

World Orchid Conference Exhibit 2026



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We are delighted and honoured that The Mathers Foundation (TMF) is attending the World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany. Our exhibit comprises plants from four of the National Plant Collections® that we conserve: *Oncidiums*, *Cymbidiums*, *Masdevallias* and *Pleiones*.

What is our purpose?

TMF was established as a registered, not-for-profit UK charity in 2019 to:

- **Conserve** orchid diversity, both species and hybrids
- **Cultivate** and propagate to the highest standards
- **Collaborate** globally with growers, institutions and researchers.

What have we achieved so far:

Our greenhouses occupy ~1,000 sqm of space in six different temperature zones, using a high level of automation to control lighting, shading, heating, fogging and misting. The nursery is heated sustainably, using biomass and air source heat pumps. Rainwater capture provides the bulk of our water needs. We have taken responsibility for ten major collections of orchids that would otherwise have been lost and currently look after over 20,000 adult plants in the nursery. We established an asymbiotic propagation laboratory that germinates both orchid species and hybrids for the nursery. We support an *in-situ* reserve La Reserva Orquídeas, outside Medellín in Colombia, maintained by the SCO (Colombian Orchid Society).

In 2024, our conservation work was recognised by the Brickell Award from Plant Heritage. Exhibits of our plants have won multiple gold medals at Royal Horticultural Society Shows and our plants have gained over 50 awards from the RHS's Orchid Expert Group.

What are National Plant Collections®?

Plant Heritage, a charity under the patronage of King Charles III, oversees over 700 collections of cultivated plants in the UK. There are currently thirteen National Collections® of orchids, of which six are conserved at The Mathers Foundation: *Anguloas*, *Cymbidiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Masdevallias*, *Pleiones* and *Stanhopeas & Acinetas*. Each of our collections includes a substantial proportion of the recognised species in each genus as well as a representative selection of the key hybrids that have been made over the last century. One of our National Collections® – *Oncidiums* – is rated as being a reference collection of Scientific Status.

Can you grow these plants?

Growing orchids successfully requires some understanding of the conditions that these plants have evolved in. There are over 31,000 recognised orchid species in the world which are found in all of the continents of the world except Antarctica. The *Oncidiums* and the *Masdevallias* hybrids in the exhibit have mostly been bred from species that come from cloud forests in the Andes in South America so are accustomed to relatively shady, humid conditions with high levels of air movement. The parents of the *Cymbidiums* and the *Pleiones* are from Asia, often in the foothills of the Himalayas. If you'd like to learn more, we have a number of videos on our website, www.orchid.foundation, that explain how to look after these plants.

Can you buy these plants?

We are a charity, not a commercial nursery but we do sell surplus plants from our stock and from our breeding program to support our conservation work. We plan to issue a list of *Oncidiums* to actual and potential customers in the European Union shortly after the WOC: if you are interested, please sign up to our newsletter via our website. We have already applied for

and received CITES to export these orchids to the EU and will be working with an EU partner to deliver the orchids to interested customers. We plan to export these orchids, out of flower, in the early summer.

Can you visit us?

We welcome visitors to our 'Behind the Scenes' Guided Tours and Events to see our collections. Each year we sell surplus orchids in flower to UK customers. Dates for our Events are available to book via our website, www.orchid.foundation with the peak months for flowering being February to April. If you would like to arrange a private tour for a group or Orchid Society do contact us as we are happy to help arrange. We also can do Zoom tours and/or lectures about our work.

Can you support us?

We regularly showcase our plants on social media so do follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky, Threads or X to see a daily post of an orchid from the collection. In addition we issue monthly newsletters that give more news and events and also highlight surplus plants for sale (to UK customers). Each newsletter also shows a new video of our Head Nurseryman, Jim Durrant, giving some tips about how to care for orchids in our collection. The newsletter sign up is via a pop up on the website.




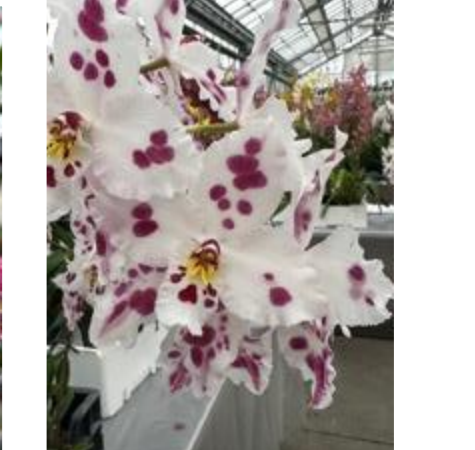




If you want to support our work and donate to help with our upcoming projects we would be very grateful.

We are always happy to answer questions about orchids that we care for so do reach out by email: admin@orchid.foundation.

Come and learn more about these plants

The team from The Mathers Foundation will be at the exhibit in main hall in Messe Dresden every day at 12 noon

David Mathers will talk about our work at the Conference on Saturday 28 March at 17.15 to 18.00

Oncidium	Colour	Photos	
Amberely Joanna Whitney x Desirable	Pink		
Carlos Arango Shelley x Jim Mintsiveris	Pink		
Carlos Arango Shelley x Jim Mintsiveris	Red and white		
Carlos Arango Shelley x Jim Mintsiveris	Red and white		

Carlos Arango
Shelley x Jim Mintsiveris

Red and white



Cotil de Langlois
Victoria Village x
Beauvallet

Yellow



De La Chapelle
Vicart x Golden Rialto

White



De Malershe
Durham Petite x
Ruaudiere

Red



Elegans (1897)
cirrhosum x *hallii*

Yellow and brown



Entranced
Pesky Trance x Joe's
Drum

Dark Pink



Eurydice (1906)
cirrhosum x *hastilabium*

Red and white



Haut Tombette
Coupe Point x Aviewood

White



Hildesheim
Triumphans x Panise

Yellow and Brown



La Blinerie
Trotais x Beaumont

Red and white



La Hougue Mauger
Moulin de Louis x La
Forge

Red



Les Perquage
Les Niemes x Fliquet Bay

Pale yellow



Les Ruisseaux
Mont Cambrai x
Ruaudiere

Red



McBean's Lucy
Lutix x McBean's Asta

Orange



McBean's Stephanie
Alexandrae x Sorel Point

White



Moulin de Fliquet
Niali x Jumbo

White



Oedipus
Saint Joe x Joe's Drum

Dark pink



Oedipus
Saint Joe x Joe's Drum

Dark pink



Phoebe
cirrhosum x alexandrae

White and red



Point Des Pas
'Hermitage Panda'
Trotais x Petit E'taquerel

White and Burgundy



Pont Du Val
Black Diamond x
Francheville

White and Burgundy



Portinfer
Cristor x Eric Young

White



Prince Ahmad
Prince Vultan x
Charlesworthii

Dark Pink



Saint Clement
Crutordo x Elpheon

Dark red and white



Saint Jonathan Red
Saint Clement x Burning
Bed



Saint Jonathan Red
Saint Clement x Burning
Bed



Saxony Strong yellow and brown
Tiger Hambühren x
Hildesheim



Saxony Strong yellow and brown
Tiger Hambühren x
Hildesheim



Sorel PointPumistor x *alexandrae*

White



Star of JerseyKeighleyensis x
noezlianum

Red



Swizzle

Tipples x Burning Bed

Dark Pink and White
Red

Swizzle

Tipples x Burning Bed

Dark Pink and White
Red

Sylvia
cirrhosum x Rolfeae

White with red spots



Tangerine
Jaffa x Harry Baldwin

Red



Tiger's Gold
Tiger Hambühren x
Dugger's Gold

Strong yellow



Tippling
Tipples x Florence
Stirling

Purple and red



URG
cirrhosum x Victoria
Village

White with red dots



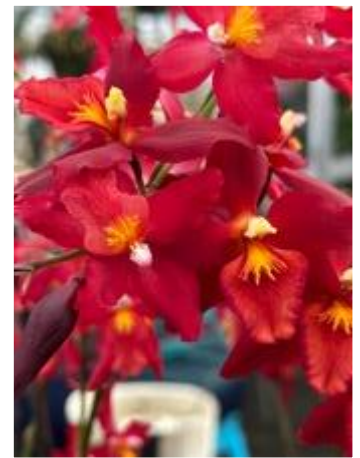
URG
Boulivot x Des Sablons

White



URG
helgae x Susan Preston
Richards

Red



URG
Joanna Whitney x
Burning Bed

Russet Red



URG
Golden Gate x Mem. Jim
Farrelly

Pinky red



URG
Guatavita x Susan
Preston Richards

Russet Red



URG
Lovely Penguin x Serrana

Dark Pink



URG
noezliana x Hallio-
Crispum

Red



URG
Prince Vultan x
Tweedledee

Pale yellow and brown



URG
Rolfeae x Burning Bed

Russet red with pink lip



URG
Wild in Bed x Rolfeae
(Left)

Claret red and pink lip



URG
Rolfeae x Wild in Bed
(Right)



URG
Sheila Anne x Avranches

Cerise pink



URG
Susan Leysa x Rolfeae

Dark Pink



URG
(Tribbles x Clever) x
Victoria Village

Pale Yellow



Vauvarin AM/RHS
Mont a L'Abbe x Pescalo

Orange/red



Ville Bree
Black Diamond x Grands
Vaux

Burgundy and white



Ville a L'Eveque
Gorey Castle x Saint
Clement

Yellow



Vieux Presbytere
Trotais x Black Diamond

Burgundy and white



Masdevallia

Geneva Spots
chaparensis x White
Swallow

Pink



Golden Monarch
Golden Angel x Monarch

Yellow



Grand Sun 'Portland'
Monarch x Kimballiana

Yellow



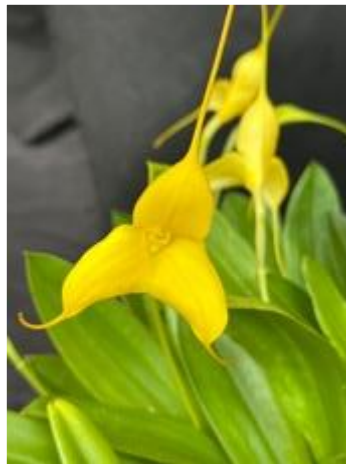
Highland Monarch
Highland Fling x
Monarch

Yellow



Kara's Delight
Instar x Copper Angel

Yellow



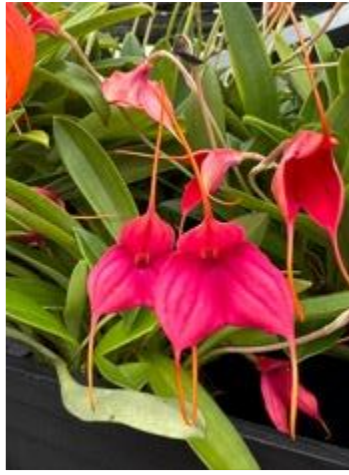
Kimballiana
caudata x veitchiana

Yellow



Manchangara
Copperwing x *barleana*

Red



Mont Sohier
Mary Staal x Inca Prince

Red



Sandra Tillisch Svoboda
veitchiana x *herradure*

Orange



Solar Flare 4N
veitchiana x *Falcata*

Orange



Cymbidium

Endre Ostbo
Esmeralda x Europa

Yellow



Hector Grey
Harrit Ishitani x Cliff
Hutchings

Green and burgundy spots



John McCormack
'Andijk'
Noni Poland x Devon
Parish

Dark red spots



Passionate Harriet
Magic Passion x Harriet
Ishitani

Dark pink spots



URG
Amelia Doll x Pacific
Sparkle

Lemon and red lip



URG
Emilia Fernandez
Rodrigues x Pacific
Sparkle

Orange and red lip



URG
Gladys Whitesell x Kevin
Hipkins 4n

Peach and dark lip



URG
Jimmy Durante x Mem.
Stuart Sperber

Peach and dark lip



URG
Parish Madness x Kevin
Hipkins

Orange and red lip



URG
Paul Muni x Vanguard
Donkey

Peach



URG
Wigianum x Carlos
Segrera

Orange



Pleione
Frosty Peak
Alishan x Glacier Peak



Micheal Butterfield
Kenya x Betty Arnold



Sunisa
chunii x Orizaba

