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Jazz Hands® Mini Chinese Fringeflower\* Loropetalum chinense 'Beni Hime'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Chinese Fringe Flower, Chinese Witch Hazel

Group/Class: Jazz Hands Series

### **Description:**

An outstanding, groundcovering dwarf shrub with electric, hot pink strap-like flowers covering the plant in spring; dark plum purple foliage provides great color for the rest of the season; easy to grow and maintain; great for border fronts and containers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Jazz Hands Mini Chinese Fringeflower is draped in stunning fragrant hot pink strap-like flowers along the branches in mid spring. Its attractive oval leaves emerge deep purple in spring, turning plum purple in color the rest of the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Jazz Hands Mini Chinese Fringeflower is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Jazz Hands Mini Chinese Fringeflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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## **Planting & Growing**

Jazz Hands Mini Chinese Fringeflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Jazz Hands Mini Chinese Fringeflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details