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**GLOWING PUMPKIN DISPLAYS RETURN TO THE CONSERVATORY AT
*PUMPKINS AGLOW***

Columbus, OH -- For the second year, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will again glow with the light of hundreds of jack-o-lanterns placed amongst richly colored autumnal horticulture during *Pumpkins Aglow*.

The Conservatory will open for 10 select evenings for this special fall experience: October 14-18 and October 21-25 from 5-9pm. Visitors will be delighted by the thousand-pound monster pumpkin carved by Rock On Ice guarding the pumpkin patch, a tunnel of floating candles, larger than life sculpted spiders sculpted by Tork, Inc., and the fan-favorite Pumpkin House. The gardens themselves will be filled with gorgeous chrysanthemums and brassica for our fall horticulture display, *Harvest Blooms*.

Each night includes roaming outdoor entertainment from 6-8pm:

- Oct. 14-18: The Royal Jokers will light up the night with their comedy juggling act.
- Oct. 21-25: A performer from the Cincinnati Circus will amaze guests by juggling and eating fire.

In addition to all of the fall festivities, *Pumpkins Aglow* is an opportunity for visitors to explore the entire Conservatory after dark, including all of the interior biomes and courtyards, the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden, and the *Paul Busse Garden Railway* exhibition in the Grand Mallway.

Seasonal treats and refreshments will be available for purchase and visitors can shop for locally crafted glass pumpkins and autumn-themed items at The Glass Pumpkin Sale.

In order for the Conservatory staff to clean and set-up the facility, the building will close to the public from 4-5pm. Guests will not be permitted to stay in the Conservatory buildings or interior grounds during this time. Guests over the age of 6 years old will be required to wear a face covering. Additionally, all guests must reserve their tickets in advance on the Conservatory website. Special engagement rates apply.

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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.