

GARDENS SOUND POLICY

INTENT

To honor the agreements made between Denver Botanic Gardens, the City of Denver and Neighborhood Associations; to maximize the experience provided for daily visitors of the Gardens; and to fulfill the needs of rental clients, we offer limited, specific use of amplification during certain private events, as described herein.

ACOUSTIC SOUND - VOICE AND MUSIC

Acoustic music provides the most appropriate atmosphere for weddings and other social gatherings in the Gardens and is encouraged by the Gardens' staff. Acoustic voice is permitted without limitation throughout Denver Botanic Gardens and is understood to include vocals such as the spoken word – a wedding officiant during a ceremony, wedding couple speaking and religious officiant during memorial service. Acoustic music includes unamplified vocals and the following instruments:

- Upright Bass
- Guitar (rhythm, lead, Spanish, classical, acoustic)
No electric guitars permitted.
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Harp
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Keyboard with built in speakers.

No other instruments are included in this category.

Instruments absolutely not allowed include:

- Bagpipes
- Accordions
- Horns and all brass instruments which includes all horns – trumpet, tuba, baritone, trombone, French horn, etc.
- Drums
- Steel Drums

AMPLIFIED SOUND CLASS A (OUTDOOR VOICE AND MUSIC)

Amplified Sound Class A pertains to spoken word into a microphone, iPod (or similar) music into a speaker system and a slideshow with accompanying iPod (or similar) music into a speaker system. No musical instruments are to be amplified/enhanced in this class. All amplified sound (Class A) at private events within the Gardens must be provided exclusively by PSI, Production Services International. In order to have Amplified Sound Class A at the Gardens, the client must host private event in one of the following approved gardens: **Romantic Gardens, South African Plaza and All-America Selections Garden.**

Audio packages are not available at any other exterior garden sites outside the above three defined gardens. No exceptions!

PSI management assures that all amplification will be contained to the immediate garden area and not interfere with other Gardens visitors' experiences nor be disruptive to neighbors. Amplification cannot exceed **one hour**. This means either 60 consecutive minutes or broken into smaller increments of time but **never to exceed one hour of amplification over the course of your rental time.**

AMPLIFIED SOUND CLASS B (INTERIOR)

Amplified Sound B in interior spaces (Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates Garden Court and Marnie's Pavilion) is permitted. The Orangery is classified as an "interior" space **only** during winter months when the glass doors remain closed at all times to the outside.

Please note, if client decides to host a wedding ceremony inside Marnie's Pavilion, the Gardens highly recommends client to hire PSI for amplification due to the waterfall feature.

Any sound used in Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates Garden Court and Marnie's Pavilion shall be contained to the immediate rented area and not disturb the public lobby and other private events being held in adjacent spaces. If client is renting Mitchell Hall and/or Gates Garden Court, balcony doors must remain closed to deter sound from traveling. The Gardens' staff has the authority to shut down private event music if rule is not followed. If this occurs, **no refund for private event will be given.**

If the client is hosting a reception in Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates Garden Court or Marnie's Pavilion, a DJ is permitted. Please note the client is allowed to hire a DJ of their choice. DJ's must come with own equipment and be self-contained. DJ's are not permitted to use any of Denver Botanic Gardens' audio equipment without a PSI representative present for the duration of event.

TIME OF EVENTS

Outdoor private events must end by 9 p.m. Indoor private events must end by 11 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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