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**New England  
Botanic Garden**  
AT TOWER HILL

## **New England Botanic Garden Opens CHIAOZZA: A Sculpture Exhibition on June 1**

**(May 23, 2023) BOYLSTON, MA** – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) is excited to announce the opening of a lively and imaginative new exhibition inspired by the wonders of the plant world. [CHIAOZZA: A Sculpture Exhibition](#) showcases the work of Brooklyn-based artists Adam Frezza and Terri Chiao. Running from June 1 to October 15, the exhibition celebrates the surprising creative parallels between horticultural experimentation and art making.

The focal point of CHIAOZZA: A Sculpture Exhibition is a series of 10 vibrantly colored sculptures that reflect the curious forms found in grafted trees and shrubs. The works themselves, painted paper pulp sculptures set on white pedestals, will be displayed across the New England Botanic Garden grounds. Visitors will encounter the sculptures emerging along walking paths, nestled among plantings, and displayed in flower beds and water features. “We approached this exhibition with the idea of an art walk in mind,” says artist duo, Frezza and Chiao. “We want to encourage people to wander through the landscape and happen upon something that might evoke a sense of wonder, play, contemplation, connection, or peacefulness.”

Frezza and Chiao formed their collaborative practice, CHIAOZZA (rhymes with “wowza” or “yowza,” as they say) in 2011. Their studio explores play and craft across a range of mediums, including sculpture, painting, works on paper, public art, and more. Since 2012, they have been featured in solo shows in New York and California. They have installed public artworks in New York City’s Central Park and Tappen Park, as well as other locations across the country and abroad. In 2017, they created an acre-spanning 32-sculpture installation at Coachella Art & Music Festival.

“We are thrilled to welcome these accomplished artists to the Garden and to share their wonderfully creative and inspiring work with our community,” says New England Botanic Garden CEO Grace Elton. “This exhibition promises to be a summer highlight for people of all ages across the region.” In addition to the outdoor displays, smaller sculptures, wall works, and a short film created by the artists will be on view inside the Garden’s Milton Gallery.

CHIAOZZA: A Sculpture Exhibition will be on display through October 15 and included with general admission. New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is located on 171

acres in Boylston, MA, and open seven days a week from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To learn more about CHIAOZZA or explore the artists' past work, visit <https://www.etsystew.com/>. For more information about CHIAOZZA: A Sculpture Exhibition and other exciting summer happenings at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill visit <https://nebg.org/chiaozza/> or contact Public Relations Manager Liz Nye at [lnye@nebg.org](mailto: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](http://www.nebg.org).