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HEALING GARDENS DOCUMENTARY DISCOVERS WHISTLING GARDENS

“Fountain Amphitheatre Acknowledges Canadian Composer’s Legacy & Inspires Intimate Norfolk County Backstories”

(Wilsonville, Norfolk County Ontario Canada – August 6, 2021) From corn field to botanical gardens... Whistling Gardens a federal, provincial and municipal multi-award winning privately owned botanical garden, home to several rare and recognized plant collections will be featured in the Canadian documentary, Healing Gardens scheduled for release in 2022.



From Left to Right | The Healing Gardens Team at Whistling Gardens
Scott Burgess (Camera), Charlie Dobbin (Host), John Thorton (Producer), Tanya Van Rooy (Film Norfolk), Darren Heimbecker (Whistling Gardens Owner), Lego the Swedish Vallhund (Whistling Gardens Greeter), Bill Mantas (Director), Ryan Clarke (Camera).

HEALING GARDENS | A documentary series: This 10-part documentary series explores the healing capabilities of nature — gardens, gardening and unique green spaces — and their transformative powers that provide abundant health benefits to a diverse population with different needs. In each episode we look not only at the splendour of the gardens, but also the souls and stories of healing and transformation behind the people who grow them and tell them.

“When you’re busy doing the work, you are never anticipating such an unexpected surprise invitation,” Darren Heimbecker, Whistling Gardens.

Working with Associate Producer, Gayle Shulman, the documentary segment includes several intimate interviews with nature lovers

personally connected to Whistling Gardens willing to share their own transformative story of nature’s healing. The film will also focus on the [Fountain Amphitheatre](#) artistry, inspired by Andre Le Notre's 1634 design at the Palace of Versailles. Over 3 years in the building, the stone open-air amphitheatre complete with a backdrop of 100+ fountains, features original Canadian compositions especially written for the musical fountain program. Heimbecker works with state of the art digital technology in his home studio to produce the creative writing, editing, mixing and mastering. The latest in computer technology operates the fountain program. Next year also represents Whistling Gardens 10th Anniversary, the same year as the Healing Gardens release and a Canadian Year of The Garden Proclamation. *“At this point, we are still on schedule to introduce our evening fountain programming which should be ready by August of 2022, as we celebrate with our Festival of Fountains,”* shares Darren Heimbecker, Whistling Gardens.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of gardens and gardening in living a healthy mental and physical life. At the Canadian Garden Council, we believe that doctors should be prescribing gardens and gardening. In the spirit of the Healing Gardens series, one of our goals for Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022 is for every Canadian to have a ‘Garden Prescription’. We call it Garden RX.” Michel Gauthier, Executive Director, Canadian Garden Council.

The Heimbeckers contacted Norfolk County Mayor, Kristal Chopp who brought remote greetings, and arranged a “bounty basket” of local harvest and goods in conjunction with their Economic Development and Tourism Department. Tanya Van Rooy was also contacted to present the Mayor’s formal welcome letter and county gift to help build a “Welcome” framework between Film Norfolk to elevate this new emerging market in Norfolk County for local businesses.

Produced by JTM Healing Gardens Inc., the series will be broadcast by Vision Television and will reach over ten million homes across Canada in 2022. There are 20 Botanical Gardens in Canada. Whistling Gardens opened on May 26, 2012, as Canada's newest privately owned botanical garden, not witnessed in over 50 years located in Norfolk County, in Ontario's Garden.

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