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**CELEBRATE SPRING WITH ‘COLUMBUS BLOOMS’**

Columbus, OH—*Columbus Blooms*, the largest annual outdoor floral exhibition in the greater Columbus area is beginning to show the first signs of color at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Presented by GreenScapes Landscape Company, *Columbus Blooms* features more than 100,000 tulips and other spring flowers. The display is expected to last through the end of April, dependent on the weather.

“*Columbus Blooms* makes the Conservatory the preeminent location of spring,” said Horticulture Exhibitions Designer Gareth Martin. “More than just a lot of bulbs, this show features uncommon plant varieties, meticulously planted in artful displays. It’s a beautiful way to celebrate the arrival of spring.”

This year’s show was inspired by the bold and bright textiles of Finnish design company Marimekko. Rich jewel tones make up the floral color palette, with different varieties of bulbs planted in a weaving pattern that flows from one garden bed to the next. The tulips were selected for their foliage as well as their flower; the green- and white-striped leaves of the ‘China Town’ tulip, for example, create visual interest even before the flower blooms. About 30 cultivars of tulips make up a majority of *Columbus Blooms*, which also includes daffodils, hyacinth and lilies.

Columbus Blooms is concurrent with three other springtime exhibitions: [Spring Dreams](#) (ending May 28), [Blooms & Butterflies](#) (ending Sept. 16), and [Field](#) (ending Nov. 11).

Stay connected on social media with #ColumbusBlooms and #FranklinParkConservatory hashtags. Follow updates on the Conservatory’s [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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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.*