LIGHTSCAPE

Lightscape Returns for its Fifth Year to San Diego Botanic Garden

From November 20 through January 3, Lightscape will illuminate evenings at the Garden with brand-new artistic installations throughout a spectacular one-mile winding trail

SAN DIEGO (September 2026) – *Lightscape*, the beloved after-dark holiday experience at San Diego Botanic Garden, will return for its **fifth year** from **Friday, November 20 through Sunday, January 3**, transforming the Garden's 37 acres into an immersive world of light, color, sound and imagination. The one-mile trail will feature brand-new artistic installations from international artists alongside returning fan favorites, with tunnels of light, illuminated sculptures, interactive moments and other dazzling displays creating a newly reimagined experience for the 2026 holiday season.

"*Lightscape* has become a holiday tradition for so many families, friends and visitors,"said San Diego Botanic Garden President & CEO Adam Schwerner. "There's something magical about seeing the Garden transformed by light. New installations reimagine familiar places, inviting visitors to experience a world of color, wonder and seasonal joy."

New installations this year include **Airquarium**, a vibrant shoal of colorful fish that appear to leap effortlessly from the waters of the Bamboo Pond; **Haze Arches**, a line of brightly lit arches enveloped in haze; **Moon and Stars,** a full moon suspended low in the sky surrounded by hundreds of sparkling stars; **Spark Ballet**, a collection of lanterns with lights flickering as if they have fairies dancing inside, suspended from the trees and nestled throughout the landscape to create an enchanting display; and **Flock** bringing a sense of joy and wonder to the trail with luminous birds ranging from white doves symbolizing peace to blue birds representing happiness. Returning favorites include the awe-inspiring **Winter Cathedral,** an immersive tunnel of light that creates a breathtaking sense of scale and wonder, and a dazzling sea of illuminated **Bluebonnets** that brings the landscape to life after dark.

San Diego Botanic Garden is producing *Lightscape* in association with Sony Music, which attracts over 100,000 visitors to the Garden annually and amazes millions of people year after year with similar shows in multiple locations across the world, including the U.K. and Australia. The experience is creatively produced by Culture Creative, and has been dazzling the world's biggest cities for over a decade, including sold-out runs in London, Chicago, Melbourne, and New York.

Tickets start at $28 for adults and $18 for children (ages 2 and under are free). Prices vary by date. For added flexibility, Anytime Access tickets are also available at a flat rate (not eligible for Member discounts). SDBG Members receive 20% off standard ticket pricing all season long.

Tickets for *Lightscape* 2026 at the San Diego Botanic Garden will go on sale September 24, 2026. To be one of the first to find out when tickets go on sale, sign up for the waitlist here.

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About San Diego Botanic Garden
Established in 1970, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) is an urban oasis located in Encinitas, California, just north of San Diego. The Garden's 37-acres and 8,000 square foot glass conservatory display more than 5,300 plant species and varieties. As a premier 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for botanical science and conservation, SDBG is 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. Featuring four miles of trails, SDBG has the largest public bamboo collection in North America; gardens representing different regions and flora of the world; 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. | FB @SDBotanicGarden | Instagram @sandiegobotanicgarden | TikTok @sandiegobotanicgarden | LinkedIn @SanDiegoBotanicGarden | Twitter @SDBGarden

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Culture Creative is a creative project and production management company based in the UK. The company works across a wide range of cultural fields including art, sport, heritage, tourism, festivals, and events, developing projects from concept to delivery. Since 2013 Culture Creative has worked closely with Sony Music to create illuminated trails in various venues across the UK and overseas. Learn more at www.culturecreative.co.uk | FB @culturecreativeltd | Twitter @CCLCreative | Instagram @culturecreativeltd