



BUTTERFLY DANCE Taipei

Exhibited at the entrance of Taipei's National Theater & Concert Hall, Butterfly Dance is yet another stunner from prolific French botanist Patrick Blanc, regarded by many as the inventor of the vertical garden. The planting system he used can be traced all the way back to his days as a teenager in the 1960s when he conceived a biological filter for his tropical aquarium. This installation features 46 hybrid species of orchids along with 2,000 adiantums (maidenhair ferns) and other foliage. But what makes it all the more special is that it also houses 25 species of orchids native to the island nation. However, the orchid species most widely used in the work is what gave this vertical garden its name — the phalaenopsis, which means "looking like a butterfly".

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