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**ESCAPE THE WINTER WITH ORCHIDS
AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, OH— Colorful and delicate orchid blooms provide respite from winter's gray chill at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' 2017 installment of its *Orchids* exhibition, on view January 7 through March 5, 2017.

Stroll through an indoor garden inspired by the opulence of the Art Deco movement. Thousands of orchid blooms and tropical plants are displayed in artful designs reflecting the global trends of the 1920s.

With nearly 30,000 species, including the vanilla plant, the orchid family is the largest families of flowering plants. Known for their color and fragrance, orchids are cultivated for enjoyment, food, and, in some cultures, medicine.

In the Cardinal Health Gallery: *Nighttime Tropicals*

Stephen Eichhorn creates intricately detailed collages of new micro-ecosystems. Using collected historical botany textbooks and publications, Eichhorn painstakingly cuts out and layers plant parts and minerals to wood panel, brass, and other materials, often to profound and mesmerizing effect.

Stephen Eichhorn (b. 1984) lives and works in Chicago, IL. In 2006, Eichhorn received his BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His work has been included in numerous national solo and group exhibitions, with highlights including Johalla Projects, Chicago (2014); CES Gallery, Los Angeles (2014); Ebersmoore, Chicago (2012, 2011); the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL (2012); Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (2012); Bucket Rider Gallery, Chicago (2008); Josée Bienvenu Gallery, NY (2008); and Cairo, Seattle (2008).

Exhibition-Related Programming

Walk and Sip with Exhibiting Artist Stephen Eichhorn and Horticulture Exhibition Designer Garet Martin

Friday, March 3, 6–7:30pm

Stephen Eichhorn Collage Workshop

Saturday, March 4, 10am–12pm

For more information on the Conservatory and additional offerings please visit fpconservatory.org.



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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.