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Celebrate cultures from around the world at Huntsville Botanical Garden this summer

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (April 17, 2024) – Get ready to experience world cultures from the comfort and stunning surroundings of Huntsville Botanical Garden (HBG)—no passport required! Global Rhythm & Blooms is an enriching event series dedicated to celebrating the vibrant tapestry of cultures from Huntsville’s international communities through music, dance, food and drink. The event series will take place in the shade of the Cedar Glade on Thursdays, April 18 through Sept. 26, from 5 p.m. until dusk.

“Music, food, and flowers transcend language barriers and are deeply rooted aspects of cultures around the world,” said HBG CEO Susan Wagner. “Huntsville Botanical Garden is a place that invites and welcomes people of all walks of life to enjoy the beauty of nature, and the Global Rhythm & Blooms event series gives guests another reason to connect not only with our surroundings but also with each other.”

Global Rhythm & Blooms will rotate to a different culture or group of cultures every two weeks, allowing visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in cultural traditions expressed through entertainment, food, and beverages representative of that week’s designated culture. HBG is working with Huntsville and North Alabama cultural organizations to ensure cultural sensitivity.

“We are delighted by the support and assistance provided by the City of Huntsville’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,” said HBG Director of Marketing and Communications Laura McPhail. “Their help linking us with various community organizations helps us connect with subject matter experts to make these experiences more authentic. We’re very excited at the prospect of the Garden shining a light on the resources they provide while bringing the community together.”

Global Rhythm & Blooms is free for HBG members and is \$10 for non-members, after 5 p.m. Registration is not required. Leashed dogs are welcome to attend for \$5 each.

Schedule:

April 18 – Celtic

Music: Maple Hill Band

Dance: Performances by Highland Dancers and Southern Irish Dance

Food: Get Loaded food truck

April 25 – Celtic
Music: Irish Drum Center
Dance: Performances by Southern Irish Dance
Food: Get Loaded food truck

May 2 – Hispanic Cultures
Music: Tomas Gorrio
Food: Arepa Lovers food truck

May 9 – Hispanic Cultures
Music: Tomas Gorrio
Dance: Fred Astaire Dance Studios will teach free lessons in Salsa, Bachata, Cha Cha, and Rumba
Food: Nico's Grille and Café food truck

Visit hsvbg.org/grb for additional Global Rhythm & Blooms details for the following dates:

May 16 & 23 – Asian
May 30 & June 6 – French
June 13 & 20 – African American
June 27 & July 4 – Americana
July 11 & 18 – Caribbean
July 25 & August 8 – British
August 15 – Bayou / Cajun and Creole
August 22 & 29 – Native American
Sept. 5 & 12 – Indian
Sept. 19 & 26 – German Oktoberfest

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About Huntsville Botanical Garden

Huntsville Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to connect people to plants in order to support a healthier quality of life for the region. Open year-round, the Garden contains diverse ecosystems to explore within its 118 acres. From grassy meadows to woodland paths, aquatic habitats to stunning floral collections, the Garden invites guests of all ages to discover the beauty and wonder of the natural environment. For more information, visit hsvbg.org.