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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:
● 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.

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.