

August 2010

AWESOME MUSIC AND THEATRE AT THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Lyle Lovett; Lee Ann Womack; and Marc Cohn Rock Around the Arboretum in August

LISLE, IL (June 4, 2010) – Grow a new appreciation for trees with a walk among “Steelroots: Tobin at The Morton Arboretum.” Fourteen large, artistic interpretations of tree roots designed by internationally acclaimed artist, Steve Tobin. The curving, recycled steel connects visitors to the power of the tree roots beneath their feet, encouraging them to see nature through a new set of eyes. All ages, Conifer Collection Area.

Now–January 31, 2011: 7 a.m. to sunset

They’re “divas” like none other! Hear the singing, glamorous puppets of Craig Figtree belt out songs of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. It’s a delightful and decidedly different evening of entertainment amid the large Steelroots tree sculptures in the Arboretum’s Conifer Collection. Bring a picnic or purchase food and/or cocktails. Concert price: \$18 (discount for Arboretum members); order at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, or in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center.

August 21: Lawn opens for picnics at 5:30; concert at 6 p.m.

Four-time Grammy Award winner Lyle Lovett and his Large Band brings his own unique style of music to the Arboretum’s stage. Lovett combines incisive, witty lyrics while incorporating folk, jazz, swing and blues into a country framework. Lovett’s distinguished 30-year career features dozens of hits including “Cowboy Man,” and he recently released a new album, Natural Forces. Prices: \$49 in advance; \$51 Day-of, with discounts for Arboretum members. Tickets available at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, or in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

August 6: 7 p.m.

Spend an evening listening to soulful country tunes amid the trees with Lee Ann Womack and special guest Mark Chesnutt. Womack is famous for such hits as “I May Hate Myself In The Morning,” “The Fool,” and “I Hope You Dance.” Also appearing is Mark Chesnutt known for such chart toppers as “Bubba Shot the Jukebox,” “It’s A Little Too Late,” and Chesnutt’s remake of the Aerosmith hit “I Don’t Want To Miss a Thing.” Prices: \$43 in advance; \$45 day-of, with discounts for Arboretum members. Tickets available at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, or in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

August 7: 7 p.m.

Hear ‘Walking in Memphis’ singer/song-writer Marc Cohn as he performs his smash hits. Cohn will bring old favorites and hot new hits from his latest album, 1970. Plus, enjoy the funk and soul of Bettye LaVette, who was nominated as the 2010 Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year, for unforgettable concert. Tickets: \$34 in advance; \$36 Day-of, with discounts for Arboretum members. Available at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, or in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

August 8: 7 p.m.

Hear how the music spins in Ralph's World! Known for family favorites such as At the Bottom of the Sea, entertainer Ralph Covert has just come out with new songs such as Wiggle Your Lah-De-Dah and The Funniest Joke In the World in his latest album, All Around Ralph's World. Sure to become a regular on your playlist, Ralph's World never disappoints and is fun for adults as

well as kids! Tickets: \$16 in advance; \$18 day-of, and a Family 4-Pack is \$56, with discounts for Arboretum members. Available at www.mortonarb.org, 630-725-2066, or in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders. August 7: 11 a.m.

Fly off to Neverland with Peter, Tink and all the lost boys with August's Theatre-Hike "Peter Pan!" Hike from scene to scene as Peter and the Darling children go up against the infamous Captain Hook in this J.M. Barrie classic. Regular Theatre-Hikes are on Saturdays and a low-impact hike is available on Sundays. Tickets are \$13-\$19 with discounts for Arboretum members. All ages. Visitors Center.
Weekend in August: 1 - 3:30 p.m.

What do your children know about water? They can make their own water cycle bracelet while learning interesting facts about water in "Water Cycle Wonders." This self-guided activity is for all ages. The Children's Garden.
Daily in August: 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (weather permitting)

In "Sensational Rain," see the difference between rainstorms and make a rain stick to take home! This self-guided activity is for all ages. The Children's Garden.
Daily in August: 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (weather permitting)

Like surprises? Then drop in for "Anything Goes!" Take 20 minute guided glimpses into the natural world. Activities vary from day to day. Possibilities include insect hunts, outdoor games and nature inspired crafts. This drop-in activity is for all ages. Children's Garden.
Tuesdays and Thursdays in August: 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Splash-splash into a great story! Gather in the garden for "Arbor Reading" story time. August's theme is "Water, Water, Everywhere" All ages, the Children's Garden amphitheater.
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in August: 11 - 11: 20 a.m.

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Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum events and destinations including the Children's Garden are free with Arboretum admission. The 2009 rates are:

\$11/adult, (\$7 on Wednesday), ages 18-64

\$10/senior, (\$6 on Wednesday), ages 65 and over

\$8/child (\$5 on Wednesday), ages 2-17

Under age 2 is free

Parking is **free**

The Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized 1,700-acre outdoor museum with collections of 4,117 kinds of trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world. The Arboretum's beautiful natural landscapes, gardens, research and education programs, and year-round family activities support its mission – the planting and conservation of trees and other plants for a greener, healthier, and more beautiful world. Conveniently located at I-88 and Rte. 53 in Lisle, Illinois, the Arboretum is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from 7 a.m. Central Time until sunset. The Children's Garden is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through October, and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., November through February.