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**Season Subscriptions for Cool Thursdays Concert Series 2019
go on sale November 19**

The premier concert series "Cool Thursdays" season subscriptions, sponsored by Wells Fargo, are on sale now at the Dallas Arboretum and feature six new exciting tribute bands. As Dallas' only concert series overlooking the picturesque White Rock Lake on the award-winning Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn, concert subscriptions have a history of selling out quickly. Cool Thursdays spring concert series kicks off on March 28 with "Emerald City", Dallas' Favorite Party Band. New additions for 2019 include "King George", A Tribute to George Strait; "Desperado", Texas' Premier Eagles Tribute Band; and "Philip Bauer", The Legend of Johnny Cash.

Subscription packages are the smartest deal for tickets to Cool Thursdays Concerts, offering savings of up to 66 percent, and make for unique and long-lasting Christmas gifts. All packages purchased by December 4 will be delivered in time for the holidays. Concert packages go on sale on Monday, November 19. Complete series subscriptions (22 concerts) are on sale for \$340. For spring series only, (14 concerts) \$225, and for fall series only, (8 concerts) \$140.

Spring 2019 Cool Thursdays Concert Series features new bands including, "King George", A Tribute to George Strait and "Desperado", Texas' Premier Eagles Tribute Band. George Strait, "King of Country", is one of the most influential and popular recording artists of all time. King George brings the music of George Strait to audiences with the sights and sound that mimic one of his shows. Desperado, a group of very seasoned musicians came together to pay tribute to the iconic music catalog of *The Eagles*. Formed right here in Dallas, Texas

in 2014. Desperado has continued to gain popularity over the last few years and has now reached top tier status playing many shows at large venues, city sponsored events, and regional shows on an annual basis.

New bands for the Fall 2019 Cool Thursdays Concert Series include "Honkytonk Bar Association", A Tribute to Garth Brooks; "The Purple Madness", America's #1 Prince Experience Band; and "Philip Bauer", The Legend of Johnny Cash. Inspired by Garth Brooks in the 90s, Shawn Gerhard of Honkytonk Bar Association grew up singing along with his radio to his favorite Garth tunes. He cultivated his silky-smooth vocals while performing in numerous venues throughout the United States and has shared the stage with countless recording artists like Brooks & Dunn, Alan Jackson and Martina McBride.

"The Purple Madness" is the ultimate celebration of the most widely beloved entertainer and profoundly influential artist of all-time. Bobby Miller presents an electrifying performance that can be best described as, high energy and a "must see" performance. Philip Bauer began his entertainment career in 1985. Throughout the 90s, Bauer played in bands performing his own music as well as his many impersonations of various artists. This award winning entertainer was a proud member of the Oklahoma Opry Association. Bauer considers it a blessing to be able to bring the music and memories of Johnny Cash to all his audiences. His show has taken him all across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia.

In addition to the coolest view of White Rock Lake, attendees can bring picnics and beverages or purchase food from some of DFW's favorite food trucks. The gardens are also open to stroll through before the concert to enjoy the stunning floral displays.

The concert series continues every Thursday this spring and early summer and again in the fall. Gates open at 6 p.m., spring concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and fall concerts begin at 7 p.m. For group tickets of 15 or more, call 214-515-6520. On-site parking is complimentary for all concerts and we encourage our guests to take advantage of the close covered parking available at the parking garage.

Hotel Accommodations for Cool Thursdays Concert Series are sponsored by: The Westin Dallas Downtown

Spring 2019 Lineup:

March 28 – Emerald City, Dallas' Favorite Party Band

Sponsored by: Jackson Walker

April 4 – King George (NEW), A Tribute to George Strait

Sponsored by: Marsh & McLennan

April 11 – Desperado (NEW), Texas' Premier Eagles Tribute Band

Sponsored by: True North Advisors

April 18 – Asleep at the Wheel, 9-time Grammy Award Winners from Austin, TX

Sponsored by: Sendero

April 25 – The Molly Ringwald's, The World's Greatest 80's Tribute Band

Sponsored by: Thompson & Knight

May 2 – Rocket Man, Elton John Tribute

Sponsored by: Wells Fargo Private Bank

May 9 – Limelight Band, An Emerald City Ensemble Party Band

Sponsored by: Gray Reed & McGraw

May 16 – Dancing Dream, ABBA Tribute Band

Sponsored by:

May 23 – Bruce in the USA, The World's #1 Tribute Band to Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band

Sponsored by: Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst

May 30 - The Motowners (NEW), An Incredible Tribute to the History of Motown

Sponsored by:

June 6 – Journey Unauthorized, The #1 Journey Tribute Band in America

Sponsored by:

June 13 – Turnstiles, Billy Joel Tribute Band

Sponsored by: DuBose Law Firm

June 20 - Man in the Mirror, A Tribute to the Late, Great Michael Jackson

Sponsored by:

June 27 – Sounds of Summer, Beach Boys Tribute

Sponsored by:

Fall 2019 Lineup:

September 5 – Neon Circus, Brooks & Dunn Tribute Band

Sponsored by:

September 12 – Philip Bauer (NEW), The Legend of Johnny Cash

Sponsored by:

September 19 – The Purple Madness (NEW), America's #1 Prince Experience Band

Sponsored by:

September 26 – Hard Night's Day, Beatles Tribute Band

Sponsored by: Wells Fargo Private Bank

October 3 – Honkytonk Bar Association (NEW), A Tribute to Garth Brooks

Sponsored by: Slalom

October 10 – Absolute Queen, The Queen Tribute Experience

Sponsored by: Storage Assessments

October 17 – Emerald City, Dallas' Favorite Party Band

Sponsored by: UMB Bank

October 24 – Kraig Parker, World Premier Elvis Presley Tribute Artist

Sponsored by: Kessler Collins

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$8. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

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