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Four Fun Exhibits at Phipps Offer a Relaxing Day Out

Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show offers rare peek at botanical works of art while continuing exhibits delight with whimsy and beauty

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Winter weather is here, and there is no better place to warm up than at the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show at <u>Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</u>. Opening on Sat. Jan. 16 and remaining at Phipps for only six weeks until Sun., Feb. 28 this show will display the unique and beautiful orchid and bonsai plants, while also revealing the hard work that goes into taking care of and growing them.

Now that the crowds of the Winter Flower Show have died down, the Conservatory offers a peaceful respite and the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show is the perfect getaway for any day, including date night. Guests also can enjoy:

- The whimsical Garden Railroad featuring live, miniature landscapes depicting nine classic fairy tales and fables.
- The steamy air and biodiversity of the Tropical Forest Congo that will make you feel like you are on a tropical vacation in Pittsburgh.
- And, on Friday evenings from 5 to 10 p.m., the spectacular Winter Light Garden remains open. See this blockbuster exhibit without the crowds of the Winter Flower Show!

Phipps' Tip: If you want to see very special orchids, the Orchid Room showcases the most unusual ones.

Jordyn Melino, exhibit coordinator, designed the show with help from Georgia Wahl, the display horticulturist at Phipps who specializes in orchid care, and Kevin Haughey, Phipps' bonsai manager.

Guests can experience this tropical getaway starting Sat., Jan. 16 until Sun., Feb. 28. Hours are 9:30 a.m. -5 p.m. daily and until 10 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and \$11 for children (2 - 18). Members and kids under 2 enter free. More details can be found at **phipps.conservatory.org**.

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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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