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## Chicago Flower & Garden Show to spotlight sound and light show *24 hours of sky-scape views streak by in 24 minutes played out on the show's ceiling*

Visitors stopping to smell the roses Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 15, at the Belgard Chicago Flower and Garden Show on Navy Pier may also want to cast their eyes upward. That's where Nathan Tomlinson—lighting director for Chicago-based Sound Investment, which specializes in sound and lighting effects for everything from plays to rock and roll shows—is making a little magic of his own.

By orchestrating 24 moving light fixtures, Tomlinson washes the ceiling of the show's entry with color, creating in 24 minutes a representation of a 24-hour sky. Beginning with birds singing at dewy dawn, through a mid-day storm (complete with thunder) and ending with a soothing sunset, show visitors can savor the beauty of a passing day—something few people do as they rush from home to work or school and back again.

Other show highlights also include more than 20 lush, colorful gardens that promote environmental consciousness by featuring rain gardens, xeriscaping, habitat gardens, roof gardens, non-invasive plants, composting and recycled materials. Each day, there also are dozens of educational seminars and hands-on, do-it-yourself sessions, including the popular container gardening series.

The 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show is sponsored by Belgard Hardscapes, a nationwide network of paving stone and garden wall products manufacturers. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and until 6 p.m. on Sundays. Adult admission is \$14 weekends, \$12 weekdays. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$5 every day. You can order tickets online now by visiting [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com), where no service fee is charged, or buy them at the door.

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