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12th Annual Music in the Gardens Tour, May 30**Artistic Director**
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The 12th annual *Music in the Gardens Tour* takes place this year on **Sunday, May 30**, from 1 to 5 pm. As in previous years, we feature **some of the areas finest gardens**, with **snacks, drinks, and wine** at each location. This year 6 different **music groups** complement the natural splendor and culinary selections with musical offerings spanning a range of folk and ethnic styles. This event is a **fundraiser** and proceeds benefit the continued operation of the *Baroque Festival's* annual concert season. **Tickets** are \$30 and available through Santa Cruz Tickets, the SC Baroque Festival, and various local garden and music stores. **Media** representatives are welcome to request media comps and/or a photography appointment.

Gardens & Music:

This year's tour features 1 garden in the Seabright neighborhood, a set of 3 gardens at 1 location on West Cliff Drive, and 1 garden near Nicene Marks in Aptos. A total of 6 music groups will be playing at these locations.

Garden 1 was once a "house with lawn." In less than two year's time the garden owner achieved the seemingly impossible and turned this space into a "designer garden" for his wife and himself. The abundance of color and texture, and the sheer variety of plants tantalizes the senses and suggests the name "Floribunda."

Gardens 2-4 are located on the grounds of the Shrine of St. Joseph, off of beautiful West Cliff Drive in vicinity of Lighthouse Field. This magnificent set of gardens is themed as follows: (2) "Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph," "Our Lady of Fátima," and "Our Lady of Lourdes." A music group will be performing at each of these three locations, and these include a mandolin duo and Hot Club Pacific playing acoustic gypsy swing. The art gallery will also be open during this event, and visitors to this indoor space will be greeted by Jennifer Cass playing harp.

Garden 5, titled "Bon Repos" (French for "good rest" or "repose") is a 2-acre estate nestled at the end of a winding road bordering Nisene Marks Park. Three years into its restoration, the garden boasts a vibrant blend of color and fragrance reminiscent of a fairy-tale. Multitudes of lilies, roses, iris, native plants and flowering vines abound. Additionally one finds a vegetable garden orchard, a "secret garden," and a plant nursery. Featured at this location is the Celtic teen band Mice in a Mug.

Snacks, drinks, and wine are provided at all 5 locations, and are largely contributed by local businesses, including Staff of Life, Yan Flower, Fresh Choice, and Driscoll's.

Maps & Directions: Ticket-holders receive maps and directions and can traverse the 5 gardens as suggested or as desired.

Tickets: Santa Cruz Tickets & Civic Center Box Office (www.santacruztickets.com, 831-420-5260 or 459-2159); SCBF (www.scbaroque.org, 831-457-9693); as well as local garden and music stores (announced on our website under "Tickets").

Entry Garden: For at-the-gate ticket sales during the event (1-5pm on May 30) please visit Garden 1 at 922 Windham Street in Santa Cruz (Seabright).