Sunday, March 15 - Caribbean

Chef Lisa Roark from El Centro College's nationally recognized Hospitality and Culinary Institute teaches attendees how to make healthy recipes inspired by Caribbean ingredients at A Tasteful Place from 1 to 2 p.m. Head to the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn to listen to upbeat island music by Sweet Steel from 2 to 4 p.m. Bar & Garden also joins in at A Tasteful Place to demonstrate how to prepare island-inspired drinks from 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 16 - Germany

Bring the whole family for Mommy and Me Monday in Pecan Grove, then enjoy the El Centro College Cooks series demonstration at 11 a.m. in A Tasteful Place. Paul Salvie performs authentic German music with his accordion from noon to 2 p.m. at Café on the Green.

Tuesday, March 17 - Ireland

Commemorate St. Patrick's Day with friends and family by taking a trip to the Emerald Isle. Start the day with Tiny Tot Tuesday activities in Pecan Grove, then learn how to make a St. Patrick's Day-inspired floral arrangement with Enflowerment at A Tasteful Place at 11 a.m. Listen to a performance by Celtic singer, Misty Posey at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn from noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18 - France

Come out for a day in the garden highlighting France. The chefs at Vestal's demonstrate how to make French macarons at 11 a.m. in A Tasteful Place. Checkered Past Winery brings their delicious wines for guests 21 and older to sample during Wine Down Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Three Sisters Overlook at A Tasteful Place. Be sure to check out the French mime performing on the Paseo de Flores, just like in the streets of France, from noon to 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 19 - Mexico

Travel around the world in Texas by attending the "Places I've Seen" presentation from 1 to 2 p.m. led by Jessica Serna, blogger for My Curly Adventures, as she highlights all of the diverse adventures that can be experienced in the great state of Texas. Enjoy live entertainment and listen to authentic Mexican music at noon. While in the garden, pick up the fun, musical scavenger hunt at the information booth in the Entry Plaza.

Friday, March 20 - Africa

Guests can journey to Africa as the final stop for spring break music week in the garden. Window to The Wild brings their majestic African birds to the garden for a spectacular flight show on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn at 10:30 a.m. Guests can enjoy the engaging trainers and informative presentation, fit for the entire family.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

Around the World in One Week: Spring Break Edition, March 15-20

While school is out, bring the kids out for a week full of exploration. Journey around the world in one week with a new plant lab every day. Guests are invited on March 17th for a special spring animal adventure with the Dallas Zoo. Visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/visitor-information/gardens-and-pavilions/childrens-adventure-garden/> for a full schedule of activities.

Kelley Family Days:

Through a generous gift from the William G. Kelley Family, complimentary admission to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden will be offered to all members and guests paying garden admission on the dates listed below. Eliminating the additional admission price to the Children's Adventure Garden on these days offers a chance for guests and families to experience the amazing benefits this garden has to offer and why it has received such acclaim. There is no other garden like it in the world. Come and see why the adventure starts here-where nature and fun become one.

March 20, 21 & 22

May 23, 24 & 25

July 3, 4 & 5

September 5, 6 & 7

October 3 & 4

December 24, 26 & 27

Discounts

CC Young Senior Living Thursdays

Every Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seniors 65 and older get in for \$12 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20 percent discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

Rideshare Discount

Located at Gate 3 on Private Drive and Garland Road

Beginning February 29, guests who use a rideshare service (Uber, Lyft, etc.) to visit the garden receive \$1 off general admission, one per ride. Present rideshare receipt at the ticket booth. Only valid on day of visit. For pre-purchased online admission, guests receive a \$1 coupon (one per ride) valid at the Terrace Café, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members can present their rideshare receipt to receive \$1 off their renewal for every trip to the garden using a rideshare service for up to \$10. The drop-off can also be used by guests to drop off loved ones and coolers, as well. Drop-off vehicles are encouraged to park in the garage across the street. For more information, please visit www.dallasarboretum.org/parking

*Note, the Dallas Arboretum no longer offers valet parking to the public during festivals. Not valid during the month of August.

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About the Dallas Arboretum

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. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older, \$12 for children 2-12, and free for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$15 or \$10, if purchased in advance online. *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, Channel 8 is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.

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