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**Quail Botanical Gardens Announces Summer Jazz Concert Series**  
*--Enjoy Performances by Rob Mullins, Gilbert Castellanos & Raggle Taggle--*

ENCINITAS, CA – May 7, 2008 – For three Sundays in July and August, Quail Botanical Gardens brings you the hottest jazz performances in town. Theatre-style seating on the Lawn Garden is the perfect place to listen to the sweet sounds of jazz on a warm Southern California summer night as the sun slowly sets on the Pacific Ocean.

Each concert features an optional catered gourmet dinner served in the intimate Walled Garden before the show. Please arrive at 5:00 pm to enjoy dinner and 5:45 pm for the concert-only portion of the evening.

To purchase tickets, please contact Kelly at 760/ 436-3036 x206. For more information, visit [www.qbgardens.org](http://www.qbgardens.org). Ticket prices are as follows: Concert with dinner: Members \$40, non-members \$45 (Please make your reservations by 1 PM Wednesday before the concert.). Concert only: Members \$20, non-members \$22.

This year's featured artists are:

**July 20: Rob Mullins Trio**

Rob Mullins rose to international acclaim as an American pianist and composer in the 80s with his *Soulscape* project, which earned him a Grammy Nomination for composition. Since that time, Rob has gone on to record 12 CDs of his music, three of which went Billboard Top Ten. His credits read like a who's who of jazz and pop music. His current and 17th CD, *STORYTELLER*, breaks new ground combining new genres with his early sounds to take piano music to a new level.

**August 3: Gilbert Castellanos Latin Jazz Quintet featuring Irving Flores**

San Diego based trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos is a major force on the San Diego jazz scene and one of the leading trumpeters in the Southern California area. He has performed and recorded with many of today's great jazz musicians, including Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, Charlie Hayden, Les McCann and Poncho Sanchez, to name a few. *Downbeat Magazine* recently voted him one of the top trumpet players in the country and one of the top 25 jazz artists to watch.

**August 17: Raggle Taggle**

This San Diego based band has developed an International jazz and Celtic sound that is truly unique. From Pirate music to French Gypsy Swing to Latin Jazz, and Nuevo-Flamenco, to Celtic -Irish, English, Welch, Scottish, French, and European Influence – there's a little something for everyone when you come to see a Raggle Taggle show. This concert will feature some amazing Irish dancers too.

**About Quail Botanical Gardens**

Set on 30 acres in north coastal San Diego County, Quail Botanical Gardens' mission is to inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature. The Gardens includes nearly 3,500 kinds of plants representing three general plant habitat types: desert collections, Mediterranean collections and subtropical/tropical collections. Demonstration gardens such as the children's garden, "Seeds of Wonder," also encourage conservation education, focusing on horticultural themes and traditional uses of plants. For more information, visit [www.qbgardens.org](http://www.qbgardens.org).

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