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**COLUMBUS BLOOMS EXPANDS INTO THE GRAND MALLWAY,
CHILDREN'S GARDEN**

New record of 125,000 bulbs, compared to 100,000 bulbs last year

Columbus, Ohio– The largest annual outdoor floral exhibition in the greater Columbus area is even bigger this year, as *Columbus Blooms* at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens spreads into the brand new Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden as well as the Grand Mallway. Presented by GreenScapes Landscape Company, *Columbus Blooms* will be open daily 10am-5pm, April 1-30, with peak blooms expected mid-April.

The recent expansions to the Conservatory have created a broader canvas for horticulture teams. Last year, a whopping 100,000 tulips, daffodils and other flowering bulbs bloomed at the Conservatory. Now, more than 125,000 bulbs featuring nearly 100 varieties of flowers will cover the landscapes with colors of spring.

Of those, about 17,800 are naturalized bulbs, meaning they will return and multiply every year. While most of the *Columbus Blooms* bulbs are removed and replaced with new colors every year, the naturalized bulbs – many of which are planted in the new Children's Garden – will become a familiar sign of spring for returning visitors.

With only a four-week window, *Columbus Blooms* is one of the shortest floral exhibitions at the Conservatory. Visitors are encouraged to come early and often to see different flowers come into bloom throughout the month of April.

A visit to *Columbus Blooms* includes the opportunity to see three other exhibitions open at the same time: [Blooms & Butterflies](#) (open now through Sept. 15 in the Pacific Island Water Garden), [Bonsai](#) (on display now through Nov. 10 in the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse) and [Vista: A Voyager's Vantage Point](#) by Open Door Studio artists (on display through May 19 in the Cardinal Health Gallery).

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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.