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**MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN PRESENTS ST. LOUIS LEGEND
CHUCK BERRY IN CONCERT, JULY 24**
“Three Stars over the Garden” Celebrates Institution’s Sesquicentennial

- WHAT:** “Three Stars over the Garden” concert featuring **Chuck Berry**
WHEN: **Friday, July 24 at 8 p.m.** Doors open at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Cohen Amphitheater, **Missouri Botanical Garden**, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis
COST: \$60 general public; \$50 Missouri Botanical Garden members. No refunds or exchanges; all sales are final.
INFO: Purchase tickets online at www.mobot.org/tickets or in person in advance at the Missouri Botanical Garden ticket counter (open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily). No phone orders.

(ST. LOUIS): “Roll Over, Beethoven!” The Missouri Botanical Garden presents St. Louis icon **Chuck Berry** in concert, **Friday, July 24 at 8 p.m.** “**Three Stars over the Garden**” celebrates the institution’s 150th anniversary in rocking style with its first-ever ticketed outdoor concert event, a tribute to three St. Louis legends: Missouri Botanical Garden founder, Henry Shaw; Garden president for over 37 years and world-renowned botanist, Dr. Peter H. Raven; and “The Father of Rock and Roll,” recording artist Chuck Berry, whose career has spanned more than five decades. All three are stars on the St. Louis Walk of Fame in the Delmar Loop.

Lawn seating only; tickets are \$60 for the general public and \$50 for Missouri Botanical Garden members. Purchase tickets online at www.mobot.org/tickets.asp or on site at the Garden. Limit four tickets per person, per transaction. No phone orders. No refunds or exchanges; all sales are final. Internet ticket orders will be available for pick up from the Garden’s ticket counter from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, July 26 at 8 p.m. if the Garden cancels the concert due to inclement weather. Ticket-holders must retain and present their original concert ticket as proof-

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ADD ONE: Chuck Berry concert

of-purchase for entry on the rain date.

Chuck Berry was born in St. Louis on Oct. 18, 1926. He got his first taste of the stage at his high school's student musical performance, when he sang "Confessin' the Blues." Soon after, Berry took up the guitar and began performing in a club band. In 1953, he joined Sir John's Trio, forming his own hillbilly sound and refining his unique style of showmanship. In 1955, Berry was signed by Chess Records and released the single "Maybellene," which rose to number one on the Rhythm and Blues Charts and number five on the Pop Charts. The success of "Maybellene" was followed by such hits as "Memphis," "Roll Over, Beethoven!" "Too Much Monkey Business," "Brown-Eyed Man," and his signature masterpiece, "Johnny B. Goode." He achieved his first and only number one Pop Chart hit in 1972 with "My Ding-A-Ling." In 1986, he was part of the first class of inductees in the history of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The "Three Stars over the Garden" concert will be held in the outdoor Cohen Amphitheater at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Doors open at 6 p.m.; music begins at 8 p.m. Lawn seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis; seat locations may not be held or reserved. Concertgoers may each bring either a single folding lawn chair or individual blanket (not to exceed eight-by-eight-foot in size). Accessible seating is available for guests in wheelchairs; please see a staff official upon arrival. No outside food or beverages, coolers, picnic baskets, oversized totes, large tarps, or other picnic gear permitted. Guests will be asked to return prohibited and over-sized items to their vehicles before entering the Garden. No in-and-out privileges. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free campus; no smoking or tobacco products allowed anywhere inside or outside.

A full assortment of beverages and light grab-and-go fare including sandwiches, hot dogs, assorted cheese plates, chips and cookies will be available for purchase.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, easily accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit. Free parking is available on site and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer. Concert entry is through the Ridgway Visitor Center only; the Cohen Amphitheater is approximately a ten-minute walk through the Garden from the point of entry.

For questions regarding online ticketing issues, e-mail visitorservices@mobot.org or call (314) 577-0232. For general information about the Missouri Botanical Garden, call the recorded event hotline at (314) 577-9400 or toll-free, 1 (800) 642-8842 or visit the Web site www.mobot.org. For more information about Chuck Berry, visit www.chuckberry.com.

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ADD TWO: Chuck Berry concert

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the nation, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2009. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

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NOTE: Digital color images available by request. Download media materials at www.mobot.org/press.

The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free every Wednesday and Saturday until noon (exception: special admission rate events). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, call (314)-577-5187 or visit www.mobot.org/volunteer. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.

(Note: A section of the I-64/U.S. 40 highway is under construction through 2009. Before traveling, check www.thenewi64.org for updates or visit www.GetAroundStL.com for other helpful information.)