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## Wave Hill Garden Gala Honors Its Magnificent Trees

Bronx, NY, May 01, 2009 — On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, Wave Hill, an internationally acclaimed public garden and cultural center, hosts its annual Spring Garden Gala. This year, Wave Hill honors its arboreal treasures and their inspiring message of endurance. The gardens are home to a majestic collection of copper beech, black cherry, American elm, sugar maple, sumac, English oak, dogwood, hornbeam, redwood and magnolia. The festive party brings together 250 Wave Hill enthusiasts for a delightful evening of **cocktails at sunset and dinner**. Guests will enjoy dinner by **Great Performances** in historic Armor Hall.

This year's Gala takes place as Wave Hill celebrates 2009 Year of the Trees. A cornerstone of the celebration is a year-long study of the garden's 150 to 200 specimen trees, evaluating the condition and special needs of each. From this will emerge a maintenance and planting scheme to ensure that our trees continue to provide beauty and shade for the next century, with even greater diversity than is now represented in the collection.

**Proceeds from the Spring Garden Gala** help Wave Hill to maintain the excellence of its gardens, provide education programs for people of all ages, and present exciting visual and performing arts series in an unparalleled setting. **Tables range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Single tickets begin at \$500.** For further information or to reserve your tickets, call the Development Office at 718.549.3200 x310.

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What: **Wave Hill Year of the Trees Gala**

Gala Chair: **Janet Mavec**

Date: **Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

Place: **Wave Hill**  
West 249th Street and Independence Avenue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, New York. Cocktails amid the gardens and greenhouses.  
Dinner in historic Armor Hall.

Time: Cocktails: 7:00pm  
Dinner: 8:00pm

Price: Tables: \$10,000-\$50,000  
Individual Tickets: \$500

Dress: Formal Attire: Wear green or be “green”

Benefits: **Proceeds from the Spring Garden Gala** help Wave Hill to maintain the excellence of its gardens, provide education programs for people of all ages, and present visual and performing arts series in an unparalleled setting.

Information: *Stephanie Ehrlich at 718.549.3200 x310*

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**Wave Hill** is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. Its 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.

Wave Hill is an independent, non-profit cultural organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The buildings and grounds of Wave Hill are owned by the City of New York. Wave Hill is supported, in part, with public funds through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Grant Program administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the New York State Council on the Arts—a state agency, a Special Legislative Grant recommended by New York State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Arts. Foundations, corporations and private individuals provide essential additional support.

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