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CHIHULY Nights and Programming for All Ages

Live Performance Art, Themed Cocktails, Shopping, and Extended Hours on Select Evenings During *CHIHULY* Exhibition at NYBG April 22 through October 29, 2017

Dale Chihuly, *Red Reeds on Logs*, 2017

Bronx, NY—Visitors to The New York Botanical Garden's major new exhibition, *CHIHULY*, presented by Bank of America, can enjoy a rich offering of programming, including regularly scheduled tours, films, and poetry walks offered every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition's run from April 22 through October 29, 2017. Special adult and family programming highlights the opening and closing weekends. On *CHIHULY* Nights, installations throughout The New York Botanical Garden are dramatically illuminated in a celebration of color, form, and light.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, young visitors will explore the connections among art, science, and nature through guided activities facilitated by trained Teen Explainers. Daily programs will provide opportunities to observe the relationship between science and nature-based artwork and to create nature-inspired art.

Opening Weekend Celebration: Earth Day and Annual Plant Research and Conservation Open House April 22–23

CHIHULY opens with a colorful tribute to nature. Beginning at the Leon Levy Visitor Center, walk side by side with giant puppets, drummers, stilt walkers, and other performing artists as the parade moves through the Garden. The festivities continue around the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory with food, drink, lawn games, and live music.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

DIY Craft—Streamers

11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Perennial Garden

Kids and families can make their own colourful streamers and join the Earth Day processions at 1 and 3 p.m. Materials available while supplies last.

Live Music & Lawn Games

12–5 p.m.

Conservatory Lawn

A band that bridges the gap between traditional bluegrass and the New Blue movement, Moonshine Falls creates a harmonious sound that is steeped in tradition without drowning in it.

Flame Work Demonstrations

12–4 p.m.

Conservatory Plaza and Visitor Center

Artists from UrbanGlass—a contemporary glass center in Brooklyn—demonstrate the fascinating art of melting and manipulating hot glass using a torch and flame.

Earth Day Procession

1 and 3 p.m.

Starts at the Native Plant Garden

Join this participatory parade throughout the Garden. FogoAzul, an all-women Brazilian drumline, leads the parade. The Brooklyn Jumbies stilt walkers perform parts of *Ocean(s) Blue*, charting mankind's relationship with the ocean and the urgent need for collective transformation. An inflatable 10' Earth Ball is carried by the NYBG Explainers, a team of volunteer teen educators from the Children's Adventure Garden. Alice Farley Dance adds a note of surrealist street theater with her bold and beautiful star horn dancers. Lucrecia Novoa's Giant Monarch Butterfly Puppets join in to add even more color and life to the procession.

During the Annual Research and Conservation Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., learn more about the work of Garden scientists and about NYBG's programs and facilities that explore, understand, document, and conserve Earth's plant and fungal diversity. Hands-on demonstrations in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library Building allow visitors to learn what it is like to work in the field. Also offered are behind-the-scenes tours led by NYBG scientists of the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, Pfizer Plant Research Laboratory, and Haupt Conservatory.

Science and Conservation Booth

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Conservatory Plaza

See critical components of a scientist's tool kit used on expeditions around the world. See stand-out examples of specimens collected in the field.

Tours of *What in the World Is a Herbarium?*

12–3 p.m.

Ross Gallery

Meet some of the staff of the Steere Herbarium and learn more about the exhibition *What in the World Is a Herbarium?*, which is on view in NYBG's Ross Gallery.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours of the Plant Research Laboratory

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Meet in Ross Gallery

Walk through the Garden's state-of-the-art laboratory and meet some of the scientists who lead teams studying DNA and genomes in order to understand plants, fungi, and algae at their most essential levels.

Space on tours is limited; first-come, first-served.

CHIHULY Nights

Saturdays, April 29–June 24;

Thursdays, July–August;

Thursday–Saturdays, September–October;

6:30–10:30 p.m.

On CHIHULY Nights, the exhibition is infused with a magical energy as the artworks are spectacularly illuminated amid NYBG's sweeping vistas and magnificent Conservatory. After sunset, the atmosphere is thrilling: experience the heightened drama and luminous quality of Dale Chihuly's colors and forms when lit under the evening sky. In the Visitor Center plaza, a rotating lineup of performing artists and musicians provides entertainment while visitors relax and enjoy shopping, food, and Avi6n Tequila cocktails available for purchase.

Non-Member Adult \$35, Child (ages 2–12) \$15/Member \$25, Child (ages 2–12) \$10

Advance purchase recommended.

NYBG Summer Concert Series: JAZZ & CHIHULY

Fridays: June 16, July 14, and August 18

7–8:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

Conservatory Lawn

With the glass-domed Conservatory as the backdrop, this innovative series developed in collaboration with Catskill Jazz Factory and Absolutely Live Entertainment presents three themed evenings showcasing today's dynamic jazz talent. Bring your low-back chair and enjoy the best seat in the house on the scenic Conservatory Lawn. Before and after each concert,

stroll among *CHIHULY* artworks, glistening at dusk and mesmerizing when lit after the sun sets. Light fare and beverages are available for purchase.

Film Screenings: Chihuly Short Cuts
Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Ross Hall

Ten short films offer an intimate look at Dale Chihuly's creative process, revisiting earlier themes and exploring new ideas that inspire the continued evolution of his work.

Nature's Sculptures
April 22–September 15

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Guided Activities: Weekdays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Weekends, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Using Chihuly's works of art as a foundation, children can explore the shapes and colors of plants in the Garden. Find inspiration in the vivid colors and patterns of nature throughout the Garden's landscape, and craft a habitat to house your own air plant.

***Plein-Air* Invitational**
Sunday, June 11

The Garden hosts its 2nd Annual *Plein-Air* Invitational, celebrating painting in the great outdoors. More than 20 established *plein-air* artists spread out across the Garden grounds in a public display of talent and technique, engaging casually with Garden visitors. Visitors are invited to drop in and draw as well, during informal sessions led by *plein-air* instructors.

Summer Solstice Celebration
Saturday, June 17

Ring in the start of summer with our Solstice Celebration. Gather on the Conservatory Lawn for morning yoga, or bring the entire family for kid-friendly sessions in the afternoon. Afterward, enjoy the *CHIHULY* installations and view live glass fire working by local New York artists in the Conservatory Plaza.

Yoga to the People

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Conservatory Lawn

Gather on the Conservatory Lawn for an early morning yoga session with this unique yoga studio that captures the essence of yoga, available to everyone.

Yoga-Rama for Kids and Families

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Kids and families are invited to a fun yoga session of movement and music led by Bari Koral and her Yoga-Rama band.

Special Reading by Young Poets

12–1 p.m.

Winners of the *CHIHULY* Poetry Walk Contest gather from across New York City to share their winning poems in an engaging hour hosted by Jacqueline Woodson, author of *Brown Girl Dreaming* and many other award-winning children's books.

Live Music and Lawn Games

12–5 p.m.

Conservatory Lawn

Flame Work Demonstrations

1–4 p.m.

Conservatory Plaza and Visitor Center

Chillin' with *CHIHULY*

August 12 & 13

Spend the day exploring the beauty of the magnificent *CHIHULY* installations and breathtaking works of art. See live glass fire working demonstrations by local New York artists, relax to live music on the Conservatory Lawn, and stay cool with treats and refreshments available for purchase.

Live Acoustic Guitar

12–5 p.m.

Flame Work Demonstrations

1–4 p.m.

Conservatory Plaza and Visitor Center

NYBG *CHIHULY* Interactive Guide

The NYBG *CHIHULY* Interactive Guide, made possible by Bloomberg Philanthropies, delivers content to handheld devices that is dynamically customized to the user's location, transforming how visitors are guided through the installations. Each installation appears as an icon on a virtual map. As visitors approach the installations, the NYBG *CHIHULY* Interactive Guide triggers additional rich contextual information about the artist, artwork, or the process of its creation, as well as immersive 360-degree photography. Another feature allows visitors to share their own photographed images of the sculptures. Mobile media is generously supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies through its Bloomberg Connects program, a global initiative that helps cultural institutions innovate and engage audiences through digital platforms.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad, bus, or subway. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. For ticket pricing, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit nybg.org

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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