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**Boston Natural Areas Network  
presents free concerts with  
“Sounds of the Garden”**

**BOSTON, MA – July 14, 2011** – Boston’s Community Gardens will come alive this summer with the unique *Sounds of the Garden* concert series. The free concerts are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in July and August

On Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m., Boston Natural Areas Network will kick off this year’s, *Sounds of the Garden*, with the Leo Colon Jazz Project at the newly renovated Nightingale Community Garden, 512 Park Street, Dorchester. You are invited to visit the 134 vibrant garden plots and enjoy Latin jazz with an accent on Caribbean rhythms featuring great tunes for dancing and grooving.

On August 3 the series continues with Lloyd Thayer, master of the blues guitar, at Leland Street Community Garden, 2-6 Leland Street, Jamaica Plain. A perennial favorite, Thayer is welcomed back as gardeners continue to enjoy his varied blues style on resonator guitar and harmonica.

On August 10 the music returns to Nightingale Garden with the energetic Valdisa Moura who will entertain you with a wonderful mix of Brazilian folk and jazz tunes.

On August 24 the series wraps up with Deborah and Giovanni Rocha performing lively Brazilian inspired originals and samba and bossanova standards at Southwest Corridor Community Farm, 57 Lamartine Street, Jamaica Plain.

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“Community gardens are always alive with excitement from gardeners and neighbors,” said Valerie Burns, BNAN president. “*Sounds of the Garden* is a way to welcome the broader community into the garden.” Dancing and audience participation is encouraged. Children are welcome and participants should remember to bring a blanket or chair.

The free concert series, now in its ninth season, is generously funded and produced by Ellen Schmidt and Jake Kensinger. The one hour concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 20, August 3, 10 and 24. Contact BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) for more information.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand, and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways, and urban wilds. For more information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696.

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