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

Columbus, OH— Enjoy a romantic evening under the stars at Franklin Park Conservatory's annual Valentine's Day event on Thursday, February 14 from 5:30–9pm. Visit celestial-themed 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 Conservatory's Event Sales Department has selected wines inspired by constellations (such as *Ursa Major* and *Orion*) to be paired with decadent chocolates handmade by local chocolatier Michael Gillam of Michael's Artisan Chocolates.

Michael has wowed crowds at the past four 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 Blueberry Lemon Milk Chocolate, Pistachio Galaxy Milk Chocolate and Café Mocha Dark Chocolate.

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 Whiskey Business will provide live music for guests to sit back and enjoy or sway the night away. Fizzy Cat Photobooth will help capture memories of your evening under the stars.

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). Deluxe Tasting Ticket includes a custom keepsake wine glass with advance purchase only.

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

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.*