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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:  
*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.  
1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43203  
Masks are encouraged for indoor experiences. (Pumpkins Aglow is primarily an outdoor experience.)
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.