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Gingerbread Adventures Features Magical Confections by Star Bakers

New York bakers are gearing up for the most eagerly awaited children's event of the year at The New York Botanical Garden. ***Gingerbread Adventures*** and ***A Winter Wonderland of Gingerbread Houses*** draw thousands of visitors, young and old, to marvel at the confectionary creations of some of New York's best and most imaginative bakers. From Saturday, November 18, 2006 through Sunday, January 7, 2007, this event will showcase whimsical gingerbread buildings and offer exciting children's activities.

The Botanical Garden is thrilled to have The Cake Studio's **Jill Adams** back for a second year. Her creation will illustrate **nursery rhymes**, including "There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," "Hickory, Dickory, Dock," and "Three Little Kittens."

Balthazar's famed pastry chef, **Mark Tasker**, is returning with his most ambitious gingerbread project. He is going all-out to create a large—and spinning—**carousel** complete with horses, balloons, and all sorts of festive ornaments.

Kaye Hansen and Liv Hansen, of Riviera Bakehouse and co-authors of *The Whimsical Bakehouse*, are planning to bake a **magical gnome home**.

Collette Foley of Collette Foley Specialty Baking, a new participant this year, will be making a **country bakery** with a cake in the window.

Kate Sullivan of LovinSullivanCakes, another Garden newcomer, is crafting an elaborate gingerbread **train station** for her display.

During the exhibit, the Everett Children's Adventure Garden offers an exciting menu of activities through which children can discover the different plant parts used in creating gingerbread, including a sensory exploration of these plants. Children are also invited to make spice sachets, decorate gingersnap cookies, and develop a field notebook of their visit. This one-of-a-kind display of five colorful gingerbread "houses" is sure to capture the imagination of children and adults alike, while evoking all the wonder of the season. Enveloped in the scents of ginger, cinnamon, and clove, *Gingerbread Adventures* is a delightful experience from which holiday traditions are born.

Bakers are now available for interviews. Please contact Warren Schultz (718.817.8845) to schedule an appointment.

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Gingerbread Adventures runs concurrently with the *Holiday Train Show*. This exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory showcases a variety of large-scale model trains traversing more than 140 replicas of New York landmarks ingeniously crafted from diverse plant materials such as gourds, berries, pine cones, leaves, and seeds. More than one million people have attended the *Holiday Train Show* since its inception 15 years ago.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road.
HOLIDAY HOURS: November 18–January 7, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday. The Botanical Garden is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and closes at 3 p.m. on December 8 and 24.
PRICING: \$18, Seniors/Students \$16, Children \$5. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org.

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