



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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**COCKTAILS IN THE GARDENS IS BACK,  
BIGGER AND BETTER  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens Is The Place To Be  
For Young Professionals This Fall**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**– Cocktails in The Gardens 2008, a mixer designed for young professionals, is one of the most exciting social affairs in the metro area this fall. Hundreds of young professionals, music enthusiasts, food lovers, and Gardens supporters will come out to see-and-be-seen September 4, October 23, and November 13. Last year the events were staged in the smaller Rushton Garden but have been moved to the Hill Garden accommodate expected higher turnout this year.

A Social Affair is sponsoring and catering each event featuring signature cocktails, complimentary themed hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. Live music from prevailing artists will also be a part of the fun; starring Sweet Saint Caroline on September 4, Act of Congress on October 23, and Rollin' in the Hay on November 13. Tickets are free for members and \$10 for everyone else.

Cocktails in The Gardens is an effort to raise awareness among young professionals and their peers about membership, volunteer and philanthropy opportunities at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. It also gives up-and-coming **Birminghamians** an opportunity to mix and mingle in Birmingham's most beautiful settings. Sponsors are A Social Affair, Magic 96.5, Fox 6, Young Realtors Council, Flower Magazine, Birmingham Magazine, Birmingham Home & Garden Magazine, and Cool People Care.

**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 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 over 11,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to over 325,000 yearly visitors.