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HARVEST BLOOMS RETURNS WITH ALL-NEW EXPERIENCE: PUMPKIN NIGHTS

Columbus, Ohio– Franklin Park Conservatory's *Harvest Blooms* is bigger than ever, with more pumpkins, more fall displays, and even the introduction of an all-new after-dark experience: *Pumpkin Nights!*

Harvest Blooms: 10am-5pm, Sept. 21-Oct. 27

Harvest Blooms delivers an otherworldly autumn landscape of hundreds upon hundreds of pumpkins, heirloom gourds, colorful mums and autumn foliage cascading through the botanical gardens. This fall fantasy also includes an all new pumpkin playhouse, the return of the beloved pumpkin house, and a pumpkin display expansion into the Grand Mallway.

"When most gardens around central Ohio begin to ramp down with the approach of fall, the Conservatory ramps it back up with the vibrant autumnal colors and textures of *Harvest Blooms*," said Associate Director of Horticulture Amanda Bettin. "The fall season can be experienced in an extraordinary way at the Conservatory, and it shouldn't be missed."

In all, *Harvest Blooms 2019* will include:

- 4,000 members of the *Cucurbitacea* family (ornamental gourds, pumpkins, squash)
- 4,300 flowering Chrysanthemums (aka hardy mums)
- A 10-ft tall Pumpkin House
- An 8-ft tall Pumpkin Playhouse (new in 2019!)

Harvest Blooms is made possible through the generous support of presenting sponsor Fahlgren Mortine.

Pumpkin Nights: 5-9pm, Oct. 17-20 & 24-27

(Special engagement rates apply.)

New this year, *Pumpkin Nights* are a chance to enjoy the Conservatory's autumnal displays after dark. Hundreds of glowing pumpkins will illuminate the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden while a rotating selection of live entertainment dazzles the crowds. The live entertainment line-up includes pumpkin carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice every night, as well as The Royal Jokers roaming juggling act, 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, Oct. 18; musical performances by The Shazzbots, 7-8:30pm on Saturday, Oct. 19; and the Cincinnati Circus Company's high-flying aerial and fire shows, Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26.

Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale: 11am-4pm. Sept. 27-29

(No admission required.)

An annual fan-favorite, The Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale is the chance to shop from hundreds of premium, collectable glass pumpkins that have been hand-crafted by local and nationally known gaffers. This experience also includes the (now sold out) glass pumpkin classes, as well as chance to watch the mesmerizing glassblowing process at the Conservatory's Hot Shop. Admission is not required to shop, but is required to explore the Conservatory and Harvest Blooms displays.

Other exhibitions on display during *Harvest Blooms* include *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* presented by Nationwide and the Davis Foundation (ending March 29, 2020) and *Bonsai* (ending Nov. 10, 2019). For more details, please visit fpconservatory.org/exhibitions.

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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.