

## **The RHS Slipper Orchid Symposium at The RHS London Orchid Show – 20 March**

The first International Slipper Orchid Symposium will be held at the London Orchid Show on Sunday 20 March 2011 in conjunction with the British Paphiopedilum Society. The event will take place in the lecture theatre of the RHS Conference Centre at the Lawrence Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster.

There will be lectures by distinguished speakers on *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium* and *Cypripedium*; giving an insight in new breeding lines, cultivation and natural habitat.

Keynote speakers will be the world renowned hybridiser **Sam Tsui** of Orchid Inn Ltd, USA on new breeding in *Paphiopedilum* and **Dr Phillip Cribb** of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew on *Cypripedium* at home and away.

Other major speakers will include David Ridgeway, Andy Phillips, Allan Burdiss and Maren Talbot talking on their favourite genera.

This is an exciting opportunity to combine a day at the London Orchid Show and hear some of the world's top slipper orchid experts.

### **Booking**

Early registration before 1 March 2011 £6 (£10 thereafter).

Book by calling the RHS Special Events Office on 0845 612 1253 (open Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm). From outside the UK call 00 44 845 612 1253.

### **Provisional programme**

9.30 doors open

9.50 Introduction

10.00 – 11.00 **PHILLIP CRIBB**: *Cypripediums* at home and away

11.00 – 11.30 **David Ridgeway**: Recent RHS awards

11.30 – 12.00 **Andy Phillips**: *Phragmipedium*, culture and breeding

12.00 Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.30 **SAM TSUI, Orchid Inn, USA**. 'What is new in multi-flowering *Paphiopedilum* breeding'

14.30 – 15.00 **Allan Burdis**: Cultivation of *Paphiopedilums*

15.00 – 15.30 **Maren Talbot**: Growing *Cypripediums*

16.00 Close of event

**This event is supported by an RHS Gurney Wilson Award**

**The London Orchid Show and RHS Botanical Art Show**

**When:** 19-20 March

**Where:** RHS Lawrence Hall Greycoat Street, SW1P 2QD

**Opening times:** Friday 18 March (preview evening): 5.30-8.30pm.

Saturday 19 March: 10am-5pm

Sunday 20 March: 10am-4.30pm. Sell-off 3.30pm

**Price:** £3 RHS members (£5 non-members). Preview Evening: £15 for RHS members (£15 non-members)

**Buying tickets:** Buy at the door, or phone 0845 612 1253