

Music from the World of Orchids

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Saturdays & Sundays,
1 & 3 p.m. in Ross Hall

Orchids fascinate and touch the lives of people in every country and culture. Enjoy a wide variety of music from around the world—different artists play popular tunes from a featured country each weekend—to complement your visit.

MARCH 2 & 3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —JAZZ AGE TRIO

Enjoy some American jazz standards of the 1920s and 1930s, when Jazz became popular and began to influence cultures all over the world. The Jazz Age Trio ensemble was formed by three devoted New York City musicians and is led by Sedic Shukroon. sedric.net

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most popular North American orchids is the pink lady's slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*). This long-lived orchid thrives in dry, acidic soils in a woodland environment.

MARCH 9 & 10 PORTUGAL—NATHALIE PIRES

Be transported to the historic cobblestoned streets of Lisbon and beyond by Nathalie and her ensemble, known as "Manhattan Camerata," performing the melodic and soulful "national music" of Portugal, called *fado*. In her sweet, crystal clear voice packed with emotion, she sings this melodic, soulful, hauntingly beautiful music accompanied by virtuoso guitars. nathliepires.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Portugal is home to the man orchid (*Orchis anthropophora*). The flowers on these orchids have a striking resemblance to little men.

MARCH 16 & 17 CAMEROON—KAÏSSA

Listen in on the musical traditions of Africa, performed by vocalist Kaïssa with poise and precision. Her vocal timbre invokes aural images of her native Cameroon and her music paints a lush, vivid picture of the ever-changing world around her. Her beautiful, powerful, yet silky voice sings out exuberant messages of joy, love, hope, and celebration. kaissa.com

DID YOU KNOW?

The 91 species of *Satyrium* occur mostly in sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar. The genus was given its name because the two spurs on the lip of the orchid reminded botanists of Satyr—the woodland demigod that was half man and half goat.

MARCH 23 & 24 MEXICO—MEXICO BEYOND MARIACHI

From the mountains of Guerrero with its pulsing rhythms, to the story-telling *rancheros* of the deserts of Sinaloa, to the tropical sound of the small guitars of Veracruz, take a musical journey with Mexico Beyond Mariachi that captures the heart and soul of a country rich in exciting and diverse musical styles. mexicobeyondmariachi.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Encyclia citrina is an epiphytic orchid that grows dangling from tree branches in oak-pine forests in northwest Mexico. It is sometimes referred to as the tulip orchid because of its cup-shaped yellow flowers. It has a strong lemony fragrance and prefers to grow in cooler conditions.

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MARCH 30, 31, & APRIL 1

CUBA—NU D'LUX

Enjoy some authentic Cuban Son music performed by a quartet from the ensemble Nu D'Lux, consisting of vocals, Conga, Cuban Tres guitar, bass, flute, and percussion. Their energy is irresistible and their sound incorporates Afro-Cuban and Afro-Puerto Rican vocal stylings, and they can groove from the sweetest Son to funky modern Cuban, Rumba, and Danzón. nudlux.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Tolumnia sylvestre is a dainty epiphytic orchid that grows on the branches of shrubs in Cuba. It was once thought to be a terrestrial orchid since it is often found growing in pine needle litter but it was discovered that the roots of the orchid did not penetrate the ground—it wraps its tiny roots around pine needles and sits above ground.

APRIL 6 & 7

PERU—THE HECTOR MORALES ENSEMBLE

Immerse yourself in traditional music of the coastal and Andean regions of Peru. *Festejos*, *zamacuecas*, as well as *huaynos* merge seamlessly, painting a sonic picture of this fascinating region of the world—where nature is as diverse and exuberant as its culture. hectormorales.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Sobralia dichotoma is a terrestrial orchid that grows on reed-like stems that can stretch 9–12 feet tall. The flowers are a dramatic combination of red-brown, violet, and yellow. This Peruvian orchid can be seen growing in Machu Picchu.

APRIL 13 & 14

INDIA—THE CHARANAMS

Enjoy a blend of two great styles of music, the South Indian Classical (Carnatic) and jazz. The Charanams present original compositions based on Indian ragas in addition to classical carnatic compositions blended with jazz style and contemporary rhythms. charanams.com

DID YOU KNOW?

In India, the tuberous roots of some orchids such as *Orchis latifolia* are dried and ground to form a nutritive powder and drink called Salep. It is thought to cure several ailments and give restorative power.

APRIL 20, 21, & 22

BRAZIL—THE CARLOS ALMEIDA ENSEMBLE

Celebrate the joyful spirit of Brazil, with its irresistible rhythms ranging from samba to choro to bossa nova. Brazilian guitarist Carlos Almeida and ensemble present this program of captivating, lively, and beautiful Brazilian music. cantaloupeproductions.com/musicians-and-bands/soloists/carlos-almeida/

DID YOU KNOW?

Aganisia cyanea is a showy true blue orchid that grows in wet lowland rain forests of Brazil. During the monsoon season the orchid, which grows on lower sections of large trees, can be submerged in flood water for weeks without any harm.

ORCHID EVENINGS

Saturdays, March 9, 23, April 6, 13, & 20;
6:30–9 p.m.

View *The Orchid Show* with a cocktail in hand. Music and unforgettable beauty make for one of New York City's most romantic date destinations. Your ticket includes a complimentary cocktail and special dinner offers at our restaurant partners on Little Italy's Arthur Avenue and beyond.

Non-Member \$30/Member \$20 (Adults 21 and over)

Advance tickets recommended; includes one specialty cocktail
Start the night off with a champagne pre-party at Shop in the Garden each night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn more at nybg.org/priceless

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