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The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show*® Returns Bigger Than Ever for Its 32nd Year, with More Model Trains and an All-New Outdoor Display, Saturday, November 18, 2023, through Monday, January 15, 2024

On 17 Select Nights, *Holiday Train Show* Visitors of All Ages Can Also Enjoy *NYBG GLOW*, the Outdoor Light Experience, or During the Adult Fan-Favorite Bar Car Nights, on Three Dates

Tickets On Sale Now at nybg.org.



Left: *Holiday Train Show* replicas of Midtown and Lower Manhattan landmarks inside NYBG's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory; Right: The all-new enchanted woodland outdoor train display on the Haupt Conservatory Lawn (NYBG Photos by Marlon Co)

Bronx, NY—The *Holiday Train Show*® makes its grand return to The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) on Saturday, November 18, 2023, through Monday, January 15, 2024. For its 32nd year, the beloved holiday tradition, which features model trains zipping through a miniature wonderland of nearly 200 New York landmark replicas, each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as leaves, seeds, twigs, bark, acorns, and cinnamon sticks, is bigger than ever, with more trains and the addition of an all-new enchanted woodland outdoor train display, complementing the indoor show in the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

On 17 select nights, visitors of all ages can enjoy both the *Holiday Train Show* and *NYBG GLOW*, The New York Botanical Garden's outdoor holiday light experience. During these special evenings, families and friends can marvel at NYBG's festively illuminated landscape and historic buildings, along with evening viewing of the *Holiday Train Show*. Beverages and light fare will be available at one of NYBG's outdoor bars and the Bronx Night Market Holiday Pop-Up.

NYBG GLOW will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, November 17; Saturday, November 18; Friday, November 24; Saturday, November 25; Friday, December 1; Saturday, December 2; Friday, December 8; Saturday, December 9; Friday, December 15; Saturday, December 16; Sunday, December 17; Friday, December 22; Saturday, December 23; Tuesday, December 26; Wednesday, December 27; Thursday, December 28; Friday, December 29; Saturday, December 30, 2023; Saturday, January 6; and Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Fan-favorite Bar Car Nights, for adults age 21 and over, will also make a comeback this season on three select dates, Thursdays, December 7 and December 14, 2023, and Friday, January 5, 2024. Bar Car Nights feature adults-only nighttime viewing of the *Holiday Train Show* and *NYBG GLOW*, with light bites and curated beverages available for purchase as visitors journey through the exhibition with friends and loved ones.

Tickets for the *Holiday Train Show*, *NYBG GLOW*, and Bar Car Nights are on sale now at nybg.org.

Set within NYBG's iconic glasshouse, the *Holiday Train Show* is renowned for its vignettes of G-scale model trains enlivening botanical replicas of such famous New York landmarks as the Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Terminal, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Musical Hall, the Apollo Theater, and many other favorites, all crafted by the creative team at Applied Imagination in Alexandria, Kentucky. American steam engines, streetcars from the late 1800s, and modern freight and passenger trains travel along overhead trestles, through tunnels, and across soaring structures such as the Brooklyn Bridge and the George Washington Bridge, providing merriment for all ages.

The addition of the all-new display of model trains traversing towering mountains and an enchanted woodland populated with forest animals, winter-interest plants, and fantastical fungi on the Haupt Conservatory Lawn expands the exhibition, creating an indoor and outdoor experience. It gives a nod to how the Applied Imagination team gathers a multitude of diverse plant materials in the woods on the company's property to create the botanical structures brought to life in the exhibition. It also harkens back to the roots of the *Holiday Train Show*, which began outdoors on the Botanical Garden's grounds in 1992. It is sure to be an ideal location for holiday photos.

The exhibition includes interpretive signage that explores some of the plants used to create the *Holiday Train Show* replicas. The signage links to exclusive content in the Bloomberg Connects app that tells these plant stories, using preserved plant specimens from NYBG's William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest plant research collection in the Western Hemisphere, with nearly eight million specimens. The *Holiday Train Show* signs draw a

connection between The New York Botanical Garden's cherished annual exhibition and its Plant Research and Conservation program.

During their visit, families can take part in a *Holiday Train Show* Treasure Hunt with the Bloomberg Connects app or the Evergreen Express Winter Activity Guide, a colorful booklet that will inspire children to explore the collections of plants growing at The New York Botanical Garden. The guide features tools and ideas to engage their senses and spark their curiosity and imagination.

During the day or at night, the *Holiday Train Show* at NYBG is sure to be unforgettable for those who look forward to seeing it every year and for those experiencing it for the first time. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website at nybg.org.

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