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## Chinese actress Liu Xiaoqing takes on a leading role at Rivendell Flower Show

Famous Chinese actress Liu Xiaoqing is starring in a new role.

She has been named the Ambassador for the Rivendell Flower Show being held in the grounds of the Thomas Walker Estate at Concord West this weekend.

The multi-award winning actress has issued a personal message encouraging the local Chinese community to support the two-day event.

“I’m proud to be invited to be an ambassador for the event and would like to encourage you to attend the Flower Show,” she said.

Now in her 60s, Ms Liu will be a special guest at the Opera Gala Dinner at Rivendell from 7pm on Saturday 6 October. The Dinner will feature a series of classical musical performances featuring highlights from some of the best-loved operas from Puccini’s *Tosca*, *Madame Butterfly* and *Turandot* to Mozart’s *Magic Flute*.

Ray Chan, the managing director of Sydney-based Henson Properties, is a long-time friend of the actress turned businesswoman and asked her to attend.

“The reason I invited her was to make a bridge with the Chinese community to be involved in the event,” he says.

She’ll take a break from current filming commitments in Beijing to fly to Sydney for the Show, Mr Chan says.

The actress has a long list of film and television credits to her name. Her latest movie – set for release later this month – is the Chinese-produced *Air Strike* which is described as a World War II action adventure film.

The production company says the movie is about the Japanese bombing of a Chinese city during World War Two. The cast is led by US action star Bruce Willis.

Tickets for the Gala Dinner are \$180 each with all proceeds going towards the Ageing and Alzheimer’s Institute at Concord Hospital.

The Rivendell Flower Show is held annually at the Thomas Walker Estate, a magnificent estate on the Parramatta River managed on trust by Sydney Local Health District.

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There'll be a series of floral displays and exhibits, garden industry experts on hand, interactive workshops, a vintage car collection, kids' activities and a selection of food including High Tea.

Chief Executive Dr Teresa Anderson AM said the Show was a fantastic opportunity for the community to enjoy the beautiful buildings and grounds of the estate, which is not usually open to the public.

"We know getting outside, gardening and enjoying nature is excellent for mental health and wellbeing," Dr Anderson said.

"We encourage everyone to come along and enjoy this wonderful community resource as well as supporting a good cause."

The Show is on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October 2018 from 10am to 3pm. Entry tickets are available for \$15 for adults and \$10 concession.

The event is a fundraiser for Concord Hospital's Department of Geriatric Medicine and the Ageing and Alzheimer's Institute.

For more information see, [www.rivendellflowershow.com.au](http://www.rivendellflowershow.com.au)

