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Super. Natural. Exhibit Brings Larger-Than-Life Glass Art Back to Pittsburgh

Phipps Conservatory reveals blockbuster show by Seattle glass artist Jason Gamrath

Pittsburgh, Pa. — On Sat., May 6, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will reveal a larger-than-life glass art exhibit: [SUPER. NATURAL. Glass Art by Jason Gamrath](#). At this exhibit, the first eastern U.S. garden display of the Seattle-based artist's botanical glass, guests will explore a world of supersized orchids, vibrant pitcher plants, gaping Venus fly traps and even a towering corpse flower. The Conservatory will be filled with over 40 major installations, many of which were custom-made by master glass artist Jason Gamrath specifically for Phipps. Lush plant displays, including living counterparts of the glass specimens, will surround the art, complementing the color schemes and accentuating the accuracy of the pieces.

A Seattle native, Gamrath has been studying glass making since he was 15. He draws inspiration from the beauty of living plants, sketching the flowers first and bringing their intricacies to his art with remarkable accuracy. Gamrath's show arrives on the tenth anniversary of Phipps' collaboration with the famous glass artist Dale Chihuly, whose blockbuster exhibit set attendance records in 2007 and attracted visitors from every state and 52 foreign countries. Nine of Chihuly's pieces are now part of Phipps' permanent art collection, and will remain on display throughout SUPER. NATURAL., allowing guests a glimpse into the remarkable diversity of the glass medium.

Guests can experience this exhibit of massive proportions from Sat., May 6 – Sun., Nov. 5, and one visit won't be enough: As October begins and the seasons change from summer to fall, the plantings will change as well, totally transforming the exhibit and lending an exciting new perspective to these fantastic glass sculptures.

To see a video of the creative process and learn more information as the exhibit approaches, please visit phipps.conservatory.org/super.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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