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A NEW FALL FESTIVAL LIGHTS UP THE NIGHTS AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY *Pumpkin Nights debuts Oct. 17*

Columbus, Ohio— Fall nights will be brighter than ever at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens with *Pumpkin Nights*, the Conservatory's first-ever fall festival of jack-o-lanterns, live entertainment and after-dark art exhibitions. This brand new experience will be open 5-9pm Oct. 17-20 and 24-27, 2019.

Pumpkin Nights is a chance to experience the magic of *Harvest Blooms* under the stars, as hundreds of carved pumpkins illuminate the pathways of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden. Large scale pumpkin displays -- including two pumpkin houses -- celebrate the botanical beauty of fall, while live entertainment -- from professional pumpkin carvers to fire jugglers -- put guests in the Halloween spirit. A selection of seasonal snacks and adult beverages will also be available for purchase.

The special entertainment schedule of *Pumpkin Nights* includes:

- Thursday, Oct. 17: Carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice
- Friday, Oct. 18: A roaming juggling act by The Royal Jokers (6:30-8:30pm) and carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice
- Saturday, Oct. 19: A rocking performance by The Shazzbots! (7-8:30pm) and carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice
- Thursday, Oct. 24: Carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice
- Friday, Oct. 25: A high-flying aerial and fire show by Cincinnati Circus Company and carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice
- Saturday, Oct. 26: An encore high-flying aerial and fire show by Cincinnati Circus Company and carving demonstrations by Rock on Ice.

Pumpkin Nights also offers guests the opportunity to view *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* after dark, when the vibrant colors of Chihuly's artwork take on an entirely new appearance in the evening light. Visitors can also shop the fan favorite Glass Pumpkin Patch sale, where hundreds of one-of-a-kind, locally crafted, glass pumpkins will be on display and available for purchase.

Pumpkin Nights tickets are \$22 for general admission, \$19 for seniors, \$12 for children, and 50% off for Conservatory members.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.