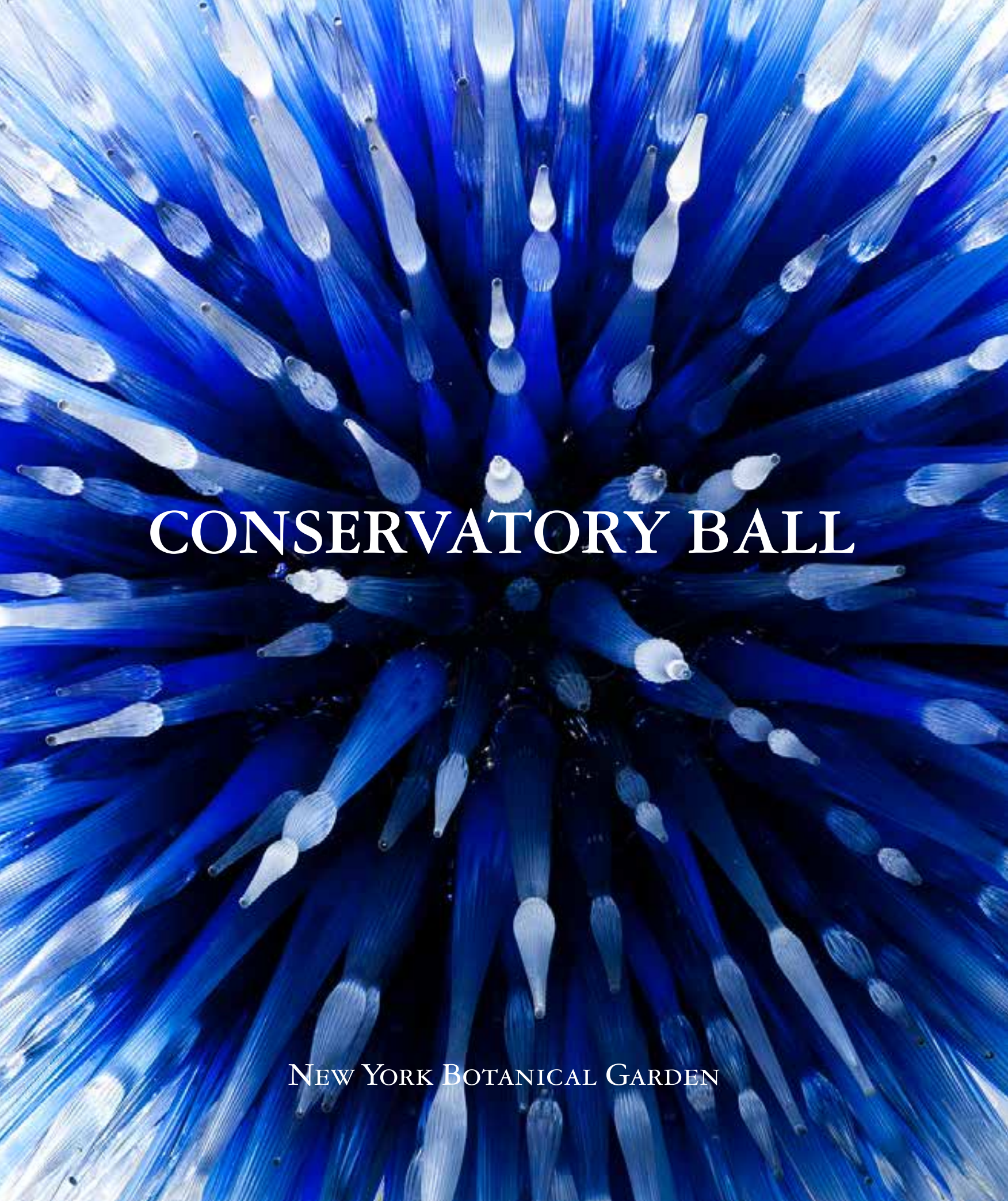

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JUNE 9, 2016

NYBG hosted a special concert in celebration of its 125th Anniversary with a performance by the renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by Music Director Wynton Marsalis.

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EDIBLE ACADEMY FAMILY GARDEN PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Last September the Botanical Garden held the annual Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic, named for the Garden's Edible Academy initiative, hub of the children's vegetable gardening program. The event featured hands-on fun for children and adults in the Ruth Howell Family Garden. The exciting culinary adventure began with live cooking demonstrations featuring special guest Carla Hall, co-host of ABC's *The Chew*. Over 600 parents and children took part in many exciting activities.

We would like to acknowledge the following partner: Manhattan Magazine.

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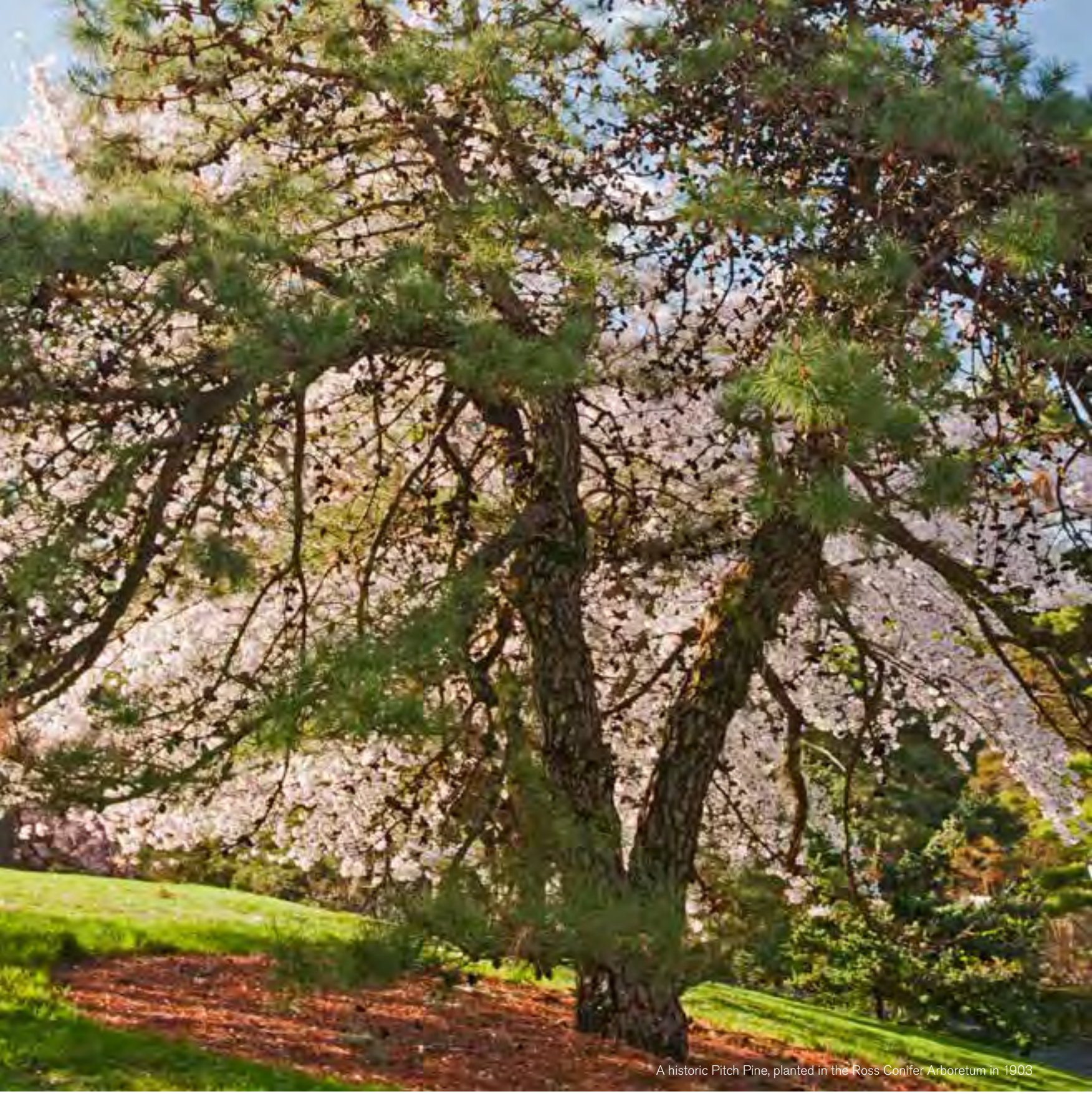
REDOUTÉ TO WARHOL: BUNNY MELLON'S BOTANICAL ART

RECEPTION AND DINNER

OCTOBER 6, 2016

Guests of the Oak Spring Garden Foundation and NYBG gathered for a special reception and dinner celebrating *Redouté to Warhol: Bunny Mellon's Botanical Art,* which featured masterworks from the Oak Spring Garden Library belonging to the late Rachel Lambert ("Bunny") Mellon. She and her husband, banking scion Paul Mellon, were one of the nation's most renowned philanthropic art-collecting couples. Curated by Lucia Tongiorgi Tomasi, Susan Fraser, and Tony Willis, the exhibition comprised nearly 80 important works of art ranging from rare watercolors by renowned botanical artists such as Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues and Pierre-Joseph Redouté to 20th-century paintings by Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol.



A historic Pitch Pine, planted in the Ross Conifer Arboretum in 1903

May The New York Botanical Garden continue sharing its beautiful days for the next 125 years, and beyond.

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DEDICATION OF THE JUDY AND MICHAEL STEINHARDT MAPLE COLLECTION

OCTOBER 13, 2016

Established in the 1940s and restored and expanded in 2016 thanks to the generosity of Garden friends Judy and Michael Steinhardt, NYBG's Maple Collection comprises a wide range of maple species, hybrids, and cultivars, including native species and rare selections from Japan and China. Spread across five acres on a sunny knoll in the southeastern corner of the Garden, the Judy and Michael Steinhardt Maple Collection has been significantly enhanced with new plants, pathways, and interpretive signage to showcase the most garden-worthy maples for our region.

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RECEPTION AND DINNER

OCTOBER 13, 2016

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The evening honored Judy and Michael Steinhardt alongside Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas) and its President and CEO, Mr. Hidemoto Mizuhara, for their important contributions to the Garden.

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The legendary Rothschild garden at Eythrope is celebrated throughout the garden world for its atmospheric beauty, standards of perfection, and traditional gardening techniques that produce fruits, vegetables, and flowers year-round for an English country house where entertaining still happens on a grand scale. The estate is rarely open to the public, so this evening offered an inside view of Eythrope's remarkable transformation.

Lord Rothschild discussed horticultural traditions at nearby Waddesdon Manor, the extraordinary chateau created in the late 19th century in Buckinghamshire by his ancestor Baron Ferdinand. Lady Mary Keen discussed the private garden at the Pavilion, Eythrope, which she reworked and restored in 1990 when Eythrope became the home of Lord and Lady Rothschild. It is the subject of her recent book, *Paradise and Plenty*.

We would like to acknowledge the following funders: Carnegie Corporation of New York and Christie's.

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May the Garden continue to grow!

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EDIBLE ACADEMY GROUNDBREAKING

OCTOBER 27, 2016

The New York Botanical Garden celebrated many important milestones during its 125th year, including the 60th anniversary of the Children's Gardening Program and the groundbreaking of the Edible Academy complex. When completed in 2018, the Edible Academy will revolutionize and expand NYBG's garden-based educational programs and offer life-changing opportunities to children from the Bronx and Greater New York City. The state-of-the-art complex will also double the number of on-site learners from 50,000 to 100,000 annually. The Edible Academy's programming will be expanded to offer distance learning opportunities, additional teacher and educator training, cooking demonstrations, and special events.

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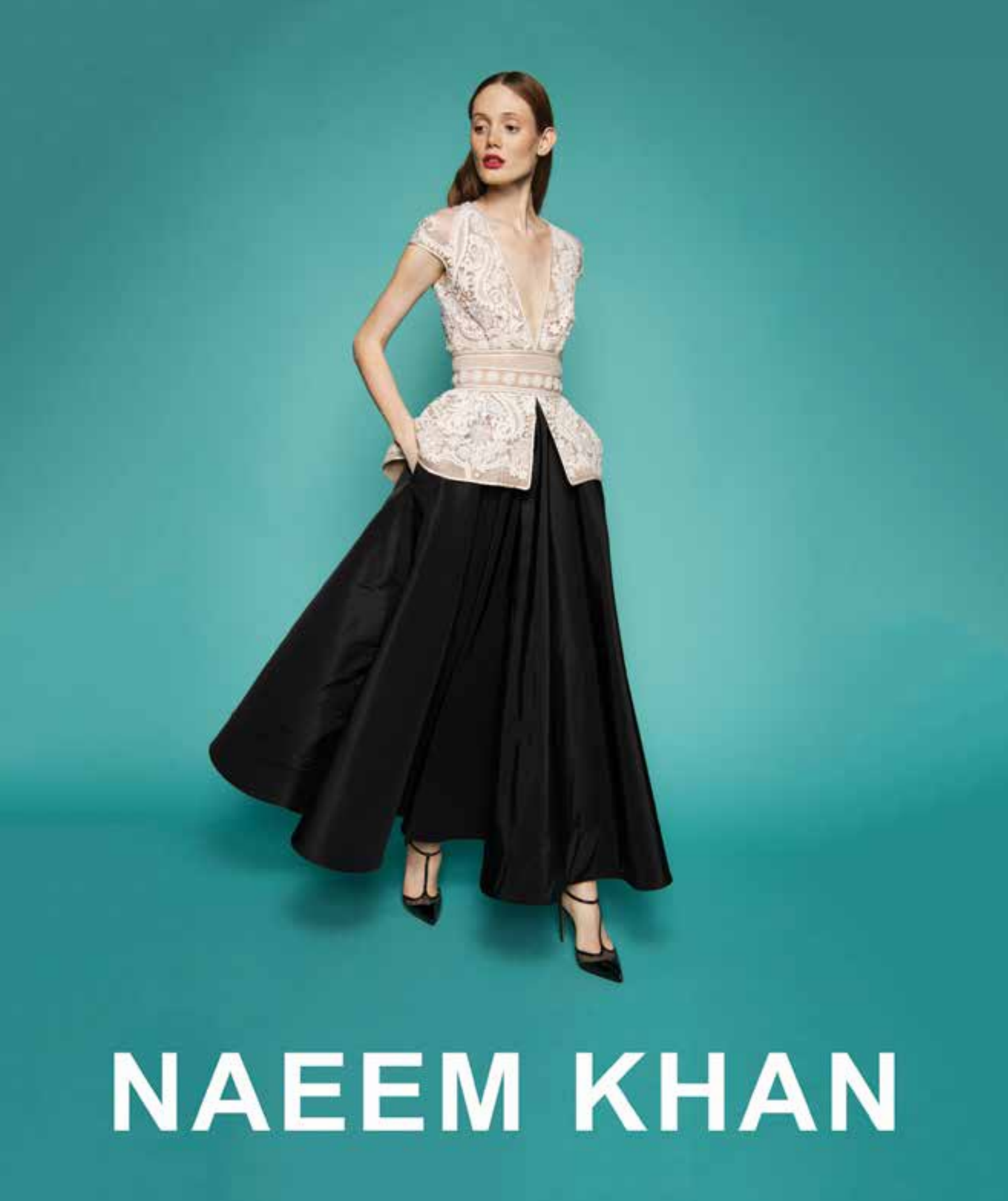
NOVEMBER 10, 2016

The second planting of bulbs for the Million Daffodils project took place last November. The dramatic expansion of the historic *Narcissus* plantings at Daffodil Hill began in 2015 with the planting of the first 150,000 bulbs and will continue each year until 1,000,000 are planted. Nothing captures the feeling of the coming of spring like a hillside blanketed with yellow and white blooms, each flower signaling a return to longer days and warm nights.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NOVEMBER 17, 2016

At the Annual Meetings of the Corporation and Board of The New York Botanical Garden, Elizabeth Barlow Rogers was presented with the Gold Medal. This award is the highest honor that can be conferred by the Garden. Awarded periodically, it is reserved for those rare individuals who have shown the most extraordinary dedication to the Botanical Garden and its mission.

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WINTER WONDERLAND BALL

DECEMBER 9, 2016

The Winter Wonderland Ball is held in the beautiful and historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory amid a display of magnificent model trains. The *Holiday Train Show*® features more than 150 landmark buildings in New York—all made from plant material. This fabulous event, celebrated in December under the winter sky, is attended by New York's young professional and social elite. Cocktails are held in the Palms of the World Gallery and in the Seasonal Exhibition Galleries of the turn-of-the-century glasshouse, with miles of garden-gauge trains and re-creations of historic New York landmarks as a backdrop. Dinner and dancing take place in the adjacent tent, which is decorated by a prominent New York designer. The Winter Wonderland Ball, named the "best party of the season," has become synonymous with New York City glamour and nightlife.

We would like to acknowledge the following partner: David Yurman.

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THE ORCHID DINNER: THAILAND

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

The Orchid Dinner is the highlight of the New York winter season. This year the annual dinner dance, which attracts approximately 300 upscale and sophisticated members of the Botanical Garden's extended family, was themed *Thailand* to reflect the focus of the 15th annual presentation of the Garden's stunning exhibition. Held at The Plaza, The Orchid Dinner is an extremely high-profile event and showcases the most exquisite display of orchid centerpieces imaginable, all created and donated by leading designers from the worlds of fashion, architecture, horticulture, and literature. No two tables ever look alike. During the cocktail hour, guests partake in a sale of rare and exotic orchids that have been carefully chosen by Botanical Garden Curators who are on hand to offer advice.

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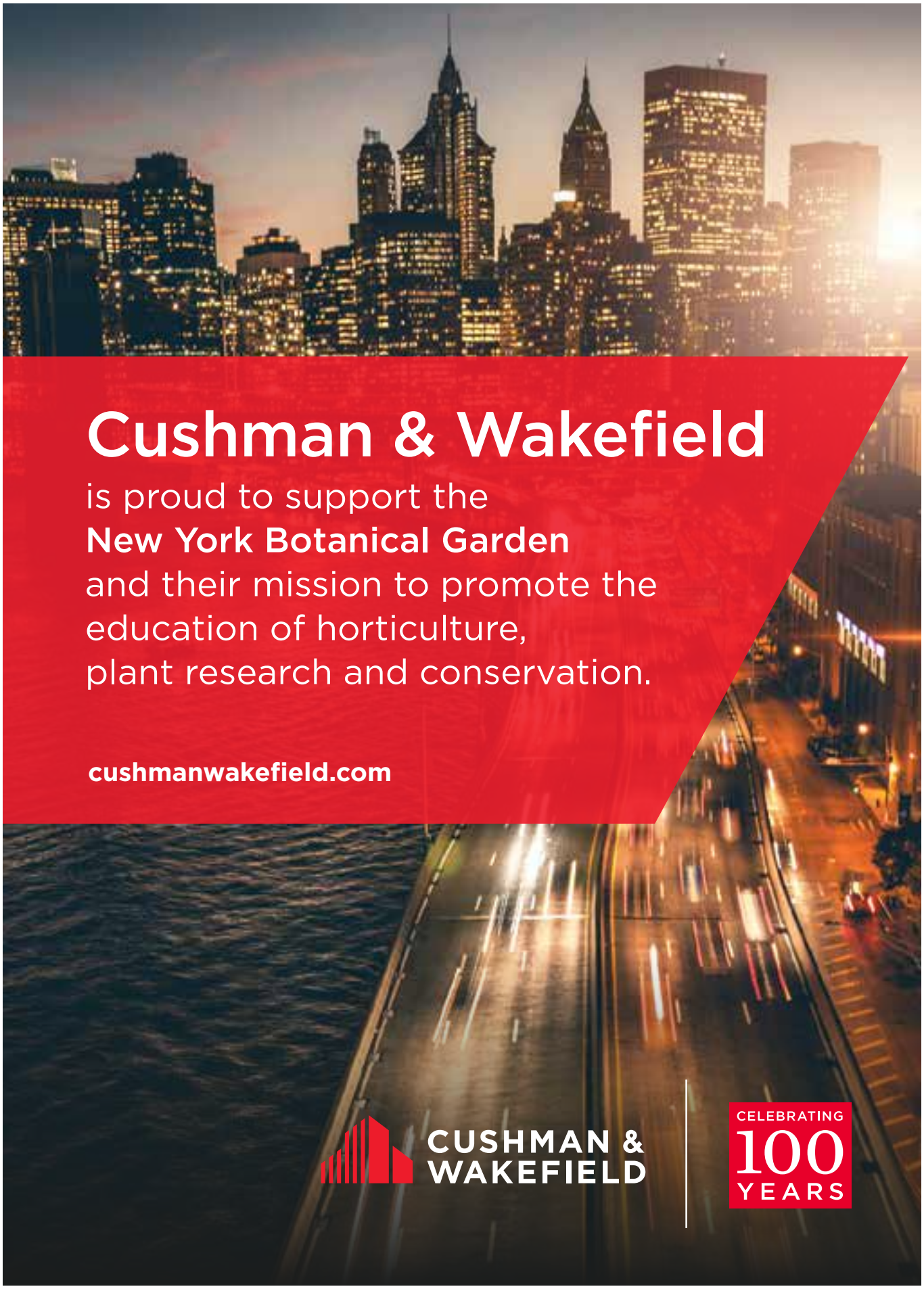
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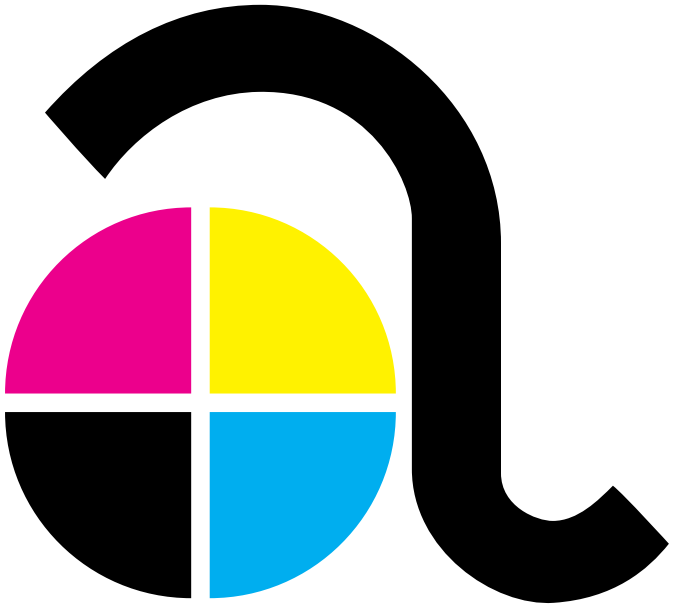

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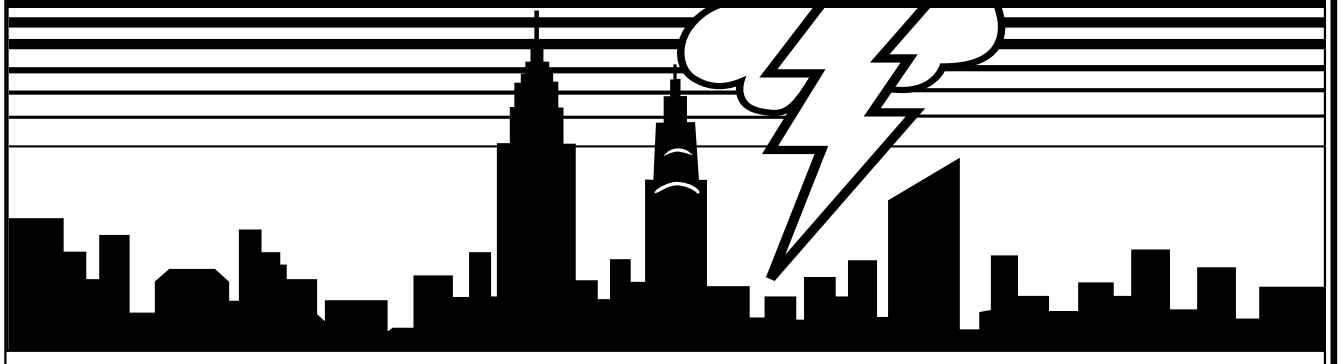

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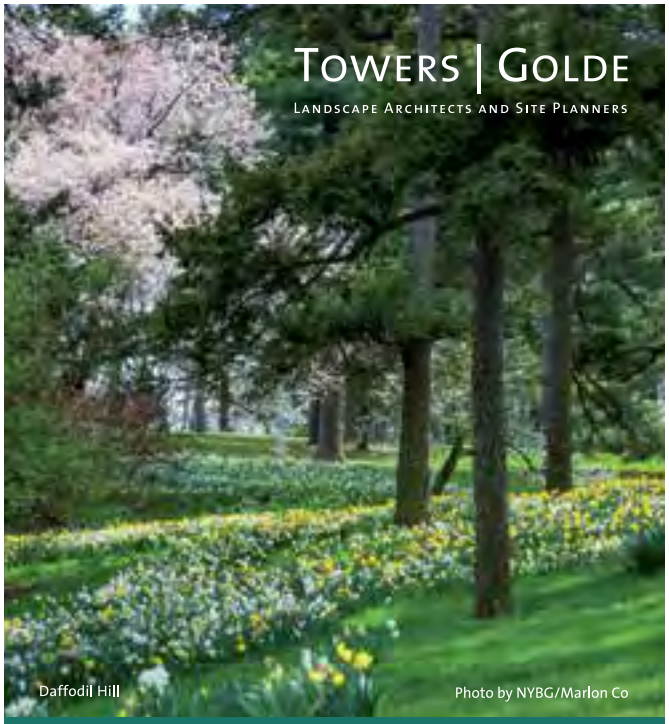

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