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CALLAWAY GARDENS' ANNOUNCES DATES FOR 2017 SYMPHONY ON THE SAND FEATURING THE COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Enjoy Wonderful Music Under the Stars; Tickets, Tables, Overnight Packages Now Available

PINE MOUNTAIN, GA (03/27/2017) – Enjoy the tenth annual Symphony on the Sand at Callaway Gardens® on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 8 p.m.

“The 2017 Symphony on the Sand is set to be spectacular,” said Andy Brown, director of recreation for Callaway Gardens. “Whether this will be your first year or tenth time attending, the experience is just so memorable. We are thrilled to again feature the talented Columbus Symphony Orchestra and hope that everyone will come out for this night under the stars.”

A limited number of stage front tables* on the beach (with eight chairs and table cloths) are available for $300 to $400 based on proximity to the stage. A variety of food baskets created by Callaway Gardens’ culinary team, lead by Executive Chef Sid
Kurrimbukus, are available for purchase. To order, visit www.callawaygardens.com/cso.

Limited food concessions will be available onsite.

**General seating** on the lawn at Robin Lake Beach is available online in advance for $25 or at the gate for $30. Admission is half-price of same-day ticket pricing for Callaway Gardens Annual Passholders and active/retired military and their dependents, upon presentation of a valid military identification card at the gate. Those with lawn seating should bring a chair or blanket.

The Robin Lake Beach gate will open at 5 p.m. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation (ICCF). For information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Carson Bayer at cbayer@callawaygardens.com.

Dress is casual.

“This is always an amazing night at Callaway Gardens. Truly, the best way to experience it is on the overnight package,” said Brown. “It includes general admission concert tickets, lodging accommodations, transportation to and from your lodging choice, and admission to the Gardens each day of stay and day of departure.” Overnight packages start at $229* in The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens. Packages also are available for the Cottages, Villas, or Vacation Homes.

Callaway Gardens®, is in Pine Mountain, Ga., 60 minutes southwest of Atlanta and 30 minutes north of Columbus. For additional information, call 1.800.463.6990 or visit www.callawaygardens.com/cso.

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*Rates are per room, per night based on double occupancy in The Lodge and Spa’s woodland view room. Taxes, resort services charge, and state fee are not included. Based on availability. Not valid for groups.

**About the Columbus Symphony Orchestra**

Founded in 1855 by Mendelssohn’s student, Herman S. Saroni, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra became the second orchestra formed in the United States. The symphony disbanded during the Civil War and both World Wars, but always reorganized during times of peace. In 1949, the organization as we know it today, was formed and
has performed for 64 consecutive years. The CSO has been a professional orchestra since the late 1970s and employs as many as 90 musicians for any given concert. Long recognized as one of the southeast's finest musical ensembles, the CSO currently performs at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

About Callaway Gardens
For more than 65 years, Callaway Gardens has provided “a place of relaxation, inspiration and a better understanding of the living world” for millions of visitors. Owned and operated by the non-profit Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Callaway Gardens includes a garden and resort on thousands of acres in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Highlights include a butterfly conservatory, discovery center, chapel, inland beach, nature trails, and special events throughout the year.

In addition, Callaway Gardens offers a spa, meeting space, restaurants, shops, golf, tennis, fishing, and more.

Note to Editors: Images, interviews, and visits to the event can be arranged. Thank you.