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TWO BEAUTIFUL EXHIBITIONS OPEN THIS JANUARY AT THE CONSERVATORY

COLUMBUS, OH – As the new year begins, the Conservatory is preparing for two exhibitions to open on January 21, 2023: *Orchids* and *El Color - **ES***. These new exhibitions offer visitors the opportunity to refresh themselves through time spent in nature and surrounded by artistic expression.

Orchids **Exhibition**

Orchids is an annual exhibition that presents thousands of orchid blooms in themed displays. This year's exhibition takes inspiration from our dreams of warm summer days and offers a respite from winter in Ohio. Through a combination of orchid blooms and decorative elements, four themed vignettes transport visitors to bright days: Summer Breeze, Sweet Treats, Bumblebee Picnic and Day at the Beach. Other elements include orchid arches, tropical plants, sunshine backdrops, butterfly accents and more.

The orchids are primarily on display in the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse but there are orchid container gardens throughout the interior Conservatory. The exhibition is included in admission through March 12, 2023.

El Color - ES **Gallery Exhibition**

*El Color - **ES*** is a brand new exhibition featuring the art of Elena Osterwalder. The exhibition will showcase installations of ámate—handmade bark paper—and hundreds of watercolor board tiles dyed with organic colors made from flowers and leaves. The techniques utilized by Osterwalder build on the practices and color knowledge of ancient indigenous people from Mexico who revered nature.

Elena Osterwalder is a Latina artist local to Columbus who explores colors through her artwork. This exhibition builds on the Conservatory's relationship with Osterwalder, who was one of the curators for the *Diálogos* exhibition last year and whose classes at CCAD brought her to the Conservatory while she was learning to paint.

*El Color - **ES*** is located in the Cardinal Health Gallery and is included in admission through May 29, 2023.

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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.