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MUSIC IN FULL BLOOM

Symphony Presents Outdoor Concert at Norfolk Botanical Garden
Made Possible by Norfolk Tourism Opportunity Program (TOPS)

Norfolk, VA (August 28, 2009) - The Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Hampton Roads' pre-eminent professional regional orchestra and the nationally-renowned Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG), invite you to *Music in Full Bloom*, an afternoon of music, flowers and fun.

MUSIC IN FULL BLOOM – Three Garden Concerts

Sunday, September 20th from noon to 6 p.m.

Noon *C- Shells Children's Duo*

2 p.m. *TRADOC Rock Band*

4 p.m. *THE VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA*

The Virginia Symphony will conclude the day with their pops and light classics. But, be prepared for a few surprises as Associate Conductor Matthew Kraemer and the 79 musicians of the orchestra present Aaron Copland's *Hoedown* from *Rodeo*, Beethoven's Symphony "Pastorale", Broadway Tonight and a Salute to

the Armed Forces. Get up and dance as the orchestra rocks with the sounds of Ray Charles, The Beatles, Big Bands and Billy Joel!

Between concerts explore dozens of spectacular themed gardens by tram, boat or on foot. Children can play in the fountains in WOW, the Children's Adventure Garden (shoes required). Bring chairs and blankets. Food and beverages are available for purchase (no coolers, please).

Music in Full Bloom is made possible by a grant from the City of Norfolk's Tourism Opportunity Program (TOPS). Everyone can enjoy this extraordinary day for the cost of regular admission to the Garden: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and military, \$5 for children 3 – 18, toddlers free with parent. Admission is free to NBG members. The Garden is located at 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk and is open daily 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children's programs at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

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About Virginia Symphony

The Virginia Symphony Orchestra with a complement of 79 professional musicians under the direction of Grammy-winning Music Director JoAnn Falletta is the pre-eminent professional regional orchestra in Southeast Virginia. The orchestra performs more than 130 concerts annually, reaching 200,000 concert goers every season in venues throughout the region. VSO education and outreach programs reach 63,000 students and adult learners every year. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra is the cultural cornerstone of the performing arts in Hampton Roads. For more information, visit www.virginiasymphony.org

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From signature plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat or walking tours.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.