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NYBG's 26th Annual *Holiday Train Show*[®] to Showcase Iconic Skyscrapers and Architectural Wonders of Midtown Manhattan

November 22, 2017–January 15, 2018



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Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show*[®] will showcase Midtown Manhattan in the 26th year of this beloved tradition. New replicas of the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building, General Electric Building, and St. Bartholomew's Church from this celebrated district will join NYBG's collection of more than 150 New York buildings and landmarks made out of plant parts and enlivened by large-scale model trains. Other visitor favorites include the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Terminal, and the original Yankee Stadium. The *Holiday Train Show* opens to the public on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 and runs through Monday, January 15, 2018.

St. Bartholomew's Church is located on Park Avenue, between 50th and 51st Streets. Often referred to as St. Bart's, the Byzantine Revival structure is made of limestone and pink brick. A massive tiled dome, intricate stained-glass windows, and three sets of bronze doors designed by famous Gilded Age architect Stanford White are other architectural details that inspire its *Holiday Train Show* replica.

The General Electric Building, adjacent to St. Bartholomew's on Lexington Avenue, features elaborate Art Deco ornamentation depicting lightning bolts. The crown of the building's octagonal tower is lit from within each night.

New renditions of the Empire State Building—now with changing internal lighting schemes—and the Chrysler Building will make their debut this year, adding wonder to the Midtown Manhattan tableau. The Art Deco details of their façades, spires, and the Chrysler Building's iconic sunburst crown are sure to be accentuated in the respective new replicas that will be on display in the Reflecting Pool under the 90-ft.-high glass dome of the *Palms of the World Gallery*, alongside the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge.

In the *Holiday Train Show*, more than 25 G-scale model trains and trolleys will hum along nearly a half-mile of track past re-creations of iconic sites from all five boroughs of New York City, the Hudson River Valley, and other locations in New York State. Artistically crafted by Paul Busse's team at Applied Imagination, all of the New York landmarks are made of natural materials such as bark, twigs, stems, fruit, seeds, and pine cones. American steam engines, streetcars from the late 1800s, and modern freight and passenger trains ride underneath overhead trestles, through tunnels, and across rustic bridges and past waterfalls that cascade into flowing creeks. *Thomas the Tank Engine*™ and other beloved trains disguised as large colorful insects delight children as they zoom by.

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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 22, 2017–January 15, 2018, The New York Botanical Garden is open Tuesday–Sunday, and Monday, December 11 & 18 and January 1 & 15, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturdays, November 25–January 13; Friday, November 24 (day after Thanksgiving); and December 26–December 30. The Garden is closed all day on November 23 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas); it closes at 2 p.m. on November 30 and 3 p.m. on December 15 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 weekends. Members and children under 2 are free. Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at 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**

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