



# THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**THE ORCHID DINNER**  
AT THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012

One of the most anticipated evenings of the New York winter social schedule is The New York Botanical Garden's annual Orchid Dinner. This breathtaking event will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Mandarin Oriental at Columbus Circle, overlooking Central Park with its glorious views of Manhattan.

The Botanical Garden is pleased to honor Tiffany & Co. and The Tiffany & Co. Foundation at this year's event for the Foundation's decade of support as the Founding Sponsor of *The Orchid Show* and will celebrate the company's 175th Anniversary. "As the founding supporter, we have seen the show develop over these past ten years, delighting audiences with spectacular design and the important message of conservation. The Tiffany & Co. Foundation is pleased to witness the success of the show, the orchid research collection and the annual Orchid Dinner," said Fernanda Kellogg, Chairman of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation and this year's Orchid Dinner.

The Orchid Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails served during a sale of rare and exceptional orchids. Some of the world's leading orchid specialists will be on hand to assist guests with their purchases. Dinner will take place in the Grand Ballroom, where every table will be adorned by an orchid centerpiece and table setting created and donated by leading designers from the worlds of fashion, architecture, horticulture, and literature. The evening promises to be stunning.

We are delighted to announce that Tiffany & Co., BNY Mellon, and *Veranda* will serve as sponsors once again. "We're thrilled to sponsor the Orchid Dinner for our 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year," said Dara Caponigro, Editor-in-Chief, *Veranda*, and Chair of The Orchid Dinner. "The evening supports The New York Botanical Garden's vital work in conservation and education and we are pleased to have helped the Garden attract so much creative talent in support of its mission. We cannot wait for the dinner – it is always a showcase for some of the most extraordinary design."

All proceeds from the Dinner underwrite the development of the Garden's orchid research collection, which helps maintain the highest horticultural standards of orchid conservation. The Garden has been designated a Plant Rescue Center through the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Improperly documented shipments of endangered wild orchids are seized at international borders and sent to these Centers. Through careful research and the application of appropriate horticultural techniques, Garden staff members have been successful in bringing a majority of these ailing specimens back to health. Many are on view year-round in orchid displays at the Botanical Garden.

Following the Orchid Dinner is *The Orchid Show: Patrick Blanc's Vertical Gardens* running from March 3 through April 22, 2012, at The New York Botanical Garden. The Garden presents the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Orchid Show* this year, the nation's largest and only curated exhibition. Famed French botanist and artist Patrick Blanc, guest designer, introduces his exciting signature vertical gardens in the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

**Gala Chairs:** Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan C. Clay  
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**When:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
**Where:** Mandarin Oriental  
80 Columbus Circle at 60th Street, New York  
6:30 p.m. Exclusive Press Preview and Early Décor Showcase  
7 p.m. Cocktails and Sale of Exceptional Orchids, 36th Floor  
8 p.m. Dinner and Dancing, Grand Ballroom, 36th Floor

**Tickets:** Start at \$1,500

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