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## MSU Music and W.J. Beal Botanical Garden fuse art and science in summer series

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**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan State University College of Music joins the W.J. Beal Botanical Garden infusing music, art, science and sustainability in a series of interactive summer events in the heart of campus. The family-friendly events will take place in W.J. Beal Botanical Garden across from the newly-renovated Music Building on West Circle Drive and are free and open to the public.

The Music and the Garden series runs on select Sunday afternoons from June through September. Events start with drop-in family-oriented art and science activities, followed by concerts that will highlight MSU College of Music chamber music and jazz. After concerts, attendees can learn about threatened Michigan plants, pollinator gardens, native plants, and the restoration of the Red Cedar riverbank on campus.

Audience members are invited to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating. Events happen rain or shine, but if an event is canceled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the following day (Monday), at 6 p.m.

### Music and the Garden Series 2022 schedule

The garden is located on West Circle Drive (between I.M. Circle and MSU Library). All events begin with family-friendly activities at 1 p.m. followed by a 2 p.m. concert that concludes with gardening topics and tips.

#### ***In Tune with Nature***

**Sunday, June 5**

Instrumentalists perform the ideas of diverse composers on the sounds of nature with music from two flutes.

#### ***Percussion with Nature***

**Sunday, June 26**

MSU percussionists complement the natural ambiance of the garden with the sounds and melodies of marimba and other percussion instruments.

#### ***Soft and Sharp Jazz***

**Sunday, July 17**

The MSU Spartan Jazz Quartet performs toe-tapping works of soul, swing, blues and straight-ahead jazz.

#### ***SOUNDscapes***

**Sunday, August 14**

The award-winning MSU saxophone quartet, Sound Session, performs a variety of works that exemplify beautifully combined rhythm and melodic range.

#### ***Strings Sing***

**Sunday, September 11**

A hint of the fall season in the garden presents an MSU String Quartet to perform a range of traditional and contemporary classical chamber works.

*The Music and the Garden Series is presented by W.J. Beal Botanical Garden in partnership with musicians coordinated by the MSU College of Music. Pre- and post-performance activities are arranged by the staff of the W.J. Beal Botanical Garden. Learn more about upcoming events this summer at [music.msu.edu/events](https://music.msu.edu/events).*

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