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## CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory's annual Valentine's Day event returns Friday, February 14 from 6-10pm. New this year, gourmet small bites will be paired with wine to create a more intimate tasting experience.

The romantic evening begins with a glass of champagne, followed by five food pairings prepared by the Conservatory's executive chef, stationed throughout the indoor plant collections. The pairing menu is as follows:

- Pesto Goat Cheese Flatbread + Sauvignon Blanc
- Smoked Salmon Baguette + Chardonnay
- Persian Lamb Baguette with Mint + Pinot Noir
- Mushroom Vol au Vent + Cabernet Sauvignon Aged in Bourbon Barrels
- Salted Caramel Creme + Cabernet Sauvignon

In addition to the pairings, a cash bar, charcuterie and cheese plates, and Michael's Artisan Chocolates will be available for purchase.

The event also features live musical entertainment by local acoustic duo Starlit Ways, featuring the gifted vocals of Rose Nkechi Onyeneho with guitarist Chris Glover.

Capture the magic of the evening at the photo booth from Fizzy Cat. They're a local team that provides a modern and exciting photo booth experience.

Valentine's Day celebration is a special chance to explore the indoor botanical biomes under the stars, especially the two current exhibitions: *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* and *Orchids*. The Chihuly glass artwork is professionally illuminated to create especially spectacular views after dark; this year's *Orchids* exhibition is a special celebration of the 125th anniversary of the glasshouses at the Conservatory.

Please note that **registration is required** for the Valentine's Day event this year. Tickets will not be available at the door. Reservations may be made online at [fpconservatory.org/valentines-day](http://fpconservatory.org/valentines-day).

All guests must be 21 years or older. In order to create a special environment for guests, **no one under the age of 21 will be admitted**. Admission is \$50 per person (\$45 for Conservatory members) and includes five food and wine pairings, a glass of champagne to kick off the evening and a cup of coffee to end the night, as well as after-hours access to all Conservatory biomes and 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.*