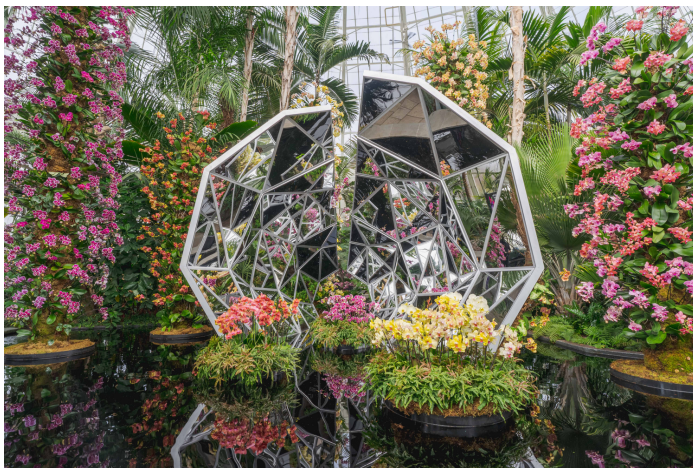


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***The Orchid Show* Returns to The New York Botanical Garden for Its 19th Year, Showcasing the Bold and Colorful Vision of Famed Floral Designer Jeff Leatham**

***The Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham's Kaleidoscope* Runs February 26 Through May 1, 2022**



The Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham's Kaleidoscope (NYBG Photo by Marlon Co)

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's popular orchid exhibition returns for its 19th year with *The Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham's Kaleidoscope*, from February 26 through May 1, 2022. Lifestyle icon and floral designer to the stars Jeff Leatham designed the 2020 *Orchid Show*, which was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He has reinvented his dazzling creations, transforming each gallery of the exhibition in NYBG's historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a different color experience, like the turn of a kaleidoscope.

Orchid towers of orange, yellow, and green, undulating fields of white, and overhead plumes of purple, together with artistic embellishments and a kaleidoscopic tunnel of lights, will captivate and enthrall visitors. Leatham worked with horticulturists from NYBG, including Senior Curator of Orchids Marc Hachadourian, to assemble orchids from its collections as well as from some of the finest growers in the world. Orchids of seemingly every conceivable shape and provenance, including rare and iconic specimens, are on display in breathtaking configurations.

"I am thrilled to bring *Kaleidoscope* back to The New York Botanical Garden in 2022—much

like when you look into a kaleidoscope, the view is never the same,” Jeff Leatham said. “My reinvention of *Kaleidoscope* will be totally different installations than two years ago. Every turn will display a new vision, while maintaining the thematic element of every gallery focusing on a different color experience. With this design, visitors will appreciate the beauty of orchids and see NYBG’s Conservatory in exciting new ways.”

Jeff Leatham is the award-winning artistic director of the Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris, with studios also at the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center and the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills. He has been creating a sensation with his floral installations since he began his career in 1994. His work is a combination of his love for flowers and passion for design. Using shape, color, and simplicity, his creations are dramatic, bold, unforgettable statements that are always an integral part of the setting. Leatham has produced spectacular displays in Paris for two decades, and in 2014, he was knighted with the *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*—the highest honor for artists and others who have made a significant contribution to French culture. His clients include Dolly Parton, Tina Turner, Cher, Oprah Winfrey, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and many others. His publications—*Flowers by Jeff Leatham*, *Flowers by Design*, and *Jeff Leatham: Visionary Floral Art and Design*—remain best-selling design books worldwide.

On select Fridays and Saturdays in March and April, adults 21 and over can experience the exhibition at night with music, cash bars, and food available for purchase. Orchid Evenings will take place on March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 22, and 23, 2022; 7–10 p.m.

At NYBG Shop, *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, along with orchid products and books.

For more information about *The Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham’s Kaleidoscope*, please visit www.nybg.org/event/the-orchid-show/

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