

*Brookgreen Gardens' Cool Summer Evenings 2010 –An Exciting New Chapter of Live Entertainment*

For nine weeks this summer, the sounds of live entertainment will stir the quiet of the gardens when Brookgreen remains open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings until 9 p.m. From June 16 to August 13, during *Cool Summer Evenings*, guests will enjoy a broad array of exciting performances from Broadway show tunes and Latin jazz to the musical genius of Stephen Sondheim. In addition, there is a historical outdoor adventure drama featuring well-known women pirates, Anne Bonney and Mary Reid, who sailed alongside the colorful pirate, Calico Jack. All performances are included in the regular garden admission of \$12 - adults and \$6 -children, *which is good for seven consecutive days*. Evening creek cruises are available for \$7 in addition to garden admission.

The approach of this year's Cool Summer Evenings is the widest and most varied in its 11-year existence. "Cool Summer Evenings has always been a wonderful way to open the gardens and enliven the wonderful surroundings with music and drama," said Pat Tukey, Vice President of Development and Public Operations. "This year we wanted to expand what Brookgreen has traditionally offered and what we have come up with is a winning summer, with truly something for everyone."

Brookgreen will kick off the first week with "The Language of Love: The Music and Lyrics of Stephen Sondheim" on Wednesday, June 16. Then on Thursday pianists and vocalists Jackie O'Neil and Gretchen Downer will perform show tunes. On Friday, we present a premier tribute to the music of Billy Joel with Mike Santoro on piano and vocals. Santoro brings an amazing passion and soul to the unmistakable and beloved music of Billy Joel in 'The Stranger'. All performances will be held rain or shine. For more information including the complete schedule of summer entertainment, please call (843) 235-6000 or go to [www.brookgreen.org](http://www.brookgreen.org)

