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## **Dr. Carrie Rebora Barratt To Step Down As CEO and President of The New York Botanical Garden**

**Bronx, NY**—The New York Botanical Garden today announced that Dr. Carrie Rebora Barratt will step down from her position as CEO and The William C. Steere Sr. President at the end of this summer.

The Board will form a search committee to begin the process of identifying a new CEO and President. J.V. Cossaboom, Director of the Garden, will serve as interim CEO and President during the search.

J. Barclay Collins, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said, "We are grateful to Dr. Barratt for the important contributions she has made to the institution. We especially appreciate her role in leading the institution through the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. She leaves the Garden in a strong financial and operational position as we head into our reopening, scheduled for later this month."

Dr. Barratt said, "My two-year tenure at the Garden, including leadership in this unprecedented time, has helped me see our changing world with new perspective. The Garden has the strong foundation in place to seize new opportunities of significant scope in our community in the Bronx and beyond. I express my profound gratitude and respect for the staff and Board and am immensely proud of the work we have done together to strengthen the Garden's role as a world leader in the botanical and horticultural dimensions of climate change, sustainability, food security, and human wellness in body and mind. I depart after a period of considerable thought about my own path and have chosen this moment as an opportune time to act, when we have closed out our fiscal year with a balanced budget and are ready to welcome the public back."

Dr. Barratt became CEO and President in July 2018. Among the Garden's achievements during her tenure, the institution formed staff and Board Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committees, which wrote and adopted an institutional DEI plan; developed vital educational programs; improved its collections and facilities, including a \$17.7 million restoration of the palm dome of the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory; enriched and expanded the Garden's digital content; heightened the connections between the Garden's science research and issues of public concern, such as expanding studies of biodiversity in the service of human life; began the repositioning of work to attract new Board members and donors; built a staff senior leadership team; developed a long-range exhibition plan; and presented the largest botanical exhibition in its history, *Brazilian Modern: The Living Art of Roberto Burle Marx*.

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The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458. For more information, visit [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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