THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Enjoy the Music of Spain at The New York Botanical Garden's Waterlily Concert Series

Thursdays, August 4, 11, and 18

Extended Viewing of *Spanish Paradise: Gardens of the Alhambra* until 7 p.m. Concerts 7–8:30 p.m.

Plus: New York City's Favorite Food Trucks Visit the Garden during Concert Evenings!

Enjoy beautiful music in the tranquil surroundings of The New York Botanical Garden at the summer favorite *Waterlily Concert Series*, which returns on the first three Thursday nights next month, August 4, 11, and 18, 2011. Visitors can experience an extended viewing of the Garden's popular exhibition, *Spanish Paradise: Gardens of the Alhambra*, until 7 p.m. and then delight in the music of Spain. An added attraction to this year's *Waterlily Concert Series* is the presence of favorite vendors from the New York City Food Truck Association, providing a diverse selection of sweet and savory foods for purchase.

August 4:

Spanish Roots: Duo LiveOak

Spanish guitarist Frank Wallace and vocalist Nancy Knowles collaborate as composer and poet, playing alternative classical music and creating lyrical contemporary art songs rooted in tradition and ethnic diversity. Their original songs echo blues, medieval, jazz, and classical music from Ravel to avant-garde. The performance will include dancing choreographed by Tricia Brouk.

New York City Food Trucks scheduled to be at the Garden:

Taim Mobile, the Milk Truck, and Andy's Italian Ice

August 11:

Flamenco Ensemble: Guitar, Percussion, and Dance

Flamenco: Inside/Out, the trio who perform each weekend at the Garden during *Spanish Paradise*, showcase their talent in a special performance that includes dance, percussion, vocals, and guitar, as well as an upright bass for this special evening show. The music will range from traditional flamenco to more contemporary jazz-infused compositions, combining old and new.

New York City Food Trucks scheduled to be at the Garden:

Schnitzel N Things, Gorilla Cheese, and Wafels & Dinges

August 18:

Classical Spanish Guitar

Guitarist Jorge Caballero, the youngest musician to win the prestigious Naumburg International Competition, brings his dazzling virtuosity and intense musicality to the Garden in what is sure to be a spellbinding performance. He will be accompanied by guitarist Zaira Meneses.

New York City Food Trucks scheduled to be at the Garden:

Frites 'N' Meats, Kimchi Taco, and the Treats Truck

Visit Shop in the Garden and take home a bit of the Alhambra with tile-patterned journals, magnets, and t-shirts. Browse through a wide selection of gifts, plants, books, and other merchandise for sale. From table linens and lanterns to picnic baskets, Shop in the Garden has everything you need for outdoor entertaining.

The concerts will take place rain or shine. Tickets for the evening events are \$20 and include access to the concert and admission to the *Spanish Paradise* exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Concerts are free for Botanical Garden Members and Corporate Members; reservations can be made on the Garden's Web site. Advance tickets can be purchased online at http://www.nybg.org/visit/tickets.php

For more information about The New York Botanical Garden, go to nybg.org 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 Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock Garden, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is also available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors and students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit nvbg.org

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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