

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017

**Duke Performances Presents Music in the Gardens 2017:  
A Season of American Roots Music**

**April 18, 2017, Durham, NC** — Duke Performances presents **Music in the Gardens 2017**, featuring the best of American roots music broadly defined, Wednesday, June 7 through Wednesday, July 26, in the beautifully bucolic setting of Duke Gardens. This year's series is not only family- and picnic-friendly, but it remains very affordable: \$10 general admission, \$5 for Duke employees and students, and free for kids ages twelve and under. Tickets go on sale **Tuesday, May 2**, at 11 AM.

**Shows in June** feature the imaginative, magnetic pop of Durham resident Jenn Wasner of **FLOCK OF DIMES** (ex-Wye Oak), on Wednesday, June 7; the wondrous soul of Louisiana's **ROBERT FINLEY** (a Music Maker Relief Foundation artist), on Wednesday, June 14; the sardonic yet sweet alt-country of singer-songwriter **ROBBIE FULKS** (last seen at Duke Performances in *Kannapolis: A Moving Portrait*), on Wednesday, June 21 & the lush guitar pop tinged with late-1970s country of Durham native Kym Register's **LOAMLANDS**, on Wednesday, June 28.

**Shows in July** feature the soul, folk, and rock of "Americana dream team" **BIRDS OF CHICAGO**, on Wednesday July 5; the retro-country sound and hard-luck songs of Kentucky native **KELSEY WALDON**, on Wednesday, July 12; the soft harmonies and gently complex arrangements of Asheville's **RIVER WHYLESS**, on Wednesday, July 19; and the classic truck-stop mixtape sound of Winston-Salem country singer **CALEB CAUDLE**, on Wednesday, July 26.

Picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs are encouraged at Music in the Gardens. Meals and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase from The Palace International. Frozen treats will be available from Locopops. Alcohol is permitted; dogs, unfortunately, are not. There are restrooms onsite, and the venue is wheelchair accessible. Parking at Duke Gardens lots is free after 5 PM, and the lawn opens 30 minutes prior to each show. All shows start at 7 PM. **Tickets go on sale Tuesday, May 2**, online at [dukeperformances.org](http://dukeperformances.org), by phone at 919.684.4444, and in person at the Duke University Box Office on the top level of the Bryan Center on Duke's West Campus, open Monday-Friday, 11AM-6PM.

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**For tickets and more information, please visit [dukeperformances.org](http://dukeperformances.org)**

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