Live theatre at the U.S. Botanic Garden

Flowers Stink

A botanical musical co-commissioned by the Kennedy Center and the U.S. Botanic Garden:

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Words and music by Debra Buonaccorsi and Stephen McWilliams
Directed by Gregg Henry

When you live in a big city, a.k.a. “the concrete jungle,” sometimes it’s hard to appreciate the great outdoors. That’s definitely the case with one middle school student struggling with writing a nature-themed poem for school. Giving up, she tweets: “#natureisborings #flowersstink.” Suddenly, two zany and loveable plants magically come to life in her room, encouraging her to open her eyes, ears, and mind to the beauty all around her. Pointing to her own family history, the girl’s newfound friends transport her to the flora of a desert, a volcano, and a rain forest to help unleash her creativity. Mixing plenty of singing and dancing with folk, bluegrass, blues, and gospel, this colorfully inventive world premiere musical--by the Helen Hayes Award-winning creators of Dizzy Miss Lizzie’s Roadside Revue--shows that, if you look closely enough, you can find the best of nature.
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Performed outdoors on the Amphitheatre stage at the U.S. Botanic Garden | FREE

Open seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of rain, the show will be performed inside the Conservatory in the West Gallery.

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