

# Pasadena Symphony & POPS

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## MICHAEL FEINSTEIN SINGS FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY WITH THE PASADENA POPS

Pasadena CA - **Michael Feinstein**, the incomparable two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy-nominated entertainer joins the **Pasadena POPS** for one night only to sing a full concert celebrating the musical legacy of George and Ira Gershwin on **Saturday, July 19 at the Los Angeles Arboretum** with “**Michael Feinstein SINGS Gershwin.**” Feinstein shares both the music of the Gershwins and personal stories from his recent book *The Gershwins and Me*, which reflects upon his six-year collaboration with Ira Gershwin.

A multi-platinum-selling entertainer, Feinstein is an old-fashioned crooner with luxuriant vocals that meld the traditions of old and new, and is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards. Hear songs such as “S Wonderful,” “Shall We Dance,” “I’ve got A Crush On You,” “Nice Work If You Can Get It,” “Fascinating Rhythm,” “Embraceable You,” “Rialto Ripples” and “Someone to Watch Over Me,” along with “An American in Paris Overture,” a tribute to Fred Astaire and a cross-section of the finest Gershwin songs with a few surprises through in...because, after all, he *is* Michael Feinstein.

His 200-plus shows a year have included performances at Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House, and the Hollywood Bowl as well as the White House and Buckingham Palace. The roots of all of his work began in Columbus, Ohio, where Feinstein started playing piano by ear as a 5-year-old. After graduating from high school, he worked in local piano bars for two years, moving to Los Angeles when he was 20. In July of 1977, the widow of legendary concert pianist-actor Oscar Levant introduced him to Ira Gershwin. Feinstein became Gershwin’s assistant for six years, which earned him access to numerous unpublished Gershwin songs, many of which he has since performed and recorded. Gershwin’s influence provided a solid base upon which Feinstein evolved into a captivating performer, composer and arranger of his own original music.

The family-friendly concerts will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Among many venue amenities, audiences can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet dining packages for on-site pickup from Julienne, Marston’s, and Claud & Co. The food court will host mouth-watering food trucks plus specialty ice creams by Choctál. The experience is now even more convenient with two full beverage centers serving fine wines, beer, coffee and soft drinks plus exclusive hotel packages for POPS patrons at Pasadena’s landmark Langham Huntington Hotel. Patrons may also visit the Pasadena Humane Society’s Mobile Adoption Unit, which will be on-site prior to each concert with animals in need of a forever home as part of the Pups for POPS program.

Audiences get the ultimate outdoor concert experience: large LED video screens, superior sound quality and the high-quality production value that is a signature of the Pasadena POPS. The best outdoor dinner party in town comes with spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket – each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends. The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Single tickets start at \$20 and are available by calling the box office at 626.793.7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on the day of the concerts.

### IF YOU GO:

- **What:** The Pasadena POPS presents “MICHAEL FEINSTEIN SINGS GERSHWIN”

- **When:** July 19, 2014. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** The LA County Arboretum | 301 N Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007
- **Cost:** Tickets start at \$20.00 for lawn seating and \$42 for table seating
- **Dining:** Gates open at 5:30pm. Guests are welcome to bring their own food and drink or visit one of the many onsite gourmet food vendors.
- **Parking:** Free parking is available at the Westfield Santa Anita shopping center with free non-stop shuttles to the main gate.

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