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CHEEKWOOD PRESENTS *ORCHIDS IN THE MANSION*, OPEN JAN. 30 – Feb. 28, 2021

Annual Exhibit Returns with Tropical Floral and Foliage Displays, Virtual Lecture Series

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – For the third year, Cheekwood is excited to present *Orchids in the Mansion*, an exhibit that celebrates orchids and other tropical foliage with colorful and creative displays arranged throughout the Mansion's historic rooms. The exhibit will be open to the public beginning Saturday, Jan. 30, and will run through Sunday, Feb. 28.

Cheekwood's stylized interpretation of a classical orangery, *Orchids in the Mansion* invites patrons to enjoy nature indoors with warm and whimsical arrangements of horticulture throughout Nashville's cold winter months. This season's exhibit promises unique displays, including a large "mirrored moat" with intricately designed floral landscaping, as well as three large "orchid chandeliers" adorning the historic Loggia.

"My team and I were inspired to utilize the vertical space in the Loggia for this year's displays and present orchids on hanging metal armatures that will create an intimate yet massive burst of flowers," said Peter Grimaldi, Cheekwood VP of Gardens & Facilities. "It's something entirely new for patrons that we're excited to showcase."

Additionally, Grimaldi will host a Virtual Lecture series to discuss this year's displays and at-home orchid care. The first, "[Orchids 101 Online Workshop](#)," will take place Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and will cover foundational information for growing common orchids year-round. The second lecture, "[Orchid Repotting Online Workshop](#)," will take place Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and will share the essential steps for repotting orchids. Advanced registration is required for both lectures, which cost \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members. Learn more and register at www.cheekwood.org/calendar.

Admission to this exhibit, which will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., is included with the purchase of a "Gardens & Mansion Access" ticket, which must be purchased in advance online at cheekwood.org. Admission for members is free and must be reserved in advance online.

About Cheekwood

Cheekwood is considered one of the finest American Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the extraordinary 1930s estate, with its Georgian mansion and 55 acres of cultivated gardens and expansive vistas, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and museum with historic rooms and art galleries, showcasing works from its 7,000 permanent collection as well as traveling exhibitions. The property includes 12 distinct gardens and a mile-long woodland trail featuring modern and contemporary outdoor sculpture. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and is a USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden. In 2020, the grounds were awarded a Level II National Arboretum Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum. Cheekwood is located just 8 miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. Daily hours of operation: Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For further information, call 615-356-8000 or visit cheekwood.org.

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