



**Greater Des Moines
Botanical Garden**

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“Flora” Opens at the Botanical Garden December 18

Suman Hoque puts his own flavor on new restaurant

DES MOINES, Iowa (Dec. 13, 2024) – Acclaimed chef and restaurateur Suman Hoque, best known for his East Village restaurant, HoQ, has branched out in his latest culinary adventure to the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. On Wednesday, Dec. 18, he will open the doors to Flora, the new restaurant within the Botanical Garden.

“We’ve been working hard to prepare the space, menu and staff to open Flora,” said Hoque. “The Botanical Garden offers such a respite for the Des Moines area, and we’re eager to open our doors to the community to bring a blend of fresh food, bold flavors and earthy atmosphere.”

Hoque, along with his wife Cynthia, and their culinary team will draw inspiration from the farm-to-table concept that so many diners have relished from HoQ. He frequently uses locally sourced meat, produce and dairy, but will expand upon that as the winter season sets in.

“The opening of Flora has brought such a fun and invigorating energy to the café space,” said Kim Perez, President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. “There are so many reasons to visit the Botanical Garden and now Chef Hoque’s delicious meals bring another unique offering for our guests. We’re very excited to open Flora and have people experience it.”

Starting Dec. 18, Flora will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays at the [Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden](http://GreaterDesMoinesBotanicalGarden.com) at 909 Robert D. Ray Drive. Watch the Botanical Garden website for additional information on upcoming brunches and New Year’s Eve dinners.

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About the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is a vibrant, 12-acre public garden in the heart of downtown Des Moines. Guided by a mission of exploring, explaining, and celebrating the world of plants, the

*Botanical Garden is more than a dome, is **the connection point** between plants, people and the natural world. It's a place where you can **be who you are, do the things you love** and **spend time** with the people who matter most. A place where anyone can explore, create, connect and **find their true nature**. The Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) privately governed, not-for-profit institution.*