## MORE "CHIHULY NIGHTS" ADDED TO NEW YORK'S FIRST MAJOR EXHIBITION OF CHIHULY ART

Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden, presented by Target,
Offers Musical Entertainment Every Thursday Evening, Sept. 14 to Oct. 26,
with Grand Finale on Saturday, Oct. 28

Due to the success and popularity of the "Chihuly Nights" events earlier this summer, The New York Botanical Garden has extended the *Chihuly* exhibition hours on **every Thursday, September 14 through October 26, 4–9 p.m.,** with a "Chihuly Nights" **Grand Finale scheduled for Saturday, October 28.** "Chihuly Nights" cost \$25 and include musical entertainment on the Conservatory lawn. Advance tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

The stunning glass sculptures in the exhibition *Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden*, which runs through October 29, will be dramatically lit for unforgettable evening viewing in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, featuring live musical entertainment. The exhibition, presented by Target, explores the visual relationship of glass and nature. The breathtaking exhibition is the first major display of Dale Chihuly's art in the New York area, showcasing his sculptures among the Botanical Garden's premier plant collections and vistas.

"Chihuly Nights" allow visitors to experience the artwork in the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory at The New York Botanical Garden during the evening hours, as Chihuly's installations glow with nocturnal light. Live musical performances provide additional entertainment:

- <u>September 14</u>: **Erin McKeown**, critically acclaimed songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, brings her folksy pop-rock songs and mezzo-soprano voice to the Botanical Garden.
- <u>September 21</u>: **The Epochs** sing catchy electro-acoustic pop tunes with beautiful vocals, intricate instrumentals, and selective electronic sampling.
- <u>September 28</u>: **Jesse Harris**, Grammy Award-winning guitarist and songwriter, shows his broad musical range at "Chihuly Nights."
- October 5: Valerie Lemon, with Musical Director Don Rebic, has performed across the United States as a concert soloist, including a sold-out cabaret show, *The Way of the Heart*.
- October 12: **Jamie Leonhart and Michael Leonhart** bring their accomplished jazz music to the Bronx.
- October 19: The Mosquitos offer their delightful Brazilian pop sound, what David Fricke of Rolling Stone magazine called "a sweet hybrid of bossa nova hypnosis and indie pop restraint."
- October 26: **The Rodriguez Brothers** bring exciting, Latin-tinged jazz to The New York Botanical Garden.
- October 28: **The Be Good Tanyas** blue-grass band play a blend of folk, country, and blues, bolstered by sweet harmonies.

Enjoy a different live musical performance each week. Visit Shop in the Garden for a wide variety of Chihuly-related and garden-inspired items. Relax with a glass of wine or dinner in the cafe. Until 6 p.m., visitors can also view the Chihuly sculptures in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, the Bourke-Sullivan Display House of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections, and the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden.

## Ticket and Parking Procedures during Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden

Admission prices for "Chihuly Nights":

Adults \$25, Members \$15, Children (2–12 years) \$5

Advance purchase of tickets through Ticketmaster suggested.

Visit Ticketmaster.com or call 212.220.0503

Parking is limited. Use of Metro-North or subway is recommended, especially on weekends. The New York Botanical Garden, at Bronx River Parkway and Fordham Road, is easy to reach via Metro-North direct to Botanical Garden Station. On-site self-parking (Tues.—Sun.) is \$10. Valet parking (Sat. & Sun.) is \$15.

Please visit www.nybg.org for updates and a full schedule of events as you plan your visit.

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The New York Botanical Garden is located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. During the *Chihuly* exhibition, the Botanical Garden is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, including directions, admissions pricing, and programming specifics, please visit www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700. The buildings and grounds of The New York Botanical Garden are owned by the City of New York. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, The New York City Council, and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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