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***PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY MAKES A STOP AT THE
CONSERVATORY FOR ITS SECOND YEAR***

Columbus, OH -- Starting this April, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will once again feature the *Paul Busse Garden Railway*. Due to its popularity, the exhibition will be on display for three months longer than the inaugural exhibition: April 2, 2021-January 9, 2022.

Paul Busse Garden Railway features four botanical themes—Fairytale Land, Wild West Town, European Travels and the animals of Who Lives Here—placed throughout 1,122 feet of track. Nine G scale model trains will weave through the botanical landscapes, sometimes passing overhead!

The world of trains is brought to life by Paul Busse and his team at Applied Imagination, Ltd. The team collected all-natural plant material to build over 50 botanical models to accompany the tracks, creating a unique and immersive world to explore. Special elements include an enchanted tree hollow, waterfalls and a brook. Select sections of the *Paul Busse Garden Railway* were generously donated by the Wolfe Family in memory of John F. Wolfe.

Throughout the seasons, Conservatory staff will coordinate the plantings to match the models and botanical themes. In spring and summer, colorful blooms will fill the gardens surrounding the railway. As fall arrives, pumpkins and gourds will be placed throughout the railway. Before the exhibition comes to a close, holiday lights will decorate the tracks during the winter months.

Paul Busse Garden Railway is included with general admission (10am–5pm) and special engagements (after 5pm on select evenings). The exhibition is possible with support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, all visitors are required to wear a mask at the Conservatory and abide by social distancing guidelines. For more details, please visit the Conservatory's website (fpconservatory.org), and follow the Conservatory (@fpconservatory) on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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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.