



# MORCOM

## AMPHITHEATER OF ROSES

The Morcom Amphitheater of Roses (Morcom Rose Garden) is part of a long history of cooperation and partnership among the residents of the City of Oakland. The land was initially identified and acquired for public open space by the City of Oakland in 1911. In response to a culture shaped by The Great Depression, the garden was constructed in 1932 as a project of the Works Progress Administration. The formal gardens surrounded by their rugged natural setting were designed by landscape architect Arthur Cobblecick to highlight heirloom rose varieties, many of which today exist only in this park.

Throughout the years, the Morcom Amphitheater of Roses has provided the citizens of Oakland a stimulating and restful public space. The Morcom Amphitheater of Roses is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is consistently ranked among the top ten most important public rose gardens in the United States.



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