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## Waterlily Concerts in July Start Outdoor Concert Series at the Botanical Garden Thursdays, July 12, 19, and 26, 2007, 6–8 p.m.

Enjoy beautiful music in the lovely surroundings of The New York Botanical Garden as the *Waterlily Concerts* return, beginning a series of musical performances during select summer nights. Relax during warm summer evenings by the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, listening to classical music on July 12, 19, and 26 performed by the some of the area's finest chamber musicians. The three outdoor concerts, presented by WQXR radio and hosted by WQXR's Annie Bergen, are a delightful way to unwind after a long summer day. The July *Waterlily Concerts* will feature classical music, with additional *Caribbean Nights* concerts scheduled for August 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Many Botanical Garden venues will remain open late for the concerts. At the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory until 8 p.m., delight in the sight of waterlilies and lotus in the Conservatory Courtyards and stroll among lush tropical flora in the *Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise* exhibition. Enjoy outdoor gardens in full summer flower; select a gift, plant, or book at the Shop in the Garden; or purchase a glass of wine and a light dinner at one of the cafes.

Then have a seat on the Conservatory lawn and enjoy the music of the **The Botanical Brass** on July 12, the **New York Consort of Viols** on July 19, and the **Claring Chamber Players** on July 26, as they present the sounds of Mozart, Bach, and other classical favorites.

Concerts are free for Botanical Garden Members and Corporate Members. Combination Tickets are \$18 and include the concert and admission to Garden features. All concerts commence at 7 p.m., rain or shine. For more information, visit <a href="www.nybg.org">www.nybg.org</a> or call 718.817.8700.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April through October. PRICING: \$18, Seniors/Students \$16, Children \$5. Advance tickets are available online at <a href="https://www.nybg.org">www.nybg.org</a>. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.nybg.org">www.nybg.org</a>

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