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**CONSERVATORY OFFERS SPECIAL VIEWINGS OF CHIHULY AT NIGHT**

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will offer four special engagement viewings of its Chihuly exhibition with *Chihuly Nights* on Fridays, July 12, August 9, September 13 and October 11 from 7-10pm each night.

Guests will enjoy the vibrant colors of *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature*, presented by Nationwide and the Davis Foundation, when the installations visually transform in the dusk and evening light. All 21 installation locations have been professionally lit to create a breathtaking view within the backdrop of the botanical gardens and courtyards.

At *Chihuly Nights* guests can also view the historic John F. Wolfe Palm illuminated by James Turrell's *Light Raiment II*, enjoy the Conservatory's captivating Bonsai collection, grab a bite to eat, a glass of wine or beer at the Garden Café, and visit the Botanica Gift Shop and Chihuly Gift Store. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden will not be open during *Chihuly Nights*.

Chihuly has played a significant role in the Conservatory's history. In 2003, the Conservatory's future was uncertain before it became the second botanical garden to ever host a Chihuly exhibition. *Chihuly at the Conservatory* resulted in record-shattering attendance and helped to position the institution as a gem of central Ohio. In a stunning move of support, a private non-profit group, Friends of the Conservatory, purchased most of the Chihuly exhibition. This significant gift further established the young Conservatory's role as a cultural leader in its community.

The following Special Engagement admission and membership rates apply for *Chihuly Nights*:

**Admission Rates**

General Admission (ages 13-59): \$22  
Seniors (ages 60+): \$19  
Children (ages 3-12): \$12

**Member Rates**

Member (ages 13-59): \$11  
Member (ages 60+): \$9.50  
Member (ages 3-12): \$6

For more information on *Chihuly Nights* and other happenings at the Conservatory, please visit [fpconservatory.org](http://fpconservatory.org) or follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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### **About Franklin Park Conservatory**

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.

### **About Dale Chihuly**

Dale Chihuly is an American artist noted for revolutionizing the studio glass movement and elevating perceptions of the glass medium. Known for ambitious architectural installations in cities, museums, and gardens around the world, Chihuly utilizes a variety of media to realize his creative vision, including glass, paint, charcoal, neon, ice, and Polyvitro. Chihuly's work is included in more than 200 museum collections worldwide, including Metropolitan Museum of Art, Smithsonian American Art Museum and Corning Museum of Glass. Major exhibitions include *Chihuly Over Venice* (1995-96), *Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem* (1999), de Young Museum in San Francisco (2008), Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (2011), Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond (2012), Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada (2013), Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada (2016), and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas (2017.) In addition, *Chihuly Garden and Glass*, a long-term exhibition located at the Seattle Center, opened in 2012. For more information, visit [chihuly.com](http://chihuly.com), [Facebook.com/chihuly](https://www.facebook.com/chihuly) and [@ChihulyStudio](https://www.instagram.com/ChihulyStudio).