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Tickets for the evening fundraiser go on-sale Friday, October 20, 2017 at Noon

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Garden of Dreams Foundation is pleased to announce *Concert for Dreams*, a unique two-part concert experience and the first ever benefit concert in support of the Foundation. The two-part event will include an evening fundraising concert featuring O.A.R. and special guests, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels co-founder of Run-DMC and Garden of Dreams Board member, Gavin DeGraw, Robert Randolph, Adam Duritz of Counting Crows and Nate Ruess of fun. with more acts to be announced at the Beacon Theatre on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8:00 p.m., with all net proceeds going directly to Garden of Dreams. Tickets for the fundraising show will be available for pre-sale beginning on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. and go on-sale to the public Friday, October 20, 2017 at Noon. There will also be a dedicated Garden of Dreams kids concert on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Elvis Duran of Z100, featuring O.A.R. and all of the evening performers plus Rachel Crow and Ansel Elgort, with more acts and celebrity presenters to be announced. Lineup is subject to change.

"As a New Yorker, I have been tremendously inspired by the impact Garden of Dreams has made in the community and I was proud to join their advisory board recently and wanted to help in any way I could," said O.A.R. lead singer, Marc Roberge. "Our band has always prioritized giving back, and performing in front of 2,500 Garden of Dreams kids will be one of the coolest things O.A.R. has ever done. Once we agreed to put on a show just for the kids, we realized we could also hold a fundraiser to follow later that same evening and do even more great work for these New York area children. O.A.R. along with Gavin, Darryl, Adam, Robert and Nate are all excited to make a lasting and impactful impression on the Garden of Dreams Foundation."

"We are thrilled to curate this first-of-its-kind unique concert experience for the Foundation alongside Marc, who has fully jumped into this and has worked tirelessly to help make this vision become a reality," said Barry Watkins, chairman, Garden of Dreams Foundation. "Marc's enthusiasm and willingness to help secure some of the industry's most talented artists to perform in not only an amazing show for the children, but also for the fundraising concert to follow that evening, will help create an unforgettable musical experience. We are so grateful to have Marc and O.A.R. alongside all the musical guests, who have graciously lent their time and talents to support of the Foundation's efforts in brightening the lives of thousands of children in our community."

Concert for Dreams will be another successful fundraising event that the entertainment division of The Madison Square Garden Company will deliver for Garden of Dreams. This concert will be held every other year alternating with the bi-annual all-star comedy benefit, *Garden of Laughs*. *Garden of Laughs* launched in 2013 with shows in 2015 and most recently 2017, which featured the comedic talents of Leslie Jones, Sebastian Maniscalco, Tracy Morgan, John Oliver, Chris Rock, Bob Saget and Jerry Seinfeld and hosted was by Steve Schirripa. All three *Garden of Laughs* performances were sold-out and together raised nearly five million fundraising dollars - making *Garden of Laughs* the most successful fundraiser for the Foundation in its decade-long history. We expect that *Concert for Dreams* will produce the same success for the children and Foundation.

Garden of Dreams works with 28 partner organizations throughout the tri-state area, including hospitals, wish organizations and community-based organizations, to reach children who are facing challenges such as homelessness, extreme poverty, illness and foster care. The Foundation takes pride in its commitment to truly change lives, hosting more than 500 events and programs each year such as its annual Talent Show and Prom.

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In addition, through its Giving program, the Foundation helps its partner organizations through the direct support of scholarships and long-lasting community projects such as the refurbishment of pediatric areas at local hospitals, basketball courts and community centers - with plans for many more vital civic enhancements in the years to come.

Ticket prices for the fundraising show range from \$50-\$135 with a select number of VIP packages available. For tickets and more information on *Concert for Dreams* and the VIP packages, please visit www.gardenofdreamsfoundation.org. Pre-sale begins on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. and public on sale begins Friday, October 20, 2017 at Noon. and will be available through Ticketmaster Charge By Phone (1-866-858-0008) and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets will also be available at the box offices at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and the Beacon Theatre beginning Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 11 a.m.

About The Garden of Dreams Foundation

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