

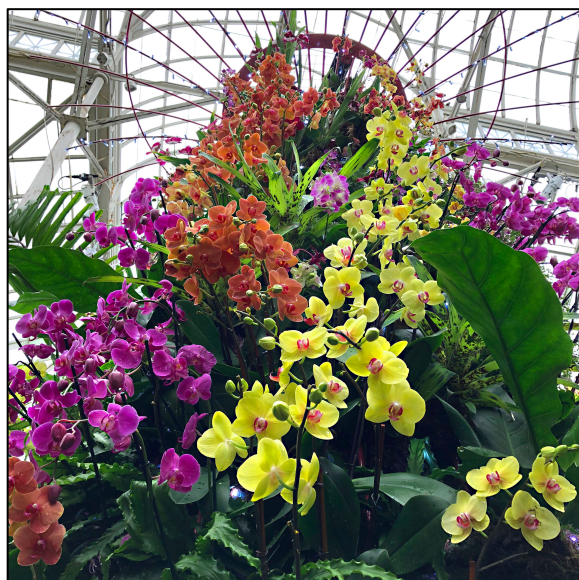
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## ***The Orchid Show: Singapore Opens February 23***

Dazzling Tribute to the “City in a Garden,” One of the World’s Greatest Orchid Cultures, Features Thousands of Orchids Climbing to the Sky on Arches and Supertrees Inspired by Two of the Island Nation’s Horticultural Attractions

The New York Botanical Garden’s 17th Annual *Orchid Show* Runs through April 28, 2019



**Bronx, NY**—For its 17th year, The New York Botanical Garden’s popular annual orchid exhibition returns with *The Orchid Show: Singapore*, developed in partnership with Gardens by the Bay and Singapore Botanic Gardens. Two iconic architectural elements inspired by both sites—the iconic Supertrees of Gardens by the Bay and the famed Arches of Singapore Botanic Gardens’ National Orchid Garden—are featured as part of a horticultural tribute to the “City in a Garden,” one of the world’s greatest orchid cultures. *The Orchid Show: Singapore* runs from February 23 through April 28, 2019.

The exhibition remains open for an additional hour (until 7 p.m.) on two evenings—Thursday, February 28, and Thursday, March 7—for *All-Garden Pass* ticketholders to experience *The Orchid Show: Singapore* at night. On select Fridays and Saturdays, Orchid Evenings return, NYC’s most spectacular evening outings, capturing the energy and nightlife of Singapore, with a display of lights and orchids after dark, music, and cocktails for purchase (adults 21 and over, special ticket required).

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Showcasing thousands of dramatically displayed orchids in a dazzling variety of colors, shapes, sizes, and patterns in the Botanical Garden's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, the exhibition pays homage to Singapore, where the national flower is an orchid. These storied flowers are an integral part of the life of this vibrant "City in a Garden" and its rich legacy of innovative garden design and spectacular floral display.

Singapore Botanic Gardens, the only tropical garden in the world designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to the country's National Orchid Garden, a leader in orchid hybridization, with its famed Arches festooned with thousands of mesmerizing orchids and many other exotic tropical species.

Gardens by the Bay is Singapore's immersive horticultural attraction best known for its Supertrees—soaring vertical habitats that are marvels of nature, art, and technology. Dripping with brilliantly colored orchids, these impressive structures are embedded with photovoltaic cells that harvest solar energy, a shining example of Singapore's contributions to the field of environmentally sustainable horticulture.

At The New York Botanical Garden, *The Orchid Show: Singapore* showcases renditions of both the Arches and the Supertrees—creating a kaleidoscope of colors with thousands of spectacular orchids, including dancing lady (*Oncidium*), rainbow (*Vanda*), cane (*Dendrobium*), and Asian corsage orchids (*Cymbidium*), and many other exotic tropical species.

In addition to the exhibition's stunning centerpieces and information highlighting Singapore's achievements, the Haupt Conservatory galleries spotlights orchid varieties from NYBG's exquisite permanent collection, itself a long-standing commitment to orchid cultivation, research, and conservation, and from some of the finest growers in the world, selected and assembled by NYBG horticulturists. Orchids of seemingly every conceivable shape and provenance, including rare and iconic specimens, are on display.

### **The Energy and Nightlife of Singapore Come to the Bronx During Orchid Evenings**

On select Fridays and Saturdays throughout the run of the exhibition, visitors experience the show with music and cash bars offering beer, wine, and cocktails for purchase, like the Singapore Sling, and the installations brilliantly illuminated. New York City's most spectacular evening outings are back, bringing the color and nightlife of Singapore with them. Step into one of the world's greenest cultures as Supertrees come alive around you, exhilarating with a display of lights and orchids after dark in the Conservatory. Purchase a bite to eat from the Bronx Night Market Pop-up while freestyle dancers and DJs perform throughout the night, and explore the kaleidoscope of orchid varieties from the "City in a Garden" and beyond.

The Bronx Night Market brings together handpicked food vendors in celebration of our borough's diverse culture. This special pop-up during Orchid Evenings features a rotating selection of Market favorites and Asian-inspired dishes.

Experience the sights and sounds of Singaporean nightlife with Chua Yun Chun and her dance company as they take turns performing urban choreography to the sounds of DJ Eli Tyler.

Orchid Evenings take place March 16, 23, and 30; April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27, from 7–10 p.m., with entry times at 7, 7:30, and 8 p.m. Orchid Evening tickets are \$38 for Non-Members and \$28 for Members. Advanced purchase is recommended to guarantee admission; events do sell out. Orchid Evenings are for adults 21 and over.

### **Tours, Demonstrations, and Orchids for Sale During The Orchid Show: Singapore**

*The Orchid Show: Singapore* is part of NYBG's year-long theme: #plantlove, featuring exhibitions, programs, and projects exploring the essential connections between plants, people, and the environment.

Drop in on an Orchid Insiders Tour, Tuesdays–Fridays, at 12:30 p.m. Expert guides await in the Conservatory's Palm Dome to introduce you to the biology of Orchidaceae, one of the largest and most diverse plant families on Earth, and provide highlights about current orchid research projects undertaken by NYBG scientists.

During Orchid Care Demonstrations in the Conservatory's GreenSchool on Saturdays and Sundays, at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., NYBG's orchid experts discuss the basics of orchid care, including advice on how to choose and successfully grow these elegant plants. (Please note that space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.)

*Orchid Show* visitors may select from thousands of top-quality orchids, from exotic, hard-to-find specimens for connoisseurs to elegant yet easy-to-grow varieties for beginners, available for purchase at NYBG Shop, along with orchid products and books. Orchid Basics Q&A sessions take place on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at NYBG Shop, where staff provide tips on orchid care and help you select the best orchid to purchase for your home.

Dining options during the exhibition include Hudson Garden Grill, NYBG's full-service restaurant, and at the Pine Tree Café.

For more information about *The Orchid Show: Singapore* and to purchase tickets, please visit the Garden's Web site, [nybg.org](http://nybg.org).

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**The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458**

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