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**Mana Saxophone Quartet to Perform Forest Music June 5 at Adkins Arboretum**

Adkins Arboretum joins with the National Music Festival in presenting a unique improvisatory performance in the Arboretum forest on Thurs., June 5 when Mana Saxophone Quartet performs *Forest Music*. Positioning themselves in various places in the forest, within hearing distance though not necessarily within sight of each other, these innovative musicians will respond to each other’s playing in a musical conversation that winds through the trees. Following this event, they will give a brief concert in the Visitor’s Center. The program begins at 5 p.m.

A veritable icon in the contemporary music scene, Mana Quartet is known for its distinctive energy and superb musicianship. This year, the quartet returns to the National Music Festival for its third year as Resident Chamber Ensemble. The first saxophone quartet to win the prestigious Coleman International Chamber Ensemble Competition, the quartet has spearheaded the growing acceptance of the saxophone in classical music.

This program is free. Gallery seating for the Visitor’s Center concert is limited; early registration
is highly recommended. Register for Forest Music at adkinsarboretum.org, or call 410.634.2847, ext. 0.

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*Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its Campaign to Build a Green Legacy, it will build the W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum and a “green” entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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