



Date: December 16, 2009

**‘CELEBRATE THE GOSPEL’ AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHAT: Celebrate the Gospel concert
WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m.
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
COST: Included with Garden admission (\$8 adults; \$4 St. Louis City/County residents) or membership. Free children ages 12 and under.
INFO: www.mobot.org; (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Commemorate Black History Month with a heart-felt expression of African-American culture: gospel singing. The Missouri Botanical Garden hosts its annual **“Celebrate the Gospel”** concert on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. The event is included with Garden admission.

Vocalist Mardra Thomas, pianist Reginald Thomas and their ensemble return to the Garden with a “bouquet of love” for the special Valentine’s Day performance. Enjoy their renditions of soul-stirring gospel songs, both old and new, inside the Shoenberg Theater. Seating is limited and available first-come, first-served.

“Celebrate the Gospel” is included with Garden admission of \$8 adults, \$4 St. Louis City and County residents, and free to children ages 12 and under and Garden members.

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 at the west lot and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer.

For general information, visit www.mobot.org or call the recorded event line at (314) 577-9400 or toll-free 1 (800) 642-8842.

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NOTE: A digital color image is 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. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays 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.