



Reeves-Reed Arboretum Welcomes New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble



Sound of a Summer Night continues at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit on Wednesday evening, July 29. (courtesy photo)

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Dance will be the fill of fare as the summer concerts-in-the-garden series, Sound of a Summer Night, continues at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, Wednesday evening, July 29, when the Arboretum welcomes its newest Summit partner, the [New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble](#).

NJDTE fosters advanced ballet, modern, and contemporary dance programs, premieres new works and maintains a diverse repertory by renowned

choreographers. For Sounds of a Summer Night, NJDTE will offer an evening of site-specific dances choreographed on the grounds of the Arboretum.

The audience will move from location to location, offering concertgoers a panoramic view of the dances as well as the lovely gardens. Each piece, created specifically for and on the terrain of the Arboretum, will offer the dancers, as well as guests, a 'new way' to experience the nature around them.

Founded in 1969 under the direction of internationally acclaimed ballet master, Alfredo Corvino, and now led by award-winning dancer and choreographer, Artistic Director Nancy Turano, NJDTE has recently established a new home base in downtown Summit.

Together with Reeves-Reed Arboretum, plans are underway to explore the possibility of creating "our own Jacob's Pillow right here in Summit, NJ," muses Turano.

Sounds of a Summer Night opened the 2015 series with a wonderful concert featuring 25 young flutists from the New Jersey Youth Symphony. Despite the threat of rain, over 112 people attended the season's inaugural event. A full calendar of the summer concerts is available at www.reeves-reedarboretum.org.

All Sounds of a Summer Night concerts are on Wednesday evenings, rain or shine and begin with the Arboretum grounds opening up at 6 pm for concertgoers to picnic. The performances are from 7-8 pm. The cost is free to RRA Members (thanks to underwriting support from Investors Bank). There is a \$10 per person donation for non-members (\$5 for students).

These concerts are made possible, in part, by support from The Grand Summit Hotel, Tracy and Nick McKee, and the Summit Area Public Foundation. Visit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org to learn about the Arboretum's programs, camps, workshops and event.

Celebrating over 40 years as an historic public garden, education resource, and non-profit conservancy, Reeves-Reed Arboretum seeks to engage, educate and enrich the public through horticulture and environmental education, and

the care and utilization of the gardens and estate. Open 7 days a week from dawn till dusk, the Arboretum is listed on both the National and New Jersey State Historic Registers.

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