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The Oregon Garden Announces Entertainment Line-up for Summer Concert Series

Silverton, OR— Now in its 10th year as the venue for a summer concert series, The Oregon Garden is pleased to announce an exciting slate of entertainers for 2009.

Tickets go on sale May 20 for members of The Oregon Garden, and on May 27 for the general public. All concerts will take place amid The Oregon Garden's grassy-sloped Teufel Amphitheater surrounded by majestic 200-year-old oaks.

Concert-goers are invited to bring blankets or sand chairs and enjoy refreshments from concessionaires. Amphitheater gates open at 5 p.m. with shows beginning at 7 p.m. However, concert ticket holders may enter The Oregon Garden at 4 p.m. VIP ticket holders may enjoy sand chairs in a reserved section for an additional \$10 per ticket. Ages seven and under are free to concerts. No pets are allowed in the amphitheater.

Tickets may be purchased by calling The Oregon Garden at (503) 874-2538 (toll-free 877-674-2733), or through TicketsWest at 800-992-8499, www.ticketswest.com. Tickets will be mailed; a \$3 transaction fee applies to phone orders. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Oregon Garden Visitor Center or at all Safeway TicketsWest locations. Details on the concert venue may be found at www.oregongarden.org.

On-site parking is available for \$5. Additional parking is offered at the Robert Frost School and at Safeway, which are located one-half mile from the Garden. Members of The Oregon Garden enjoy discounted concert tickets and free parking. To become a member of The Oregon Garden, please visit www.oregongarden.org.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsorship opportunities during the concert series are invited to call The Oregon Garden at (503) 874-8252. "This event would not be possible without the community sponsors who offer such commitment and enthusiasm each year," said April Purdy, manager of The Oregon Garden.

2009 Oregon Garden Concert Series at The Oregon Garden

Friday, July 3 ---Amy Clawson / J.R. Joe and the Farm (opening)

The Oregon Garden's July 3 celebration kicks off this year's concert series with some of Oregon's finest country music. Nashville recording artist Amy Clawson headlines the evening's entertainment. Silverton residents enjoy free admission all day to The Oregon Garden while all attendees revel in an evening fireworks show at 10 p.m. The Oregon Garden is free to all after 6 p.m., and concert tickets are ONLY \$10 for Silverton residents and members of The Oregon Garden (\$15 for all other attendees).

Thursday, July 9 ---Three Dog Night / The Flextones (opening)

The legendary music icons of Three Dog Night enter their fourth decade of performing with founding members Cory Wells and Danny Hutton on lead vocals, and original band mates on keyboards and guitar. The band will recreate many of its 21 Top 40 singles that hit the charts from 1969 through 1974 including "Joy to The World," "Shambala," "Mama Told Me (Not To Come)," and "Celebrate."
\$20 members; \$25 non-members

Wednesday, July 22 --- Sam Bush / Grascals (opening)

Sam Bush extends the musical capabilities of the mandolin and the fiddle to incorporate a seamless blend of bluegrass, rock, jazz and reggae. As the founder and leader of the New Grass Revival, Bush pioneered and guided the evolution of modern hill country music. Opening act, the Grascals, shares its contemporary bluegrass sound, proving once again why they were chosen as the 2007 International Bluegrass Music Association's Entertainers of the Year.
\$15 members; \$20 non-members

Thursday, July 30 --- Crystal Gayle / Juice Newton (opening)

Time has been nothing but kind to the elegance of Crystal Gayle and her sweet and soaring melodies. From her number one hit, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," to her latest much anticipated project—"All My Tomorrows"—a mood influenced collection of American standards, Crystal doesn't disappoint. Opening act Juice Newton brings with her an energy that is never out of style with pop-country hits such as "Angel of the Morning," "Queen of Hearts" and "Love's Been A Little Bit Hard On Me."
\$20 members; \$25 non-members

Thursday, August 6 ---Swinging with Benny Goodman

Jazz vocalist Terry Blaine, jazz pianist Mark Shane and acclaimed clarinetist Allan Vache celebrate Benny Goodman's 100th birthday by performing the bandmaster's beloved hits.
\$15 members; \$20 non-members

Tuesday, August 11 ---Sawyer Brown

Join us for a highly energetic performance by one of country's most celebrated bands. Sawyer Brown has had three number one and 18 Top Ten hits, including "Some Girls Do," "The Dirt Road" and "Step That Step." With eight of their 16 albums reaching the Top Ten on Billboard charts, this is a show you will not want to miss!
\$20 members; \$25 non-members

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The Oregon Garden is an 80-acre botanical sanctuary that showcases the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest with more than 20 individual themed gardens and related attractions. The mission of The Oregon Garden is to welcome and inspire all visitors with an appreciation for the extraordinary ecology of the Pacific Northwest, and to provide a meaningful educational experience for gardeners of all skill levels and ages. Visit www.OregonGarden.org or call (503) 874-8100 for more information.