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***Van Gogh's Flowers* Floral and Contemporary Art Exhibition at the New York Botanical Garden Complemented by Daytime and Nighttime Programming on Select Dates**



[Left to right] “Plein Air Drop-In and Paint,” part of the complementary daytime programming on select dates at *Van Gogh's Flowers*; Starry Nights Van Gogh-themed drone show finale on select evenings; signature cocktails or mocktails available for purchase

Bronx, NY—On select dates, an immersive offering of public programming complements the floral and contemporary art exhibition *Van Gogh's Flowers* at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). Visitors to NYBG can revel in the beauty of the natural world that inspired Vincent van Gogh, one of the world's most revered artists. You've seen the paintings, now see them come to life at the Garden. Complementary daytime programming on select dates offers engaging, interactive experiences, such as “Plein Air Drop-In and Paint,” that spark NYBG visitors' creativity, offer respite from City life, and inspire them to see nature as Van Gogh did. On select Fridays and Saturdays, Starry Nights offers exhibition viewing in the glow of evening, with music and performers, drinks and food available for purchase, and, conditions-permitting, an after-dark 10-minute Van Gogh-themed drone show finale—New York City's first at a cultural institution—bringing *Starry Night* to life before your eyes. *Van Gogh's Flowers* runs from May 24 through October 26, 2025.

Starry Nights

June 6 and 7, 2025; 7–10 p.m.

June 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2025; 7:30–10 p.m.

July 18, 19, 25, and 26, 2025; 7:30–10 p.m.

August 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23, 2025; 7:30–10 p.m.

September 5, 6, 12, and 13, 2025; 7:30–10 p.m.

NYBG Members: \$39; Non-Members: \$49; Free entry for children under the age of 2

Starry Nights are ticketed through NYBG's presenting partner, Fever.

<https://www.nybg.org/event/van-goghs-flowers/starry-nights/>

Experience *Van Gogh's Flowers* after dark. The exhibition comes aglow for evening outings that capture the twinkling allure of the artist's nighttime scenery. Within and around NYBG's iconic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, find yourself surrounded by the botanical beauty that inspired Van Gogh. Wander through a breathtaking lawn of sculptural and real sunflowers, and snap photos of blooming recreations of the artist's work. Conditions permitting, the nighttime experience concludes with a celebration of Van Gogh's iconic *The Starry Night*, featuring a 10-minute illuminated drone show finale sparkling above—the first of its kind at a cultural institution in New York City. Relax to live music and performers evoking the Parisian bistros Van Gogh frequented while you sip a cocktail and enjoy light bites for purchase. Van Gogh's painted world comes to life as the sun sets on these special evenings at NYBG.

Enjoy Live Music

Until 9 p.m.

Conservatory Plaza

A local quartet of acoustic instrumentalists welcomes you to Starry Nights with French tunes that evoke the Parisian bistros and Provençal village cafes Van Gogh frequented.

Diego Campo String Quartet

The Diego Campo String Quartet performs weekly Hot and Jazz Manouche styles of jazz in New York's social spaces. With set lists of French Jazz, swing, and cinematic sound colorations, this band brings high-energy and strong rhythmic drive to dance-loving audiences. Led by guitarist Diego Campo, the quartet features a favorite repertoire, including tunes from Django Reinhardt, Duke Ellington, and Fats Waller.

Starry Nights: Alive

Conservatory Lawn and Tulip Tree Allée

The twinkling stars and swirling clouds of *Starry Night* come to life through the movements and glowing garments of visiting performers.

- **Moon on a Starry Night**

Roaming Puppet until 9:30 p.m.

Garden Way

Drifting through the Garden, the Moon on a Starry Night puppet brings to life Van Gogh's swirling night scenes. With painted gowns and an ornate crown, the puppet invites you to snap a photo and share in the up-close wonder of Mascara Viva's artistry. Founded by Lucrecia Novoa, Mascara Viva creates large-scale character puppets using masks, costumes, storytelling, and dance to interpret art, traditions, and stories across cultures.

- **Living Portrait**

Until 9 p.m.

Conservatory Lawn

Amongst a field of sunflowers, step into the frame of a Van Gogh-inspired living portrait.

- **Van Gogh in Motion**

Fountain of Life at the Mertz Lawns

Van Gogh's paintings are famous for their dynamic movement; his signature bold and sweeping brush strokes often give the impression that the scenes are alive. Inspired by the motion in Van Gogh's paintings, a series of local dance companies present performances featuring movement and costumes inspired by seminal works.

Pigeonwing Dance

June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, & 28

Pigeonwing Dance (PWD), founded in 2016 by Guggenheim Fellow Gabrielle Lamb, has been praised by *The New Yorker* as "eccentric...playful...curious." Winning residencies at New York City Center, 92Y, and Princeton University's Lewis Center for the Arts, they have also brought dance to new and unsuspecting audiences at the MIT Museum (*The Choreography of CRISPR*) and *Selected Shorts at Symphony Space*, where they were the first dance company commissioned by the beloved storytelling series. In 2020, PWD launched The Carpet Series—popup dances on an 8x10 Persian carpet in public spaces. Now in its 6th edition with over 200 performances across NYC's five boroughs, the carpet has been unrolled at locations like the New York Botanical Garden, Governors Island, and the Museum of Arts & Design. *DANCE Magazine* observed, "the geometric patterns of the Persian rug echo and amplify Lamb's idiosyncratic movement vocabulary, which is both intensely intricate and unusually syncopated." PWD's upcoming engagements include Harvard University and Rice University's Moody Center for the Arts.

Plein-Air Drop-In & Paint

Saturdays and Sundays, 12–3 p.m.

Bring out your inner artist during weekend watercolor painting sessions in some of NYBG's most beloved outdoor living collections. Guided by a visiting artist, with painting materials provided (you're welcome to bring your own too), let your inspiration soar as you explore Van Gogh's own muse—nature.

- Perennial Garden
June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2025
- Native Plant Garden
July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27; August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17, 2025
- Azalea Garden
August 23, 24, 30, and 31; September 1, 2025
- Native Plant Garden
September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2025
- Perennial Garden
October 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25, and 26, 2025

The Artist at Work

Select dates and locations; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Watch an artist at work. Stop by the artist’s open-air studio to see how creative professionals working in a variety of mediums seek inspiration from the natural world that inspired Vincent van Gogh’s timeless masterpieces.

Jaron Newton

July 12 and 13, 2025

Jaron Newton is an artist and art instructor based in the Longwood neighborhood of the Bronx. Jaron’s teaching philosophy revolves around visual literacy and technical development, and the concept that drawing and painting are essential to the solidification of ideas. As an artist, Jaron enjoys exploring the medium of painting and its capabilities for storytelling.

Van Gogh in Film

July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27; August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, and 31, 2025

Showings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Arthur and Janet Ross Hall

Cool off with *Loving Vincent*, an animated film about the life of Vincent van Gogh. *Loving Vincent* is a 2018 Academy Award nominee for “Best Animated Feature Film,” and tells the story of Van Gogh’s later years through his paintings.

Film is rated PG-13 with a run time of 94 minutes.

Van Grow!

Through Sunday, October 26, 2025;

Weekdays: 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Weekends: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Everett Children’s Adventure Garden

Vincent van Gogh was known for creating art full of emotion and energy, with vibrant colors and swirling brushstrokes. You and your little ones can go on an art quest at the newly renovated Everett Children’s Adventure Garden as you create your own masterpiece

to take home using stencils and a dabbling technique, pot up a marigold plant of your own, craft a flower sculpture to brighten up your room, and more. Family program activities include:

- Potting Up a Marigold
- Sunflower Print Making
- Flower Sculpture Crafting
- How Sunflowers Move: Phototropism
- In the Garden with Van Gogh Story Walk
- Art and the Environment in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

NYBG Shop

Tuesdays through Sundays and holiday Mondays: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Starry Nights: Open until 9 p.m.

NYBG Shop, frequently called the best plant shop in the boroughs by visitors, offers a curated collection of the best indoor and outdoor plants, garden tools and supplies, and pottery. It's also a one-stop shop for the best Garden inspired gifts and home products from local and independent artisans around the globe. Experience expertly curated and created collections celebrating *Van Gogh's Flowers* during regular daytime Garden hours, with extended hours until 9 p.m. on select Starry Nights. Shop online 24/7 at www.nybgshop.org.

NYBG Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 4–October 22, 2025; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Near the Mosholu Entrance

The annual NYBG Farmers Market offers weekly produce, fresh baked goods, and delicious prepared foods with featured Van Gogh-inspired fare. Sub Edge Farm provides a CSA vegetable box for registrants throughout the season

Dining During Van Gogh's Flowers

Throughout the Botanical Garden, opportunities for Van Gogh-inspired refreshment abound. Whether looking for a hearty meal, a sweet treat, a savory nibble, or an inventive handcrafted cocktail, all can find something to whet and satisfy their appetites.

- **Pine Tree Café**

Daily, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Starry Nights, open until 10 p.m.

Incorporating French-inspired dishes alongside traditional offerings, the family-friendly menu features artisanal panini, rustic Neapolitan-style pizza, and delicious signature salads, plus sweet treats and snacks.

- **Hudson Garden Grill**

Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Weekends and holiday Mondays, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

No visit to NYBG is complete without a meal at its renowned farm-to-table restaurant, the Hudson Garden Grill. Savor seasonally inspired dishes and decadent desserts influenced by the Parisian bistros and Provençal village cafes Van Gogh frequented—all made from locally sourced, ethically produced ingredients.

- **Sunflower Bar at the Visitor Center Patio**

Weekends and holiday Mondays, 12–6 p.m.

Starry Nights, open until 10 p.m.

Grab a quick snack, sweet treat, or beverage from this outdoor venue. Offerings include grab-and-go charcuterie boxes, ratatouille grain bowls, ice cold lemonade, and a full bar with specialty cocktails.

- **Le Petit Glacier at the Stone Cottage**

Weekends and holiday Mondays, 12–5 p.m.

Stay cool at this outdoor pop-up adjacent to NYBG's Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden with cold beverages, ice cream novelties, and a variety of sweets and snacks.

- **Food Truck**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Weekends and holiday Mondays, 12–5 p.m.

Starry Nights, open until 10 p.m.

This snack stop at the base of Tulip Tree Allée serves up an array of snacks and sweets, plus a curated selection of wines, beers, and specialty crafted cocktails.

For more information about *Van Gogh's Flowers*, and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/van-goghs-flowers/>. To purchase tickets for *Starry Nights*, visit <https://feverup.com/m/353046>.

About The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has been a connective hub among people, plants, and the shared planet since 1891. For nearly 135 years, NYBG has been rooted in the cultural fabric of New York City, in the heart of the Bronx, its greenest borough. NYBG has invited millions of visitors to make the Garden a part of their lives, exploring the joy, beauty, and respite of nature. NYBG's 250 acres are home to renowned exhibitions, immersive botanical experiences, art and music, and events with some of the most influential figures in plant and fungal science, horticulture, and the humanities. NYBG is also a steward of globally significant research collections, from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library collection to the plant and fungal specimens in the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest such collection in the Western Hemisphere.

The plant people of NYBG—dedicated horticulturists, enthusiastic educators, and scientific adventurers—are committed to helping nature thrive so that humanity can thrive. They believe in their ability to make things better, teaching tens of thousands of kids and families

each year about the importance of safeguarding the environment and healthy eating. Expert scientists work across the city, the nation, and the globe to document the plants and fungi of the world—and find actionable, nature-based solutions to the planet’s dual climate and biodiversity crises. With eyes always looking forward, they train the next generation of botanists, gardeners, landscape designers, and environmental stewards, ensuring a green future for all. At NYBG, it’s nature—or nowhere.

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