

## EVENT AND ARTIST RECEPTION FOR DAVID LEASER AT THE HUNTINGTON

SAN MARINO, CA - On Saturday, September 10, 2011, nearly 400 guests attended an artist's reception for David Leaser at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens near Los Angeles.

The event featured 11 selections from David Leaser's *Nightflowers* collection, including a preview work from his upcoming "Nightflowers II" collection. Author and fine art photographer David Leaser has developed a process using sophisticated imaging techniques, including technology from NASA's missions to Mars, which critics are calling *dettagli* because of the extreme detail they exhibit.

The International Photography Awards recognized Leaser's *Nightflowers* with a silver award in the Nature: Flowers category. More than 8,000 submissions from 90 countries competed for the 2011 International Photography Awards, the largest to date.

The 11 large art pieces from the *Nightflowers* collection that are on display include:

- The Queen
- Illumination
- Hawaiian Sunset
- Flaming Parrot
- Whirligig
- Serenity
- Night of the Shooting Stars
- Tiger's Eye
- Nightstar
- Mosaic
- Blue Moon

The artist reception was part of a series, titled "Focus on Flowers," which paired Leaser's artwork with science. Using microscopes, visitors were able to compare the intricacies of the flowers through the microscopic lens against the large-scale canvases in the collection.

The *Nightflowers* collection will be on display in the Botanical Building (adjacent the Conservatory) through November 1 and can be viewed with general admission during normal business hours, except Sundays.

Through November 1, visitors can also attend the Huntington free of charge to attend a special "Focus on Flowers" demonstration in the Botanical Building. The series will run on Saturday mornings through November 1 in the Botanical Building from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by invitation. Send an e-mail to [gardensRSVP@huntington.org](mailto:gardensRSVP@huntington.org) for your invitation. The dates for the special event are September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8, October 22 and October 29.

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### **About The Huntington**

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution serving scholars and the general public. More information about The Huntington can be found online at [huntington.org](http://huntington.org).

### **Visitor information**

The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, Calif., 12 miles from downtown Los Angeles. It is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and major holidays. Admission on weekdays: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors (65+), \$10 students (ages 12–18 or with full-time student I.D.), \$6 youth (ages 5–11), free for children under 5. Group rate \$11 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. Admission on weekends and Monday holidays: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, \$6 youth, free for children under 5. Group rate \$14 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. Admission is free to all visitors on the first Thursday of each month with advance tickets. Information: 626-405-2100 or [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org).

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