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THE CONSERVATORY'S *PUMPKINS AGLOW* IS SIMPLY SPELLBINDING

Columbus, OH — *Pumpkins Aglow* brings hundreds of jack-o-lanterns, enchanting light displays, family-friendly entertainment and more to Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens on select evenings: October 12-16, 19-23 & 26-30. Tickets for this fan-favorite Special Engagement go on sale September 28, 2022.

Open 5-9pm, *Pumpkins Aglow* transforms the outdoor gardens into a glowing pumpkin patch. Hundreds of jack-o-lanterns—carved by Conservatory staff, members and volunteers—illuminate the gardens which are filled with bewitching scenes. Two pumpkin houses, a spooky forest, a foggy creek, a ghostly graveyard and larger-than-life spiders will delight visitors. New decorations include singing jack-o-lanterns and dancing skeletons. The decorations are spooky but fun, as *Pumpkins Aglow* is meant for all ages to enjoy.

Accenting the scenes are the rich horticultural displays of [Harvest Blooms](#), another fall exhibition on display during admission from September 24 through October 30, 2022. The entire Conservatory is open these evenings, including the indoor plant [collections](#), the [Chihuly Collection](#), [Paul Busse Garden Railway](#) and [Diálogos](#).

Each evening includes entertainment such as crafts, a fortune teller, a face painter, pumpkin-themed lawn games and a family-friendly dance area. Watch fire performers October 12-16, light-up jugglers October 19-23 or a sway pole witch October 26-30. The [Glass Pumpkin Patch](#) will be available each evening for visitors to purchase glass pumpkins made by local artists and other autumn-themed items.

Visitors looking for refreshments during the experience can purchase food from the indoor Garden Café and a rotating set of outdoor food trucks. An outdoor cash bar will serve beer, wine and a specialty cocktail, as well as non-alcoholic drinks and mocktails 5-8:30pm.

For more information, please visit fpconservatory.org/pumpkins-aglow, and follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- *Pumpkins Aglow* is open 5-9pm, Wednesdays-Sundays, October 12-30. (Oct. 12-16, 19-23 & 26-30).
- Please note that the Conservatory closes at 4pm on *Pumpkins Aglow* dates. Typically, the Conservatory closes at 5pm. Time is needed to allow staff to prepare for the Special Engagement.



- Special Engagement tickets are required and are separate from General Admission tickets.
- Reserving tickets in advance is not required but strongly encouraged. Many evenings will sell out.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art & nature-based exhibitions and educational programs. The 13-acre indoor and outdoor facility—situated two miles from downtown Columbus—features glasshouses including the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children’s Garden and Scotts Miracle Gro-Foundation Community Garden Campus; and event venues. The Conservatory is home to the largest collection of Chihuly glass in a botanical garden and Light Raiment II by internationally renowned artist James Turrell. Committed to the community, the Conservatory strives to provide an accessible and welcoming experience to all.