

Video Scavenger Hunt

Search your yard and the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden using the prompts below. Take a video of what you find and describe it using your senses; if you're a musician, play a song next to your discoveries! Send your videos to amanda@dmsymphony.org for a chance to be featured during a live virtual concert with the Des Moines Symphony and the Botanical Garden on Sunday, Aug. 30.



A bumble bee: Rimsky Korsakov composed *Flight of the Bumblebee* to mimic the erratic flight pattern of a bumblebee.

A leaf that is fuzzy: The texture of a leaf is often an adaptation for survival. A fuzzy leaf might keep water in so the plant doesn't dry out.

Roses: Roses are featured in Gabriel Fauré's *Four Melodies* and *Roses from the South* by Johan Strauss II. Visit the Wells Fargo Rose Garden (it's free and open to the public!) to find some beautiful roses.

Acorns hanging from a tree: Do you know what trees acorns grow on? Oak trees!

A seed head on a plant: Find a seed head (the developing seeds where a flower used to be) on a plant and dissect it to find the seeds inside.

Water drops on plants: *Gardens in the Rain* from Claude Debussy is said to describe a French garden in the rain.

Flowers of different colors: Flowers have inspired many well known pieces of music including the Waltz of the Flowers (in the ballet *The Nutcracker Suite*) and Symphony No. 3 by Gustav Mahler.

Dead leaves: Claude Debussy found much inspiration from all of nature, even from dead leaves. He composed a piece titled *Dead Leaves* in his Preludes Book 2.

Mums: Chrysanthemums, or just mums, are popular garden and bouquet flowers. Giacomo Puccini wrote an entire string quartet called *Cristenimi*, Italian for chrysanthemums.

Pine trees or other evergreens: In the Wells Fargo Rose Garden and parking lot gardens you can find several different kinds of evergreen trees. The Italian composer Ottorino Respighi wrote a piece for orchestra called *Pines of Rome*.

Lavender: Find lavender in the EMC Insurance Company Entry Garden (it's free and open to the public!); once you do, be sure to smell it!

Listen to the musical pieces above, do you have a favorite?