

## **Holiday magic continues at Royal Botanical Gardens with Winter Lights at the Rock Garden!**

**Featuring all-new light displays and the 15-foot 'Arctic Fox' art installation**

**Hamilton ON, December 6, 2019** —Royal Botanical Gardens' (RBG) David Braley and Nancy Gordon Rock Garden has been transformed into a winter wonderland with the return of Winter Lights at the Rock Garden, an evening holiday experience (6pm to 9pm) taking place Friday to Sunday nights from December 6 until January 5.

Presented by Colliers Project Leaders, Winter Lights at the Rock Garden leads visitors through a 500-metre trail of festive lights that include 100,000 mini lights, 200 theatrical LED fixtures and 3000 hanging string lights, while enjoying charming Christmas melodies.

This unique holiday experience provides visitors with a special evening to capture those perfect holiday memories in the beauty of the picturesque Rock Garden and features the Escarpment Train Exhibit, nightly entertainment, fire pit experiences, and a rotating menu of festive snacks and beverages for kids and adults.

New to this year's landscape is art installation, "Arctic Fox", conceived by Cobalt Connects and created by local artist Tanis MacArthur. These three light-weight inflatable sculptures rise to approximately 4.5 metres (15 feet) and are made from the same fabric as a kite or windbreaker. LED lights give each fox a wonderful glow that make them magical in the Rock Garden environment.

The Escarpment Train Exhibit is a "G scale" model train experience that depicts four seasons of whimsical Canadian landscapes while telling the story of how railroads shaped our history. The exhibit illustrates three eras of locomotion history including the steam engines of the late 1800s, the streamliners of the 1930s and the powerful modern diesels of the 1960s up to present day.

Tickets to Winter Lights at the Rock Garden are \$10 on-line, \$15 at the door. Infants (0-2) receive free admission.

**For more information visit [www.rbg.ca/winterlights](http://www.rbg.ca/winterlights) or please contact:**

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## Event at a Glance #RBGwinterlights

- 100,000 mini lights, 200 theatrical LED fixtures, 3000' hanging string lights
- NEW light sculpture, "Arctic Fox" by local artist Tanis MacArthur
- Escarpment Train Exhibit
- Sips and Bites available for purchase
- Live entertainment
- Gingerbread Lane (display by MollyCake)
- Campfires
- Deer search and find
- And more!

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