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Art and Music to Come Alive at the Water Conservation Garden

Spring Garden Festival to feature San Diego Symphony and San Diego Watercolor Society

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Water Department is inviting everybody interested in art, music, and the environment to become part of the Fifth Annual Water Conservation Paint-Out during the Spring Garden Festival. If beautiful art and surroundings aren't enough, the Symphony Brass of the San Diego Symphony will be playing water-themed music at the garden's amphitheatre. The Festival is from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2008. The symphony will be playing at 2 p.m. in the amphitheatre.

The Paint-Out event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., allows artists to capture the beauty of the Conservation Garden's drought-tolerant plants under the expert instruction of accomplished watercolorist Cal Fortbrook. Co-sponsored by the City's Water Department and the San Diego Watercolor Society, the event will take place in the Conservation Garden's Gazebo and will let artists learn more about how to convey the aesthetic details of "California Friendly" plants. Artists and community members are encouraged to bring their own materials and join in this fun and creative activity.

The Spring Garden Festival's newest partner this year, Symphony Brass, will be a brilliant addition to the Festival's environment. Symphony Brass was formed in 1989, by members of the San Diego Symphony brass section. The ensemble performs in many venues around the county, and can be heard on classical-music stations.

"This is a special year for us because we have been celebrating water awareness with the San Diego Watercolor Society and the Water Conservation Garden for the past five years and this year we are excited to have partnered with the San Diego Symphony," said Luis Generoso, Water Resources Manager for the City of San Diego. "Our partnerships have allowed us to share the benefits of water conservation with the community through the beauty of the Garden, inspiration from the artwork produced by talented watercolor artists, and this year with wonderful music from Symphony Brass."

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“The Garden is an incredible place for painting and for learning about water conservation,” said Carol Thomason, President of the San Diego Watercolor Society. “We hope to show San Diegans the beauty found in these types of water-efficient plants and flowers and encourage them to opt for a more natural California landscape at home.”

“We’re thrilled the City of San Diego’s Water Department asked us to participate in the Spring Garden Festival this year,” said Douglas Hall, Orchestra Personnel Manager for the San Diego Symphony. “We look forward to creating water awareness through the music we will play at this lovely event.”

Parking and admission to the Spring Garden Festival are free. The Water Conservation Garden is located on the campus of Cuyamaca College at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA 92019. For more information on the festival or the Garden, please visit www.thegarden.org or call (619) 660-0614.

For more information on the San Diego Watercolor Society, please visit www.sdws.org or call (619) 876-4550. For more information on the Paint-Out demonstration, please contact Destree Lazo at (619) 232-2112, ext. 104, or via email at DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz.

The Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation> or call (619) 515-3500.