



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS



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**Todd Simpson Rocks Second Cocktails in The Gardens,
The White Oaks Set for Finale October 8**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Hundreds of fun-seekers came out to Birmingham Botanical Gardens on September 10 for the second in this year's Cocktails in The Gardens series, despite the threat of rain. Todd Simpson & Mojo Child played a riveting set of blues and southern rock ranging from classic covers to original songs, even including remakes of songs by newly popular bands such as Kings of Leon. The Gardens Café by Kathy G prepared a spread of delectable, Asian-inspired hors d'oeuvres as well as the signature drink – "Lotus and Lychee Libations."

The White Oaks, known for their unique, gospel-inspired indie sound, take the stage October 8 for the seasonally-themed "Apple-Barrel Bash" on October 8 for the final Cocktails in The Gardens. The band was recently named Best Local Music Group in Birmingham News' annual Best of the Best list. The Gardens Café is catering a fall-inspired menu with cocktail snacks like sausage-and-pecan-stuffed mushrooms, mini BLTs, vegetable crudités and sweet potato biscuits. Tickets are \$10 but members of The Gardens get in free.

Several guests walked away with very valuable gifts and prizes September 10; Andrew Martin won sunglasses from Schaeffer Eye Center and a necklace and earrings from Bromberg's Fine Jewelry; Cindy Fravert won a potted floral arrangement from Leaf 'n Petal and Honey Johnson won a \$500 gift certificate from Bromberg's Fine Jewelry. There will be more giveaways October 8. ArtWorks Alabama set up an interactive painting that will once again be auctioned online to raise money for The Gardens; the painting from the first Cocktails in The Gardens sold for more than \$150 earlier this month.

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, miles of serene paths and a public horticulture library. The Gardens is open daily and offers free admission.