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### HOT SUMMER CONCERTS HEAT UP THE MORTON ARBORETUM

*Huey Lewis and the News; Indigo Girls; and New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago with Special Guest Matthew Santos Jive in July*

LISLE, IL (April 30, 2010) – It's *Hip to Be Square* at this rockin' summer concert! "Huey Lewis and The News" sizzle up the summer night under a canopy of lush green trees. Famous for such hits as *The Heart of Rock and Roll*, *Heart and Soul*, and *The Power of Love* from the movie *Back to the Future*, this act will thrill audience members while they picnic under the stars. Tickets, \$45 in advance or \$47 Day-of-concert, go on sale May 10 at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

July 23: 7 p.m.

Listen to the acoustic, passionate, and witty folk-pop music of the Grammy-award winning duo "Indigo Girls." This boundary-breakin' group best known for 'Galileo' and 'Closer to Fine' will provide a relaxing evening in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets, \$43 in advance or \$45 Day-of, go on sale May 10 at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

July 24: 7 p.m.

"New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago and special guest artist Matthew Santos" brings a rare mix of diverse music as the barriers between classical and pop music are brought down and merged. Tickets, \$28 in advance or \$30 Day-of, go on sale May 10 at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

July 25: 7 p.m.

Introduce your children to classical music in a great outdoors setting. Hear two beloved children's pieces with the "New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago." Tickets: \$14 individual tickets in advance; \$16 Day-of. Also available: \$43 for Family Four-Pack (advance orders only). Tickets go on sale May 10 at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), 630-725-2066, and in person at the Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders.

July 25: 3 p.m.

The lines between art and nature blur with "Steelroots: Tobin at The Morton Arboretum." Fourteen large root sculptures twist and turn their way up from the landscape, reaching toward the sky, inviting visitors to come experience nature-inspired fine sculpture. The works, up to 40 feet high, grew from the mind of influential, contemporary artist, Steve Tobin. As the weather changes each sculpture's appearance throughout the seasons, these abstract root sculptures will change the way viewers perceive trees and the natural world. All ages, Conifer Collection Area.

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

Experience "East meets West" and the unique sound of "The Miyumi Project," musicians who combine Japanese music, including Taiko drumming, with freewheeling jazz improvisation. Nestle among the "Steelroots" fine sculptures, some of

which evoke Japanese calligraphy, to enjoy the blend of Asian and American cultures. Bring a picnic or purchase food and cocktails. Tickets, \$18, go on sale May 10 via [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), at the Visitor Center, or at 630-725-2066.

July 17: 6 – 8 p.m.

Join Robin and his men as they battle the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in July's Theatre-Hike, "Robin Hood!" Cheer on Friar Tuck, Little John and of course, the notorious outlaw himself, Robin of Locksley as he fights to keep order in the land while the good King Richard is away. Each scene of the play is presented during stops in a hike. Regular Theatre-Hikes are on Saturdays and a low-impact hike, suitable for walkers, strollers and wheelchairs, is available on Sundays. Tickets are \$13-\$19. All ages, Visitor Center.

July 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31: 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Calling all fairies! Flutter over to the enchanting world of fairies in the "Fairy Garden Party." Fairies-in-Training will spend the afternoon listening to fairy stories, doing fairy crafts and activities, and having a fairy lunch all while decked out in their favorite fairy outfit. Don't have one? Fairy attire is available for purchase at The Arboretum Store. Reservations are required and space is limited. All ages. The Arboretum Store. Call 630-719-2454 for information of reservations. Tickets: \$25.

July 10: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Leave no child inside! "Be an Explorer" weekend takes kids off the couch into the world beneath their feet. Investigate roots, insects and flowers that live and grow in the soil with microscopes in this free, self-guided program. Then make a craft to take home. All ages. Children's Garden.

July 10-11: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (weather permitting)

Examine the different shapes, sizes and colors that flowers grow! In "Fingerprint Flowers," kids will look all around the Children's Garden to find different flowers to paint. This self-guided activity is for all ages. The Children's Garden.

Daily in July: 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (weather permitting)

What shapes can you find in nature? Find out with "The Shapes of Nature!" Visitors make a nature scene using basic shapes, discovering that some leaves grow into hearts, some trees look like triangles and some blooms look like circles! This self-guided activity is for all ages. The Children's Garden.

Daily in July: 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 July: 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Uncover the amazing art of bonsai! "The Art of Bonsai: Exhibition and Demonstration" will introduce visitors to the many varieties of trees and plants that can be dwarfed to an artistic shape using special methods of growing, pruning, and training. Demonstrations will be held at 2 p.m. both days by members of the Prairie State Bonsai Society. All ages. Visitors Center.

July 17: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; July 18: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Escape into a nature book! Gather in the garden for “Arbor Reading” story time. July’s theme is “Naturescapes.” All ages, the Children’s Garden amphitheater. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in July: 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. Visit Press Room at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org), or call to learn more.

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