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## CONSERVATORY AGLOW LIGHTS UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Columbus, OH – Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens welcomes the beginning of the holiday season with the start of *Conservatory Aglow*. This special engagement begins on Saturday, November 20, and ends Sunday, January 9, 2022\*. The evening experience, *Conservatory Aglow*, will be open 5-9pm; the daytime experience, *Holiday Blooms*, will be open 10am-4pm. Special engagement rates apply and can be found online before reserving a ticket. The Conservatory recommends visitors book tickets soon as popular evenings are expected to sell out. *Conservatory Aglow* is made possible by presenting sponsor American Electric Power Foundation and lighting partner Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation.

Visitors of all ages will be dazzled by the new light displays as well as the return of past favorites. There is a light show set to music in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden and a Candyland scene complete with a life-size gingerbread house near the Grand Mallway. The halls within the Conservatory are decked and blooming with holiday spirit featuring themes of 'Joyful Comfort' and 'Brilliant Blizzard'.

Adding to the festive atmosphere is an array of holiday themed performances. Live entertainment performances are 6-8pm on select evenings. Live musical entertainment performances are at 7pm on select evenings. Seasonal treats will be available to purchase from the Garden Café and Food Truck. Botanica Gift Shop & Greenhouse will be open for visitors to do their gift shopping.

During *Conservatory Aglow*, the entire facility will be open. It's an excellent opportunity for visitors to see everything the Conservatory has to offer. For more holiday fun, peruse the holiday vignettes and poinsettias of *Holiday Blooms* in the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse or take in the beauty of *Light Raiment II*, as it projects a rainbow of colors onto the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House. The Conservatory's collection of Dale Chihuly glass is also on view.

In order for the Conservatory staff to clean and set-up, the facility will close to the public from 4-5pm. Visitors will not be permitted to stay in the Conservatory buildings or grounds during this time. Those with tickets to *Conservatory Aglow* will be admitted after 5pm and, to speed up the entrance process, guests should have their tickets printed or ready to scan on their smartphones. In accordance with the City of Columbus, guests are required to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.

\*The Conservatory is closed all day on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and closes at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

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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.*