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**CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens hosts its annual Celebrate Valentine's Day event on Wednesday, February 14 from 5:30–9pm featuring wine and chocolate pairing stations throughout the Conservatory's unique indoor plant collections.

Guests will forget the February chill as they stroll through a special indoor display of exotic orchids and tropical plants. Six delectable wine and chocolate pairings will be located at stations throughout the Conservatory for patrons to enjoy. The theme for this year's wine and chocolate selections is "Love in Literature." The Conservatory's Event Sales Department has selected wines inspired by timeless novels (such as *The Great Gatsby* and *Pride & Prejudice*) to be paired with decadent chocolates handmade by local chocolatier Michael Gillam of Michael's Artisan Chocolates.

Michael has wowed crowds at the past three Celebrate Valentine's Day events with his unique flavor combinations and eye-catching designs. The sweet treats he has curated for this year's event include Coconut Lime (crafted exclusively for this event), Caramel Macchiato and Lavender Honey.

In addition to wine and chocolates, a cash bar, small plates in the Garden Cafe, and bottles of the featured wines are also available for purchase. Local band The Rice Brothers will provide live music for guests to sit back and enjoy or sway the night away. Need to brush up on your dance moves? Inspiration to Movement, Inc., specializing in American Style Ballroom and Rhythm Dancing, will provide free demonstrations and lessons throughout the evening.

Celebrate Valentine's Day is for guests ages 21 and up. Admission is \$20 per person (\$17 per member) and includes three wine and chocolate pairings. Or opt for the Deluxe Tasting Package and receive six wine and chocolate pairings as well as a keepsake wine glass for \$30 per person (\$27 per member). The Deluxe Tasting Package must be purchased in advance.

Reservations are highly recommend: visit <https://www.fpconservatory.org/events/valentines/>.

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.*