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The New York Botanical Garden, in Collaboration with N.Y.C. Councilmember Rafael Salamanca, Presents *Fiesta de Flores*, Part of its Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Celebration

The Evening will Feature Community Recognition, a Bronx Fashion Week Fashion Show, Food, Tours, and Local Music and Artisans, Thursday, October 10, 5:30–8:30 p.m.



Bronx, NY— The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), in collaboration with New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca (District 17, South Bronx), presents *Fiesta de Flores*, part of its Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month celebration of the cultural traditions and botanical heritage of the people of Latin America and the Caribbean region, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Highlights will include awards to community members, a Bronx Fashion Week floral-inspired fashion show by designer Edwin D’Angelo, great food, vibrant musical entertainment, and local artisans showcasing their crafts. The evening will also feature guided tours of Caribbean plants in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and flower-arranging demonstrations.

NYBG will recognize community members and public servants by presenting the following awards:

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Public Service Award**, presented to Majority Leader Amanda Farías, District 18, for her tireless, unwavering, and dedicated service to the people and institutions of the Bronx; and

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Community Service Award**, presented to Dr. Anderson Torres, President and CEO of R.A.I.N. Total Care, Inc., for his outstanding community service and contributions throughout the years to the people and institutions of the Bronx.

Councilmember Salamanca will honor the following community members with a proclamation for Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month:

- Roberto Crespo, Chair of Bronx Community Board 2; and
- Prisca Salazar-Rodriguez, Partner at Bolton St. Johns.

About Bronx Fashion Week

Bronx Fashion Week is more than just a runway—it’s a movement with a mission to celebrate diversity, creativity, and the vibrant spirit of the Bronx through fashion. They empower emerging designers, models, and creatives to shine on a global stage, all while fostering community and inclusivity. Each show brings style and culture together, making fashion accessible to all.

About Edwin D’Angelo Blurb

Edwin D’Angelo is redefining fashion with purpose, placing social impact at the heart of his designs. Known for his elegance, sophistication, and eclectic flair, Edwin’s creations go beyond the runway, empowering people to feel their absolute best. With a commitment to superb craftsmanship and a rich heritage, his brand radiates exclusivity and superior performance, creating a strong identity that resonates worldwide. Through public figures and his superlative fashion experiences, Edwin D’Angelo continues to inspire with every stitch.

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 more than 130 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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The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458. For more information, visit nybg.org

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