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## WAVE HILL ANNOUNCES NEW ADMISSION POLICIES MAY 1

Bronx, NY, April 1, 2008 – Wave Hill, the 28-acre public garden and cultural center in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, announces parking fees and changes to admissions policies, effective **May 1, 2008**:

- **Parking onsite at Wave Hill will cost \$8 per vehicle.**
- **Free parking will be available offsite during all public hours**, with continuous free shuttle service to and from Wave Hill's front gate.
- **Expanded shuttle service will be provided to and from Metro-North's Riverdale station** and, for the first time, **regular shuttle service will be provided to and from the #1 subway line's West 242<sup>nd</sup> Street station.**
- **Tuesdays will continue to be admission-free, except during peak spring and fall months.** In May, June, September and October, Tuesdays will be admission-free from 9am to noon *only*, similar to the current Saturday admission policy.
- **Evening hours on summer Wednesdays have been suspended for 2008.**

For more than three decades, Wave Hill visitors enjoyed adjacent street parking. Responding to the recent loss of nearby street parking and the announced city budget reductions for fiscal 2009, these policy changes will enable Wave Hill to welcome as many visitors as possible. Improvements in shuttle service and encouragement of transportation alternatives further support Wave Hill's desire to protect and preserve its natural environment.

These changes are intended to be transitional. Wave Hill's leadership will continue to work with the City of New York to develop long-term solutions for parking and improved access to Wave Hill via public transportation.

Updated information about shuttle service and parking will be available at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org) beginning **April 15, 2008**.

**About Wave Hill**

A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades in the northwest Bronx, Wave Hill's mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

The former private estate of the Perkins-Freeman Family, Wave Hill is operated by an independent non-profit organization incorporated in 1965; its buildings and grounds are owned by the City of New York. Wave Hill is a member of the Cultural Institutions Group, an association of 34 New York City cultural institutions operating under agreements with the City, most of which occupy City-owned buildings and land. With assistance from the Mayor, the Bronx Borough President and Bronx representatives in the City Council and State Legislature, Wave Hill's operation is supported, in part, with public funds through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts—a state agency, the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Grant Program of the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Foundations, corporations and individuals in the community contribute vital additional support.

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