

## OH BABY! HINES NEW BAMBINO BOUGAINVILLEA COME FROM DOWN UNDER TO LIGHT UP SMALL-SCALE LANDSCAPES IN THE STATES

**Houston, TX — September 2007** — Folks yearning to brighten-up their small-space gardens can achieve the wow-factor color they crave with the new pint-sized Bambino Bougainvilleas from Hines Horticulture.




### **Baby Lauren**

Originally developed in Brisbane Australia, the Bambino Bougainvilleas are now available in the United States after several years of trials at Hines' nursery in Irvine, California.

Horticulturalists at Hines rave that the varieties in the Bambino Collection have out-performed in categories like diseases-resistance, required maintenance and overall beauty. The Bambino Collection will be available at garden centers and home stores nationwide in spring 2008.

"They are true show-stoppers," said Katie Bromm of Hines Horticulture, who had a chance to pre-trial the Bambinos in her home garden this past spring. Bromm used her bougainvilleas in hanging baskets and also trained them to trail over a retaining wall in her backyard. Next spring she plans to install an additional flower bed where she'll plant Bambino 'Baby Lauren' as a low-growing ground cover.



### **Baby Alyssa**

Busy homeowners like Bromm are likely to gravitate towards plants like the fast-growing Bambinos. Perfectly proportioned for a petite yard or patio, each of the varieties grows just 40 inches high and requires minimal care or know-how to grow with success.

The 2008 Bambino Collection will include five varieties ranging in color from lavender and pink to bright white and magenta. Each of the plants in the collection thrives in full-sun and is hardy to Zones 10.



### **Baby Victoria**

About each variety:

**Bambino Baby Alyssa** – Bushy dwarf vine is adorned with beautifully variegated foliage and lovely white flowers throughout the growing season. Excellent choice for mixed container plantings and patio pots.

**Bambino Baby Lauren** – Evergreen foliage surrounds lavender bracts. Compact and dwarf, to 4 feet.



### **Baby Sophia**

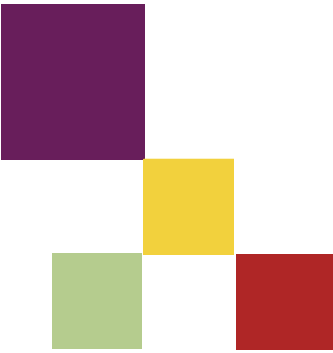
**Bambino Baby Victoria** – Dramatically variegated foliage is contrasted by large clusters of purple-pink flowers throughout summer. Ideal subject for hanging baskets and patio containers.

**Bambino Baby Mia** – Clusters of colorful, papery flower bracts are displayed above light green foliage throughout summer. Showy, dwarf vining plant ideal for patio pots, hanging baskets and trellises.

**Bambino Baby Sophia**— Intriguing orange flowers suffused with green mature to a pleasant violet-purple tone. Wonderful in patio pots, hanging baskets and on trellises.

### **Baby Mia**

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**About Hines Horticulture:** Hines Horticulture is the leading operator of commercial nurseries in North America, producing one of the broadest assortments of container-grown plants in the industry. The Company sells nursery products primarily to the retail segment, which includes premium independent garden centers, as well as leading home centers and mass merchandisers. Learn more at [www.hineshort.com](http://www.hineshort.com).

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