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The New York Botanical Garden Announces *Wonderland: Curious Nature*, an All-New, Garden-Wide Exhibition for 2024, Featuring Horticultural and Contemporary Art Installations Inspired by *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

The Immersive and Enchanting Exhibition Will Span Three Seasons, Running from May 18 through October 27, 2024

Tickets on Sale February 1, 2024 at www.nybg.org



Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) announces an all-new exhibition for 2024, *Wonderland: Curious Nature*. The presentation will feature horticultural and contemporary art installations that evoke the spirit of exploration and uncanny nature of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. From May 18 through October 27, 2024, visitors of all ages will explore NYBG through a new lens in this one-of-a-kind, garden-wide adventure through settings, sights, and scents inspired by the classic tale and its sequel, *Through the Looking Glass, and What Alice Found There*. The exhibition will be organized by curator and scholar Jennifer R. Gross. Celebrated artists whose works will be showcased in this presentation will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets will go on sale beginning February 1, 2024. For more information and to sign up for ticket alerts, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/wonderland-curious-nature/>.

During *Wonderland: Curious Nature*, visitors will choose a variety of experiences as they embark on a journey encompassing mind-bending horticultural displays and mesmerizing and immersive art installations in and around NYBG's iconic glasshouse, the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library Building, and across the historic 250-acre grounds. Visitors will be able to venture through a rabbit hole, experience installations that offer outside scale and unusual perspective, and engage their curiosity about science and nature. In the magnificent Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, visitors will behold a blooming wonderland with a rose garden fit for a queen, along with picture-perfect moments that celebrate the beloved story in a unique new way.

The sensory adventure of *Wonderland: Curious Nature* will continue with culinary magic from NYBG's dining venues. Linger over an imaginative meal or elegant afternoon tea at the Hudson Garden Grill, grab a quick bite at the Pine Tree Café, and discover whimsical pop-ups sprinkled throughout the visually stunning Botanical Garden landscape. Whether looking for a hearty meal, a sweet “unbirthday” treat, a savory nibble, or an inventive handcrafted cocktail, all will find something delightfully *mad* to spark their curiosity and whet their appetites.

The multi-seasonal exhibition will be complemented by a vibrant offering of public programming.

About the Guest Curator

Guest curator Jennifer R. Gross, Ph.D., is an independent curator and art historian. Most recently, she curated a retrospective on artist and poet Mina Loy for Bowdoin College and an exhibition of the work of contemporary artists Ashley Bryan and Paula Wilson for Colby College Museum of Art. The Founding Director of the Hauser & Wirth Institute, a nonprofit supporting research and artist archives, Dr. Gross has also served as Chief Curator at the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum and Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at Yale University Art Gallery.

About The New York Botanical Garden

Founded in 1891, The New York Botanical Garden is the most comprehensive botanical garden in the world and an integral part of the cultural fabric of New York City, anchored in the Bronx. Visitors come to the Garden to connect with nature for joy, beauty, and respite, and for renowned plant-based exhibitions, music and dance, and poetry and lectures. Innovative children's education programs promote environmental sustainability and nutrition awareness, graduate programs educate the next generation of botanists, while engaging classes inspire adults to remain lifelong learners. The 250-acre verdant landscape—which includes a 50-acre, old-growth forest—and the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory support living collections of more than one million plants. Unparalleled resources are also held in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, the world's most important botanical and horticultural library with 11 million archival items spanning ten centuries, and William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest in the Western Hemisphere with 7.8 million plant and fungal specimens. Committed to protecting the planet's biodiversity and natural resources, Garden scientists work on-site in cutting-edge molecular labs and in areas worldwide where biodiversity is most at risk.

For more information about *Wonderland: Curious Nature*, visit our website at <https://www.nybg.org/event/wonderland-curious-nature/>.

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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

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