



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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BAMA Winner Act of Congress to Headline Cocktails in The Gardens

BIRMINGHAM, AL—Cocktails in The Gardens returns to Birmingham Botanical Gardens on October 23 with a live performance from 2008 Birmingham Area Music Award winner Act of Congress. The foursome won the BAMA for best Country/Bluegrass/Americana band. This is the second in the series of three see-and-be-seen mixers this fall at The Gardens. More than 450 young professionals, live music fans and food enthusiasts made an appearance at the September 4 event that featured Sweet Saint Caroline.

Sour Cherry Slings is the themed cocktail of the night. A Social Affair will be serving hors d'oeuvres including Grilled Sour Cherry-Scented Chicken, Focaccia with Autumn Apricot Compote, Five-Spice Cured Smoked Salmon, Warm Vanilla Shrimp and a bounty of fall oven-roasted vegetables.

The event is designed to give young professionals a chance to mix-and-mingle in one of Birmingham's most beautiful settings and to increase awareness of membership, volunteer and philanthropic opportunities at The Gardens. Sponsors include A Social Affair, Magic 96.5, Fox 6, RealtySouth Young Realtors Council, Flower Magazine, Birmingham Magazine, Birmingham Home & Garden Magazine, and Cool People Care. Tickets are free for members and \$10 for non-members.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with over 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains more than 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and a Japanese garden with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and more than 11,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 325,000 yearly visitors.