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FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY CELEBRATES SPOOKY SEASON WITH *PUMPKINS AGLOW*

Columbus, OH — One of the most beautiful places to celebrate the spooky season in central Ohio is Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where hundreds of jack-o-lanterns, enchanting light displays, live entertainment and more come together for *Pumpkins Aglow*.

Open select evenings in October, *Pumpkins Aglow* is the evening counterpart of *Harvest Blooms*. While *Harvest Blooms* celebrates all the colors of fall during the daytime, the family-friendly *Pumpkins Aglow* displays completely transform the Conservatory after dark. Themed displays include giant glow-in-the-dark spiders by Tork Collaborative Arts, Inc., a ginormous glowing pumpkin made entirely out of lights, a foggy creek in the Children's Garden, friendly ghouls and — new this year — a pirate display. The ever-popular pumpkin houses twinkle under string lights during *Pumpkins Aglow*, and jack-o-lanterns — all carved by Conservatory staff, volunteers and members — line the pathways of mums and other the autumnal foliage.

In addition to the glowing landscape, *Pumpkins Aglow* brings a carnival experience to the botanical gardens. Visually dramatic live performances are scheduled for every night from 6-8pm, including fire performances and fortune telling Oct. 13-17, LED light dancers and Halloween stilt walkers Oct. 20-24, and a sway pole witch Oct. 27-31.

The Glass Pumpkins Patch — a popular shop featuring collectible, handcrafted glass pumpkins in every color of the rainbow — will also be open every evening of *Pumpkins Aglow*. Food vendors, including Charlie's Kettle Corn, complete the experience.

And as a special treat on Halloween weekend, children ages 2-12 will receive a small bag filled with goodies during *Pumpkins Aglow* on Oct. 30 & 31.

Pumpkins Aglow evenings include access to all current Conservatory exhibitions, including the *Paul Busse Garden Railway*, the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden, the Chihuly collection, and the *Resilience in Nature: We are the Roses that Grew from the Concrete* gallery.

For more details, please visit www.fpconservatory.org/exhibitions/pumpkins-aglow and for updates, follow @fpconservatory on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

PUMPKINS AGLOW DETAILS:

Open 5-9pm, Wednesdays-Sundays, October 13-31. (Oct. 13-17, 20-24, 27-31)

*Please note that the Conservatory closes at 4pm on *Pumpkins Aglow* dates.

Special engagement tickets are required.

Reservations are strongly encouraged, as some nights are expected to sell out.

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Masks are encouraged for indoor experiences. (*Pumpkins Aglow* is primarily an outdoor experience.)



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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.