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NYBG Orchid Dinner 2017

If you're in the New York City area February 18 through April 9, I encourage you to stop by [The New York Botanical Garden for their annual Orchid Show](#).

Known as the nation's largest exhibit of its kind, this year's show is entitled "Thailand", home to over 1,200 native orchid species. You'll be amazed at the garden's transformation of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory showcasing beautiful orchids from around the world. Earlier this week, I attended The NYBG's annual Orchid Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of [The Plaza](#). I love this event and try to fit it into my schedule every year. The dinner included stunning table centerpieces created by 25 of New York's leading designers. As you will see in these photos, each centerpiece is full of color and creativity. Proceeds from the event benefit The NYBG's orchid research collection, which helps to maintain the highest horticultural standards of orchid conservation.

The event also allowed attendees the chance to purchase beautiful orchid specimens for their own personal garden collections during a pre-dinner sale. The rare orchids are hand-picked by Marc Hachadourian, the orchid curator at The NYBG - you'll love the plants I brought home. Enjoy these pictures.



There are more than six thousand orchids in the Garden's permanent collection. This Orchid Dinner kicks off their 15th annual Orchid Show. This centerpiece was presented and donated by Paris Forino Interior Design. Oscar Mora of Oscar Mora Floral Art & Design worked on it. His work has been featured in both Martha Stewart Living and Martha Stewart Weddings magazines.