



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Act of Congress Rocks Cocktails in The Gardens

Birmingham, AL—Birmingham Botanical Gardens hosted the second of three Cocktails in The Gardens last Thursday, October 23. Local sensations Act of Congress wowed hundreds of guests with original tunes and creative covers of songs like Radiohead's *High and Dry* and Coldplay's *Clocks*. Partygoers sipped Sour Cherry Slings, the themed drink of the evening, and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by *A Social Affair*.

The crowd varied from young professionals looking to mix-and-mingle to Gardens' members simply trying to find a good time. Some of those in attendance included Ashley Copeland with Ashley Copeland Inc., Henry Taliaferro Attorney at Law, Catherine Chestnut with Red Mountain Theatre Company, Susan D. Miller with MetLife, Margot Shaw with Flower Magazine, Brooke Allen with Fox 6, and John Tyson from Magic 96.5. The event was moved indoors to the Garden Center Auditorium due to the weather.

Act of Congress won the 2008 Birmingham Area Music Award (BAMA) for best Country/Bluegrass/Americana band and was recently on the cover of Portico magazine and will be featured in Billboard magazine this fall. Renegade bluegrass band Rollin' in the Hay is slated to perform November 13 and is expected to pack the Gardens yet again with their gang of loyal followers. The November 13 soiree starts at 5 p.m. and features the themed cocktail "Lemon Rosemary Bash" and delectable hors d'oeuvres by *A Social Affair*. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and free for members of Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains over 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 10,000 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.