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SUMMER CONCERTS, HIKING, BIKING IN JUNE AT THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Blues Traveler, Dr. John, Kenny Loggins In June Concerts; Major "Steelroots" Display

LISLE, IL (April 30, 2010) – Music, hiking, and all kinds of summer fun await visitors to The Morton Arboretum in June.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.....

Kicking off the summer concert series "In Tune With Trees" is Blues Traveler, plus Dr. John and the Lower 911. Dr. John and his soul-soothing voice scored with such hits as "Right Place, Wrong Time" and "Such A Night." He'll dazzle fans with his unique blend of funk, rhythm and blues, and psychedelic rock. Also appearing: Blues Traveler, best known for their hits, "Run Around," and "Hook." Prices are \$43-\$45 with discounts for Arboretum members. Tickets go on sale May 10. To purchase, visit www.mortonarb.org, call 630-725-2066, or drop by the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders. Fee for parking applies to non-members.

June 18: 7 p.m.

Families will have a blast with Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players summer family concert. Roberts, a winner of the Parents' Choice Gold award, delivers music with clever lyrics that children and parents can enjoy, along with sing-along fun. His performances have garnered rave reviews in the national media, and Roberts has performed on NBC's Today Show. Prices are \$12-\$15 with discounts for Arboretum members; or the Family Four-Pack is \$42. Tickets go on sale May 10. To purchase, visit www.mortonarb.org, call 630-725-2066, or drop by the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders. Fee for parking applies to non-members.

June 19: 11 a.m.

Enter the "Danger Zone" with Kenny Loggins! Famous for such classics as "I'm Alright" from the movie Caddyshack, "Footloose" from the movie by that name, and "Danger Zone" from the movie Top Gun, Loggins will be rockin' among the trees! Prices are \$43-\$45 with discounts for Arboretum members. Tickets go on sale May 10. To purchase, visit www.mortonarb.org, call 630-725-2066, or drop by the Arboretum Visitor Center. A \$5 processing fee applies to phone and online orders. Fee for parking applies to non-members.

June 20: 7 p.m.

OTHER JUNE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES.....

It's art, recreation and food for the mind, all in one! "Steelroots: Tobin at The Morton Arboretum," is a unique, fine art exhibition of 14 nature-inspired, large, abstract tree root sculptures that will fascinate all ages with their unusual size and contorting limbs. It's a rare opportunity for visitors to touch, run through, and lie underneath fine art in a relaxed outdoor setting. Artist Steve Tobin gained international fame for creating the "Trinity

Root" sculpture: the only art memorial of the 9/11 World Trade Center attack. All ages, Conifer Collection Area. Free with Arboretum admission.
Now–January 31, 2011: 7 a.m. to sunset

How did a Zinnia get such a zany name? Find out when you take a journey through spectacular plant images from rare books and art collections in “Flora! Illuminated.” Selected snippets of song lyrics, poetry, prose and interesting facts take a non-traditional alphabetical trip through select plant images from the Suzette Morton Davidson Special Collections of the Sterling Morton Library. The exhibit will highlight rarely seen artwork and rare books revealing the extraordinary beauty and depth of the plant world. All ages, Sterling Morton Library. Free with Arboretum admission.
Now – June 29: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday

Explore the grounds in the open-air Acorn Express! See stunning gardens, woodlands, wetlands and a prairie during a tram tour as a guide explains the rich arboretum history, and describes the trees and plants you’ll see. There’s also an opportunity to see lovely wildlife in native habitats. Half-hour and one-hour tours available; prices range from \$3-\$6, (Arboretum member discounts available). Call 630-968-0074 for times.
Now through October: (weather permitting)

It’s a wormy world, and that’s a good thing! Discover interesting facts about these composting creatures, explore them up close and find out why “Worms Rule!” This drop-in activity is for all ages. Children’s Garden.
Daily in June: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (weather permitting)

Little girls can flutter over to a magical afternoon of fairy stories, sparkly crafts, and special treats at the “Fairy Garden Party!” Bring the pixie-in-training dressed in fairy wings and skirt, or purchase some at the Arboretum Store. Tickets are \$25 with discounts for members. Reservations are required. Call 630-719-2454. Ages 4 and up, The Arboretum Store.
June 26: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Get down in the dirt as you join in the fun of “Mud Painting” and look at some of the animals that live in the dirt. This drop-in activity is for all ages. Children’s Garden.
Daily in June: 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 June: 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Dig into a good book! Gather in the garden for “Arbor Reading” story time. June’s theme is “Diggin’ Dirt” All ages, the Children’s Garden amphitheater.
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in June: 11 a.m.–11: 20

Celebrate National Trails Day with a free guided walk around some of the most popular areas of the Arboretum- Meadow Lake and the Conifer Collection. Learn interesting facts about these areas from Arboretum guides. All ages. Visitor Center.
June 5: noon.

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Unless otherwise specified, all Arboretum events and destinations including the Children's Garden are free with Arboretum admission. The 2010 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 a world-renowned leader in tree science and education, working to save and plant trees. The 1,700-acre outdoor museum features magnificent 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, call to learn more.

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