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## **New *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup> at NYBG Is Bigger Than Ever!**

Bar Car Nights Feature Festive Indoor and Outdoor Entertainment for Adults  
On Select Fridays and Saturdays; 7–10 p.m.



Adults can enjoy these magical evenings during the *Holiday Train Show*.

**Bronx, NY**—New features highlight the return of **Bar Car Nights**, festive and fun outdoor adventures for adults to enjoy at The New York Botanical Garden during select nights of the annual *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup>, one of New York City's most cherished holiday traditions. In addition to experiencing a winter wonderland at the Botanical Garden while sipping a complimentary drink, visitors will enjoy a series of outdoor station stops, including ice sculpture carvings, fire performances, and the new Bavarian-themed Frosty's Schnapps Haus, all of which delight the seasonal senses. STARR Catering Group will offer a variety of treats for purchase such as roasted chestnuts and pretzels from an authentic pretzel cart as well as spiked hot beverages amid 10 ft. blue spruces in planter boxes and neon snowflakes.

Spectators can witness a carver create an amazing work of art from blocks of ice—taking the shape of a conductor, a train, a reindeer, or partying penguins!—while performers dazzle the crowd with a dance of twirling, fiery batons, with music at the nearby Pine Tree Café adding to the magical mood. A stroll along twinkling Perennial Garden Way leads to a special evening viewing of the Garden's *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup>, a must-see New York tradition where enchanting model trains zip through a display of 150 landmarks such as the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, and Rockefeller Center, each re-created with bark, leaves, and other natural materials—all under the glow of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

This year's new *Holiday Train Show* enhances the visitor experience with three exciting components, in addition to the ever-popular miniature wonderland that has delighted the young and the young at heart for decades:

- A captivating short film screening of the behind-the-scenes magic that takes place in order to bring the show to life. Discover where the designers find their inspiration to render the buildings and landscapes in their signature whimsical detail—all crafted from found plant materials. Learn how the engineers keep all the trains running and assemble all the tracks!
- 3,000 square feet of additional space, allowing for 360° viewing opportunities of intricate structures such as the original Pennsylvania Station, Macy's, NYBG's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, among others, while trains and trolleys zip through and around them.
- A multisensory finale that features sound and light in the Reflecting Pool under the glass dome of the 90-ft.-high Palms of the World Gallery. Surrounded by 1964 World's Fair replicas, the iconic Unisphere is featured with an architectural detail of the Tent of Tomorrow, an homage to New York City's architectural history that has underpinned the show since its inception.

### **Bar Car Nights Entertainment**

#### **BAR CAR NIGHTS**

November 21, December 4, 5, 18, 19, January 2, 8, 9, 15, 16  
7–10 p.m. (timed entry to *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup>)

#### **Live Music at the Pine Tree Café**

Sets at 7:15, 8:15, and 9 p.m.

During each night, bands perform at the Pine Tree Café, where you can sit and listen to live cabaret and jazz sets, perhaps asking your date for a dance! The rotating musicians include:

Myriam Phiro's French Quartet

November 21, December 18 and 19, January 15 and 16

The musical style of Myriam Phiro's French Quartet ranges from a seductive and elegant jazz singer to an energetic swing dancer. Brought together by a mutual love of French cuisine and French music, she began a musical partnership with trombonist Robbie Klein. Robbie has a decade of education in American Jazz, yet found himself captivated by French music at first "bonjour!"

[www.myriamphiro.com](http://www.myriamphiro.com)

Love, Charley

December 4 and 5

The Gilded Age—the era of Gatsby, flappers, and speakeasies—inspires Love, Charley, New York City's romantic jazz and swing band. Be transported back in time to the era when dance music crackled on gramophones and the radio, and New York was a hotbed of jazz. Centered around the lush vocals and ukulele of Martina, Love, Charley sparkles with champagne melodies and dance rhythms.

[www.lovecharleynyc.com](http://www.lovecharleynyc.com)

The Lovesome

January 2, 8, and 9

The Lovesome performs jazz and vintage R&B from the '40s to the '70s in a classic, effervescent style. Anchored by the sweet and soulful voice of Kelsey Jillette, the group plays songs made famous by Ray Charles, Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley, Etta James, Frank Sinatra, and others in a romantic, danceable, and engaging style.

[www.thelovesome.com](http://www.thelovesome.com)

### **Ice Sculpting Demonstration**

In the Leon Levy Visitor Center

Right before your eyes, an expert ice carver takes ordinary blocks of ice and transforms them into holiday works of art. Watch the progress as the night goes on. Bring your camera to capture the magic and take a selfie by the twinkling lights of the holiday tree display.

Okamoto Studio is a New York-based artist collective best known for their design, production, and consultation of everything made of crystal clear ice. From lifelike sculptures to live performance carvings, Okamoto Studio delivers the perfect ice experience. Father-son team Takeo and Shintaro Okamoto make up the founding core of the group, which was formed in 2003 with a mission of showcasing the full beauty and potential of handcrafted ice.

[www.okamotostudionyc.com](http://www.okamotostudionyc.com)

### **Light Up the Night Performances**

Along Perennial Garden Way

Cirque de Light's ambient performances provide a magical atmosphere and set the tone for a memorable night of glowing light. Performers will amaze you with their variety of illuminated props, including staffs and hula hoops, and charm you with their wit and playfulness.

[www.cirquedelight.com](http://www.cirquedelight.com)

**BAR CAR NIGHTS PRICING:**

Non-Member \$35/Member \$25 (Adults 21 and over);

Special Event ticket required.

Advance tickets recommended;

includes one complimentary beer, wine, or cocktail of your choice.

Although your ticket provides access to the entire event between 7–10 p.m., when purchasing tickets you will need to select an entrance time for the *Holiday Train Show*® in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

**MasterCard® Pre-Party**

December 4 & 18, January 8 & 15

6–7 p.m.

\$40 (Adults 21 and over)

Start the night off with a champagne pre-party at NYBG Shop.

**All Bar Car Nights are exclusively for adults 21 and over.**

**For more information, please visit [nybg.org](http://nybg.org) 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, bus, or subway.

**HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS:**

During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 21, 2015–January 18, 2016, The New York Botanical Garden is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturdays, November 21–January 16; Friday, November 27 (day after Thanksgiving); and December 26–January 1. The Garden is closed all day on November 26 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas); it closes at 3 p.m. on December 11 and 24 (Christmas Eve).

**PRICING:**

*All-Garden Pass* tickets start at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 2–12) and differ during certain peak times and on weekends. Members and children under 2 are free.

Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org). Discounts available for groups of 15 or more; contact Group Tours at 718.817.8687. For more information, please visit our Web site at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org) or call 718.817.8700.

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