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***Allure: An Orchid Exhibition* Opens February 11 at New England Botanic Garden**

(January 17, 2022) BOYLSTON, MA – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) is filling its conservatories with orchids in one of the most dramatic and mesmerizing plant exhibitions of the year. From February 11 to March 19, 2023, [Allure: An Orchid Exhibition](#) will showcase thousands of living orchids in artful arrangements. During daytime hours and a lineup of special events including Orchids After Dark, visitors of *Allure* can explore what makes orchids so enchanting, not only to human senses, but to the pollinators they specialize in tempting.

“People are captivated by orchids, but for these plants, insects and birds are the real targets of all of their alluring adaptations,” says Lea Morgan, Exhibitions Manager for New England Botanic Garden. “*Allure* immerses guests in the beautiful, fascinating world of orchids and spotlights the dramatic relationships these plants form with their pollinators.”

In addition to plants, the exhibit will include larger-than-life sculptures of several orchid species and their preferred pollinators. Visually and anatomically accurate, these sculptures will help depict the tricks, traps, and treasure tactics orchids have evolved over millennia. The sculptures are the work of [Kara Walker](#), a California-based artist and maker known for whimsical, colorful creations and featured on season three of NBC’s “Making It.”

“One of the special things about a botanic garden is that our work with plants invites the community to experience art and science together,” says Grace Elton, CEO of New England Botanic Garden. “Whether visitors come for the blooms, the pollinators, or the special events we have planned, we hope everyone will leave in awe of the natural world around us.”

Allure: An Orchid Exhibition opens February 11 with a weekend of live music, drop-in workshops, themed activities, and—just in time for Valentine’s Day—an artisan marketplace. Visitors can also enjoy *Allure* in a different light on select evenings through the series Orchids After Dark. On Fridays from February 17 to March 17 from 6 – 8PM, visitors can experience the exhibit while enjoying live jazz performed by highly talented local musicians, a cash bar, and light bites available for purchase.

The Garden recommends that visitors purchase tickets for *Allure*’s opening weekend February 11 and 12 in advance and requires tickets be purchased in advance for

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Orchids After Dark. To learn more about *Allure: An Orchid Exhibition*, visit <https://nebg.org/allure-orchid-exhibition> or contact Liz Nye at lnye@nebg.org.

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About New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is a nonprofit organization located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. A regional destination, we are operated on 171 acres by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and are open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, activities, private events, educational classes, weddings, exhibitions, and more. We are an [AAM-accredited](#) museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants. We hope to engage you in a life-long passion for growing plants for their ornamental, economic, and ecological value. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill including its history, mission, and its staff, please visit www.nebg.org.