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Poetry for Every Season: Holiday Train Show®

Teacher's Guide

About the Exhibition:

The *Holiday Train Show*® is a dynamic winter display in NYBG's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The exhibition features model trains in a miniature landscape of New York landmarks recreated in plant material.

The accompanying Poetry Walk displays poems by Billy Collins, a former U.S. Poet Laureate and New York native. The featured poems capture his impressions of the landscape and New York architecture in winter, as well as the enchanting nature of train travel.

As a pre-visit or post-visit activity, school groups are invited to read and react to one of Collins' poems from the Poetry Walk, to examine the attached photographs of the *Holiday Train Show®* and NYBG in winter, and to use their impressions to create their own original poetry.

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Grand Central

Billy Collins

The city orbits around eight million centers of the universe

and turns around the golden clock at the still point of this place.

Lift up your eyes from the moving hive and you will see time circling

under a vault of stars and know just when and where you are.

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Thain Family Forest



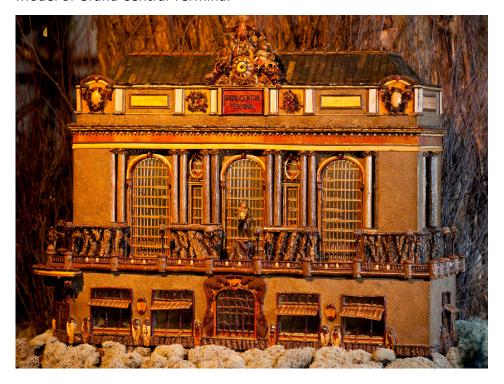
Holiday trees in the Reflecting Pool



Midtown scene in the *Holiday Train Show*®



Model of Grand Central Terminal



Enid A. Haupt Conservatory in winter



Enid A. Haupt Conservatory model



Brooklyn Bridge model with trolleys

