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CONSERVATORY AGLOW FEATURES WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS

Columbus, OH – *Conservatory Aglow* is bigger and brighter than ever as artists of international acclaim are incorporated into the show, including a full-scale exhibition of work by Dale Chihuly and an interactive light sculpture by Jen Lewin. These installations accompany familiar holiday favorites – such as poinsettia trees, a rainbow tunnel, the gingerbread competition and more – from 10am-9pm Nov. 16-Jan. 4 and 10am-5pm on Jan. 5 (holidays excluded).

Presented by American Electric Power Foundation with lighting partner Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation, *Conservatory Aglow 2020* features the following evening experiences (special engagement pricing applies**).

Chihuly Nights: More than 20 installations by renowned artist Dale Chihuly are featured in the current *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* exhibition and, during *Conservatory Aglow*, visitors can see these stunning artworks after dark, illuminated against the botanical landscapes. The Conservatory possesses the largest private collection of Chihuly artwork of any botanical garden, and is proud to – for the first time in nearly a decade – share the collection in full, accompanied by artworks never before seen at the Conservatory. *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* is presented by Nationwide and the Davis Foundation.

The Pool: Created by New York City based artist Jen Lewin, *The Pool* is an interactive, large-scale sculpture comprised of 100 glowing computerized discs that light up when visitors jump on them. The installation becomes more vibrant as more people engage with it, sending ripples of neon light through the space. *The Pool* is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.

Light displays: From the rainbow tunnel to trees that have been wrapped from trunk to branch tips, the Children's Garden is awash in a rainbow of color. The show continues into the Grand Mallway, with pathways of glowing trees.

James Turrell's *Light Raiment II*: This iconic installation illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House in a shifting rainbow of neon light every night of the year, and *Conservatory Aglow* is a special chance to see it up close.

A variety of live musical performances: The Columbus Chorus, Cardinal Health Chamber Orchestra, The Rice Brothers, Bryden String Quartet and more perform during *Conservatory Aglow* at no additional charge. Click [here](#) for the complete schedule.

The following experiences will be available during the daytime (general admission) hours of 10am-5pm, as well as during the special evening engagement hours:

13th Annual Gingerbread Competition. This year's display will be split into two parts, with youth and group categories displayed from Nov. 16-Dec. 8, and the adult and professional categories displayed Dec. 9-Jan. 5. Judges select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for all categories, and Conservatory Aglow visitors vote for who should receive the \$500 prize for Best in Show. More details about how to participate are posted [here](#).

The Paul Busse Train: This fan favorite returns with a botanically inspired carousel featuring seasonal plantings.

Family-friendly performances: The Columbus Children's Theatre, The Shazzbots, The Bugman and more will make appearances during Conservatory Aglow for no additional charge. Click [here](#) for a complete listing.

Family-friendly holiday activities: The following hands-on activities will be offered during the daytime experience of *Conservatory Aglow*. Registration is required and additional fees apply:

Nov. 27: [Sweet turkey cookie craft](#)

Nov. 29-30: [Gingerbread treat and carriage ride](#)

Dec. 21-22: [Cookies with Santa](#)

*The Conservatory is closed all day on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and closes at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

**Special engagement admission applies to the evening hours (5-9pm) of *Conservatory Aglow*. Conservatory members receive a 50% discount on Conservatory Aglow evening admission. Online purchasing is recommended, but tickets may also be purchased at the door. For details: fpconservatory.org/conservatory-aglow.

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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.