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### **4th Annual “World of Orchids” Returns to San Diego Botanic Garden, May 4-27**

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**Encinitas, Calif.** (February 2024) – [San Diego Botanic Garden \(SDBG\)](#) announces the return of its fourth annual spring showcase, [World of Orchids](#), running Saturday, May 4 through Monday, May 27. The exhibition will be staged in the Garden’s state-of-the-art, 8,000 square foot, glass-enclosed facility, the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. *World of Orchids* is curated by SDBG’s highly awarded Artist-in-Residence, René van Rems, AIFD, who serves as Creative Director for the exhibition.

“Orchids comprise one of the largest and most diverse families of flowering plants in the world,” said SDBG President and CEO, Ari Novy, PhD. “With hundreds of species on display, this exhibit includes fantastical and strange orchids that should not be missed.” Over the course of four weeks, René van Rems will change the orchids on display, allowing visitors to have a different experience each visit. This is van Rems’ fourth year as the Creative Director for *World of Orchids*, and he hopes that the displays will “inspire people to look at plants, botanic elements and their environment with renewed awareness.”

The stunning orchid installations will feature impressive orchid specimens, locally bred hybrids, and rare species plants displayed in unique and unexpected ways. In addition to the many orchids that typically grow in the Garden’s Conservatory, displays will include plants on loan from private growers belonging to two local groups, the San Diego County Orchid Society and the Palomar Orchid Society, as well as orchids and materials from local businesses. On select days during the exhibition, vendors will also be offering unusual and unique orchids and merchandise for sale. Hands-on classes and workshops focused on orchids will accompany the exhibition, and will be added to the website in the coming weeks.

Admission to World of Orchids is free for Members, and an additional \$7 for non-members ages 17+. Non-member admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for ages 3-17 and is free for ages 2 and under. Discounted tickets are also available for military, students and seniors ages 60+. General admission includes access to the vendor booths and the rest of the Garden’s

37 acres during the same visit. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made online. San Diego Botanic Garden is open Wednesdays through Mondays from 9am to 5pm. For more information visit [www.sdbg.org/world-of-orchids](http://www.sdbg.org/world-of-orchids)

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### **About San Diego Botanic Garden**

Established in 1970, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) is a 37-acre urban oasis located in Encinitas, California, just north of San Diego. The Garden's four miles of trails and 8,000 square foot glass conservatory display more than 5,300 plant species and varieties. A premiere institution for botanical science and conservation, SDBG is actively involved in conservation horticulture, botany, and applied plant sciences to address our biggest local and global challenges, from biodiversity loss to climate change, food insecurity to environmental degradation. SDBG has the largest public bamboo collection in North America; gardens representing different regions and flora of the world; three children's gardens and demonstration gardens showcasing fruits and vegetables, water-smart ornamentals, and native plants. Through an array of educational programming, events and activities for both children and adults, the Garden aims to create, share and apply plant wisdom to the world. Learn more at [sdbg.org](http://sdbg.org). | FB [@SDBotanicGarden](https://www.facebook.com/SDBotanicGarden) | Instagram [@sandiegobotanicgarden](https://www.instagram.com/sandiegobotanicgarden) | TikTok [@sandiegobotanicgarden](https://www.tiktok.com/@sandiegobotanicgarden) | LinkedIn [@SanDiegoBotanicGarden](https://www.linkedin.com/company/SanDiegoBotanicGarden) | Twitter [@SDBGarden](https://twitter.com/SDBGarden)