

# NYBG

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## **Tickets On Sale Now for NYBG's All-New *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup> Family Benefit, Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 4–8 p.m.**

Featuring Private Viewing of the *Holiday Train Show*, Performance by the New York City Children's Chorus, Dinner, and a Special Appearance by Chef Carla Hall, Proceeds Will Support the Botanical Garden's Edible Academy



**Bronx, NY**—Celebrate the holiday season and experience The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show* like never before at the *Holiday Train Show*<sup>®</sup> Family Benefit on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

The festivities begin at 4 p.m. in the Botanical Garden's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory with a private viewing of the *Holiday Train Show*, passed hors d'oeuvres, a full bar, and plenty of treats for the kids. The fun then moves to the Gingerbread Café, where children enjoy a hot chocolate bar and activities such as apple cider pressing, woodland terrarium building, and cookie decorating with special guest Chef Carla Hall, co-host of ABC's *The Chew*. Next, indulge in classic holiday recipes at a festive family dinner. Guests' spirits will be kept bright with performances throughout the evening by the New York City Children's Chorus.

Proceeds from the *Holiday Train Show Family Benefit* support The New York Botanical Garden's Edible Academy, the hub of the children's vegetable gardening program. The Edible Academy is a rich platform of education, hands-on activities, and programs that help children, families, and teachers learn about growing vegetables, fruits, and herbs while encouraging a lifelong interest in gardening and healthful living. The Edible Academy's expansion features a three-acre complex with a classroom building, greenhouse, and terraced amphitheater to accommodate a broader range of programs and double the number of people served each year. For more information, please visit [nybg.org/familybenefit](http://nybg.org/familybenefit).

Individual tickets are \$150 for adults and \$75 for children, which includes general seating at the *Holiday Train Show* dinner, special viewing of the *Holiday Train Show*, and activities in the Gingerbread Tent. Ticket packages are also available. To purchase tickets, please visit [nybg.org/family-benefit-tickets](http://nybg.org/family-benefit-tickets).

The *Holiday Train Show Family Benefit* is sponsored by BRUNELLO CUCINELLI. Additional support is provided by *PURIST*.

### **About the *Holiday Train Show***

The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show* will showcase iconic skyscrapers and architectural wonders of 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 crafted from 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.

In the *Holiday Train Show*, more than 25 G-scale model trains and trolleys 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 29 and 3 p.m. on December 15 and 24 (Christmas Eve).

**PRICING:**

*All-Garden Pass* tickets start at \$23 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](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)

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