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## Botanical Garden Program Teaches Children about Ballet and Nature

## Ballet Among the Blooms Returns on Saturday, September 26

The New York Botanical Garden's popular and highly anticipated *Ballet Among the Blooms* program featuring New York City Ballet educators and School of American Ballet dancers return on Saturday, September 26 from 3–5 p.m. During *Ballet Among the Blooms* in the Garden's Everett Children's Adventure Garden, children will be introduced to the art of ballet and learn the importance of incorporating the environment to serve as inspiration through dance.

The program, hosted by New York City Ballet corps de ballet member Henry Seth, will include demonstrations by School of American Ballet dancers teaching children ages 3–12 basic ballet positions and vocabulary. Young participants will practice ballet turns and jumps and also create wearable works of art, using inspiration from flowers, trees, and animals seen in the Garden.

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden is a 12-acre indoor/outdoor museum where children discover plant science through fun, hands-on, and engaging educational programs. Interactive exhibits convey different plant science concepts. Playful elements such as mazes and topiaries, a natural wetland, glorious gardens, and more create an atmosphere of exploration and fun.

For more information on The New York Botanical Garden, please visit <u>www.nybg.org</u> or call 718.817.8700.

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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 or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. 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, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at <u>www.nybg.org</u> Read the Botanical Garden's popular blog, *Plant Talk: Inside The New York Botanical Garden* at <u>www.nybg.org/wordpress</u>

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