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Queens Botanical Garden Offers Four Summer Concerts

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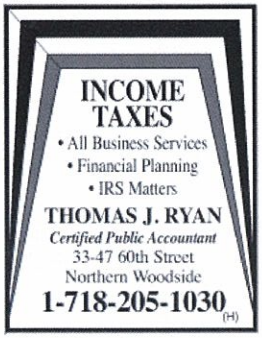
Sofia Rei, Argentine-American singer, appears Saturday, July 23 at the first of Queens Botanical Garden's four Music in the Garden concerts.

The Queens Botanical Garden Music in the Garden series will feature four outdoor concerts this summer. The first will be held July 23, the second August 13. Two others, the artists for which are as yet unnamed, are expected to occur later in August and September. Admission to each concert comes with admission to the garden itself.

On Saturday, July 23, Argentine-American singer Sofia Rei and her multi-national ensemble will perform in the garden's Oak Allee at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will go on sale at 6 p.m.

Rei is celebrated for her precise and powerful voice and remarkable vocal range. Her performances are described as having "emotional impact that leaves audiences gasping for air and begging for more". For more information, visit Rei's Web site www.Sofiamusic.com.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, an evening of music and dance will be performed by artists of the Korean Traditional Music and Dance Institute (KTMDI), regarded in some quarters as the oldest Korean performing arts troupe in New York City. KTMDI's mission is preserving and promoting Korea's arts traditions. For more information, visit their Web site, www.ktmdi.org. Traditional Korean food will also be available at the concert.

The other two concerts are believed to be Indian and Chinese in theme. More details will be available at a later date.

Queens Botanical Garden can be reached by elevated/subway, the Long Island Rail Road, bus or automobile. The No. 7 subway and the LIRR Port Washington line trains stop at their respective Main Street/Flushing stations, and Q44 or Q20 buses can be boarded on Main Street to get to the QBG entrance at Main Street and Elder Avenue. Drivers can take the Long Island Expressway to exit 23, Main Street, or the Van Wyck Expressway to exit 12A. Directions for parking are available at www.queensbotanical.org.