

Winter Wonderland Arrives at Bellagio's Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

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LAS VEGAS, Dec. 9, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Resplendent with a spectacular holiday display rich in nostalgia and tradition, Bellagio's Conservatory & Botanical Gardens captivates the imagination with picture-perfect botanical creations now through January 2, 2011. A winter wonderland and spectacular holiday tree sends gazes soaring while musical sounds and colors of the season lure visitors for a stroll by four shimmering gardens.

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The dazzling centerpiece of this winter exhibit is a stately 42-foot Shasta Fir ablaze in more than 7,000 twinkling lights and decorated with more than 1,800 red, gold and silver holiday ornaments. Standing at attention on the corners of the majestic holiday tree's garden are four grand toy soldiers, each a commanding 15 feet tall. Nearby, a 7-foot-tall, custom-sculpted rocking horse stands in the midst of a whimsical 5-car toy train, which whirls around the base of the tree.

Eight reindeer are captured in mid-flight surrounding the holiday tree, as they guide a present-filled, red-lacquer sleigh into a snowy sky. Each majestic reindeer is made of 110 pounds of whole pecans and wears brilliant collars of braided cranberry-red velvet harnesses with silver bells.

In the north garden, a family of 28 adult and baby penguins come to life, waddling on a patch of arctic terrain. An animated penguin examines the construction blueprints to an igloo in-process, while another is hard at work as it moves blocks of faux ice between its flippers. Inside a completed igloo nearby, a curious penguin pops out its snow-

covered head as three oversized ice bursts shimmer high above the surrounding frost-laden 20-foot-tall pine trees.

In the south garden, three light-draped Manzanita trees stand quietly over a "reflective pond" as three massive icicle stars hover angelically overhead. A polar bear family, adorned with coats made of 16,000 white carnations, tugs on the heartstrings of visitors young and old as the baby bear frolics playfully on his back as mama bear watches with affection. In the east garden, five large twinkling gold holiday ornaments, ranging in size from 4-feet to 8-feet tall, welcome guests amid dancing water and a bed of colorful seasonal flora.

On view through January 2, 2011, the winter exhibit within Bellagio's Conservatory & Botanical Gardens is complimentary to the public and open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

*High-resolution images are available upon request.

Holiday Exhibit Fast Facts:

Display dates:	December 3 – January 2
Holiday Tree:	
Origin	Mount Shasta, Calif.
Height	42 feet
Lights	Approx. 7,000
Ornaments	Over 1,800
Flora:	Over 16,000
Reindeer	Eight stationary reindeer, each comprised of 110 pounds of whole pecans
Penguins	28, of which 13 are animated
Polar bears	Covered with hand-applied white carnations
Mother bear:	10,000 flowers
Baby bear:	6,000 flowers

Bellagio's Conservatory & Botanical Gardens' 2011 Calendar

- Chinese New Year: Year of the Rabbit Exhibit: January 9 – March 5
- Spring Celebration: March 13 – May 8
- Summer Garden Party: May 15 – September 11
- Autumn Display: September 18 – November 26
- Holiday Display: December 5 – January 3, 2012

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