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MEDIA ALERT

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**NYBG's Next Facebook Watch Party Features *Chorus of the Forest*, a Site-Specific Musical Work, and Live Chat with Composer Angélica Negrón on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 1 p.m.**

## What

### **Facebook Watch Party: Screening of *Chorus of the Forest* and Live Chat with Composer Angélica Negrón**

The New York Botanical Garden is sharing one of its most memorable live performances in a Facebook Watch Party on Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 1 p.m. EDT. *Chorus of the Forest*, a site-specific work by composer Angélica Negrón, premiered last November in NYBG's 50-acre Thain Family Forest, the largest remaining tract of old-growth forest in New York City. Weaving together choral performances, robotic and percussive electronic instruments, and live and recorded forest sounds, this immersive, specially commissioned work was performed along a half-mile of trails. This choral and instrumental experience was created to explore humanity's relationship with the forest and our connections—and disconnections—with nature. Negrón, NYBG's 2019 Composer-in-Residence, will join the Facebook Watch Party for a live chat during the screening to discuss this ambitious project and answer viewers' questions.

## Who

Angélica Negrón is a Puerto Rican-born composer and multi-instrumentalist whose music has been performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, and the 2016 New York Philharmonic Biennial, among many other venues.

## Why

To support New York City's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Botanical Garden has temporarily closed and suspended its programs. Essential staff continue to provide expert care for NYBG's living collections and to maintain the operations of the Garden's 250-acre landmark landscape. While the Garden's gates may be closed temporarily, our virtual gates are wide open. The Garden invites its community near and far to stay connected during this challenging time. Wednesday Watch Parties, a series of virtual events to participate in live on Facebook or watch later through our [Plant Talk](#) blog or on [You Tube](#), are one way to maintain those connections.

## When

Wednesday, April 1, 2020; 1 p.m. EDT

## Where

Facebook Watch Party <https://www.facebook.com/events/218778269471006/>

Recorded in November 2019 at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York

The virtual event will also be available on NYBG's website [nybg.org/nybg-at-home/](https://nybg.org/nybg-at-home/). Information about NYBG's other virtual events is there as well.

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