

MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

Inaugural SGF Orchid Show takes place from 21 to 29 April 2018
at Singapore Botanic Gardens



Some interesting orchids at SGF Orchid Show 2018. Clockwise from top left: Aranda Lee Kuan Yew, Dendrobium lineale, Paphiopedilum rothschildianum, Dendrobium spectabile

The SGF Orchid Show will make its debut from 21 to 29 April 2018, presenting a visual fiesta of the world's largest family of flowering plants spread across the National Orchid Garden and other parts of the Singapore Botanic Gardens.



Jointly organised by the National Parks Board (NParks) and the Orchid Society of South East Asia, the nine-day event will be a wonderland of over 100 varieties of award-winning and heritage orchids.

Key highlights of the SGF Orchid Show include:

- **More than 700 of the region's best orchid plants** in the National Orchid Garden. These are submitted by breeders from around the region, competing for 38 heritage trophies. The best are hosted at Burkill Hall.
- **13 competitive landscape displays** featuring approximately 10 to 15 sqm creations by local orchid growers and others from Asia Pacific countries.
- **Celebrations!**, a special display located at the Orchid Plaza to mark Singapore's chairmanship of ASEAN this year. The display showcases some of the most beautiful and robust orchids native to ASEAN countries, as well as the commemorative *Renanthera* ASEAN 2018 orchid.
- **Orchid Splendour**, a creation by staff of the National Orchid Garden that mimics a freshwater swamp setting and features Singapore's heritage orchids, including hybrids such as *Aranthera* Anne Black, *Papilionanda* Tan Chay Yan and *Papilionanthe* Miss Joaquim. There also are fragrant orchids – such as *Papilionanda* Mimi Palmer and *Vandachostylis* Janice Allison. Also incorporated in this display are other orchids which have been reintroduced to their natural habitat in the freshwater swamps of Singapore.
- **A vibrant marketplace** offering food and beverages, orchids and plant-related products for sale.
- **Educational activities** such as an exhibition on Singapore's rich heritage orchid heritage, and a showcase of the most popular varieties used by local growers in the cut-flower trade.

Ticketing Details

Entry to SGF Orchid Show is **free for Singapore residents**, while international visitors can purchase tickets at \$5 for adults, and \$1 for students and senior citizens (above 60) from National Orchid Garden.

For more information, please visit www.singaporegardenfestival.com.