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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens announces artist visit and extension of evening exhibition *Bruce Munro: Light*

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is extending its special evening exhibition, *Bruce Munro: Light*, for public viewing through March 30, 2014.

The announcement of the seven-week extension accompanies a **public visit and book signing by Bruce Munro on Wednesday, January 22**. Munro will meet with Conservatory visitors and sign exhibition catalogues from 6:30 to 8pm in the Conservatory's Grand Atrium.

In addition, the limited viewing hours of *Bruce Munro: Light*, previously Wednesday through Friday evenings, have been expanded to include all Saturday evenings in 2014. As the seven-week extension comes to a close, *Light* will be on view nightly March 19–30.

"We are privileged to be able to offer this immersive and memorable experience to Columbus and the region for seven more weeks," said Bruce Harkey, Executive Director of Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. "These additional hours that extend into the spring will give our community more opportunities to experience this well-received exhibition."

Light debuted at the Conservatory on September 25 and features ten large-scale, immersive light-based installations placed in the Conservatory's indoor and outdoor spaces. Four of the installations are in outdoor courtyards, including *Field of Light*, one of Munro's most iconic works that features nearly 3,000 lighted glass spheres that spring from the ground and pulse with color.

Bruce Munro: Light is on view from 5 to 11pm, Wednesdays through Saturdays through March 30, 2014. Special engagement ticket rates, which include general admission and concurrent exhibitions, are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/students, and \$6 children ages 3-17. Conservatory members receive half-off admission. The Conservatory maintains its regular daytime hours and seasonal exhibitions during the run of *Light*.

Bruce Munro: Light at Franklin Park Conservatory is presented by The William H. Davis, Dorothy M. Davis and William C. Davis Foundation. Lead Sponsors: Nationwide Foundation and Greater Columbus Arts Council. Major Sponsors: American Electric Power Foundation, Cardinal Health Foundation, The Columbus Dispatch, The Columbus Foundation, FahlgrenMortine. Exclusive Hotel Partner: Crowne Plaza Columbus Downtown

About Bruce Munro

Wiltshire-based Bruce Munro is an installation artist working with light in all of its forms. His work has been exhibited at London's Victoria and Albert Museum, the 13th century gothic Salisbury Cathedral, and in an annual exhibition residency at Waddesdon Manor, of the de Rothschild family estate. The Holburne Museum in Bath, Kensington Palace in London and the Guggenheim Museum in New York City have also exhibited his work. Munro is best known for immersive large-scale mixed-media installations based on his interest in the medium of light. Recording ideas and images in sketchbooks has been his practice for over 30 years; by this means he has captured

his responses to stimuli such as music, literature, science and the world around him for reference, reflection and subject matter. This tendency has been combined with a liking for components and an inventive urge for reuse, coupled with career training in manufacture of light. As a result, Munro produces both monumental temporary experiential artworks as well as intimate story-pieces.

About Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

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.

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