

SOUND POLICY

INTENT | To honor the agreements made between Denver Botanic Gardens, the City of Denver and Neighborhood Association 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 non-amplified vocals and the following instruments:

- All string instruments
- Woodwind instruments
- Keyboard with built in speakers

No other instruments are included in this category.

*A limited number of musicians and vocalists are permitted. Please contact your Gardens Event Representative to receive approval and determine the number of people in the band.

Instruments absolutely not allowed include:

- Accordions
- Bagpipes
- Brass instruments, including all horns: trumpet, tuba, baritone, trombone, French horn, etc.
- Drums
- Electric Guitars
- 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 internal DBG Audio Video team or PSI, Production Services International. Personal audio equipment such as amps or boom boxes are not allowed in the gardens. 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, UMB Bank Amphitheater Tent and Annuals Garden and Pavilion.

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

DBG AV & 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. The UMB Bank Amphitheater Tent can only have 60 minutes maximum of spoken word.

AMPLIFIED SOUND CLASS B (INTERIOR) | Amplified Sound Class B in interior spaces (Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates 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.

If the client is hosting a reception in Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates Garden Court or Marnie's Pavilion, a DJ is permitted, but must file a vendor form with Private Events.

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 or DBG representative present for the duration of event.

Please note, if client decides to host a wedding ceremony inside Marnie's Pavilion, the Gardens highly recommends client to hire DBG AV or PSI for amplification due to the waterfall feature, but it is not required.

Any sound used in Mitchell Hall, Gates Hall, Gates 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 rules are not followed. If this occurs, no refund for private event will be given.

TIME OF EVENTS | Outdoor private events must end by 9 p.m. Indoor private events must end by 11 p.m.

GARDENS ASSOCIATE | The Gardens reserves the right to make changes to the sound policy and the list of excluded instruments at any time.

The Gardens' staff has the authority to shut down private event music if rules are not followed. If this occurs, no refund for private event will be given. Additional penalties may apply if sound policy is broken.

FOR MORE INFORMATION | Contact AvEvents@botanicgardens.org