



**New England
Botanic Garden**
AT TOWER HILL

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Escape the cold and discover a world of vibrant blooms at New England Botanic Garden’s annual orchid exhibition

***Elevated* showcases more than 2,000 living orchids in dynamic display with large-scale aerial sculpture by artist Cicely Carew, February 7 – March 22**

BOYLSTON, MA, January 26, 2026 – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) is filling its subtropical conservatories with thousands of orchids in one of the organization’s most highly-anticipated exhibitions of the year. From February 7 to March 22, [Elevated, An Orchid Exhibition](#) celebrates the beauty and wonder of orchids in combination with captivating aerial sculptures by artist [Cicely Carew](#). Inspired by the forms and rhythms of nature, Carew’s “flying paintings” soar over and among displays of more than 2,000 orchid plants of diverse colors, sizes, and forms. *Elevated* offers visitors a unique opportunity to beat the winter blues, discover uncommon orchids, and explore the connections between art and nature.

“The Garden’s annual orchid exhibition delivers what we all need in the winter season—color, warmth, inspiration, and joy,” says Lea Morgan, exhibitions manager for New England Botanic Garden. Each year, the orchid exhibition changes to feature new plants, themes, artists, educational programming, and special events. “We’re thrilled, not only to present *Elevated* to the community, but also to collaborate with such an exceptional artist on the exhibition’s creative vision,” Morgan adds.

Cicely Carew, a Boston-based artist, educator, and wellness facilitator, is known for creating artwork that brings together color, movement, and emotion in joyful and unexpected ways. Her practice blurs the boundaries between artistic disciplines, mixing painting, collage, sculpture, printmaking, sound, and video to create vibrant, immersive experiences that invite viewers to pause, breathe, and reconnect. For *Elevated*, Carew expands her material language through a new body of work that integrates garden and industrial materials, such as aluminum mesh and plastic fencing, alongside experimental printmaking and luminous elements. Working with fiber optics for the first time, her sculptural forms emerge as hovering “flying paintings,” echoing the delicacy and exuberance of orchids in bloom.

Elevated is both an offering of beauty and a spiritual invitation. In a world that can feel heavy right now, I wanted this exhibition to operate as a kind of salve—something that gently restores. Nature teaches us about care, interdependence, and evolution, and the seasons share their wisdom if we're willing to listen. Through the orchids and aerial sculptures, I hope visitors feel lifted—guided back toward light, wonder, and the living beauty that exists everywhere, including within us," says Carew.

Carew earned her MFA from Lesley University's College of Art and Design in Cambridge, MA, and her BFA from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, MA. Her work has been featured at the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Fuller Craft Museum, the Fitchburg Art Museum, The Commons in Provincetown, and Simmons and Northeastern Universities. Her work is also part of permanent collections at the Harvard Art Museums, the Boston Public Library, the Fitchburg Art Museum, the U.S. Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies program, Google, and Fidelity Investments.

Visitors can experience *Elevated* during daytime hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with general admission or through a lineup of special events and educational programs.

- **[Elevated Opening Weekend, Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.](#)**: Be among the first to experience the breathtaking orchid displays and stunning aerial works of art by artist Cicely Carew while also enjoying a weekend of live music and a curated artisan vendor market. This two-day special event is included with general Garden admission.
- **[Orchids After Dark, Fridays and Saturdays, February 13 – March 14, 6 – 8 p.m.](#)**: Experience the elegance of *Elevated* in a whole new light during this exclusive after-hours, 21+ event series. Each evening features a cash bar, light bites available for purchase, and live performances by talented local musicians. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- **[Adult and Youth Education Programs](#)**: From walk and talk events to watercolor classes, botanical mixology, yoga, and family clay-making, a variety of education programs provide opportunities to experience the orchid exhibition and explore connections between art and nature.
- **[Orchid Sale, April 3](#)**: Following the exhibition, plants from the show become available for sale to the public. The annual Orchid Sale is an opportunity to bring home a piece of the exhibition and add plants to your collection that are tough to find anywhere else.

To learn more about *Elevated, An Orchid Exhibition* and plan a visit, go to <https://nebg.org/elevated>.

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Elevated Press Photo Album available [here](#).

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, the Garden is operated on nearly 200 acres by the

Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and is open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, educational programs, private events, weddings, exhibitions, and more. In 2023, New England Botanic Garden was voted "[Top Botanic Garden in the U.S.](#)" by *TravelAwaits*. New England Botanic Garden is an [AAM-accredited](#) museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants and creates opportunities for visitors to experience the wonder of plants, learn about the natural world, and make joyful connections. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden including its history, mission, and its staff at www.nebg.org.

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