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CHIHULY NIGHTS RETURNS TO THE CONSERVATORY

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will offer four additional viewings of *Chihuly Nights* on Saturday, July 11, August 8, September 12, and October 10 from 7-10 PM each night.

Chihuly Nights allows guests to see the glass artwork of Dale Chihuly in an entirely new light. All nineteen installations are professionally lit to create breathtaking views within the setting of the botanical gardens.

During these evenings, guests can also enjoy *Paul Busse Garden Railway*, a brand new exhibition, this year's unique *Bonsai* exhibition and view the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House illuminated by James Turrell's *Light Raiment II*.

The additional viewings come after the announcement in May that the Conservatory's collection of Chihuly artwork would remain on permanent view. The Conservatory's pieces represent the largest private collection of Chihuly artwork in a botanical garden. The 2003 exhibition, *Chihuly at the Conservatory*, was record-shattering and helped secure the Conservatory's place as a cultural institution in Central Ohio.

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden will be open until dusk during *Chihuly Nights*. Beer, wine and a limited food menu will be available for purchase from the Conservatory's food truck.

In line with the Conservatory's new ticketing procedures, guests will be asked to reserve tickets in advance online. 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 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, [Facebook.com/chihuly](https://www.facebook.com/chihuly) and [@ChihulyStudio](https://www.instagram.com/ChihulyStudio).