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## Phipps to Come Alive with the Sounds of Music for Spring Flower Show

Pittsburgh's premier public garden brings melodies into bloom for beloved seasonal showcase.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**—<u>Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</u> invites visitors to take a toe-tapping journey through a musical world where melodies bloom like flowers at <u>Spring Flower Show</u>. Opening on March 22, 2014, this colorful new display combines music and garden design for a sensational seasonal showcase filled with sights, sounds and scents that are sure to have guests of all ages singing.

From one room to the next, musical genres from swing and big band to blues and rock 'n roll will be represented through whimsical sculptures made out of up-cycled instruments; surprising planters like an upright piano; and carefully orchestrated plantings designed to mimic the rise and fall of musical notes. Popular songs will also be piped through some of the rooms, adding to the multi-sensory experience.

The stars of the show, of course, will be the thousands of vibrant tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other favorites, in addition to some beautiful varieties of snapdragons, primula and pansies. Arranged in spectacular groupings according to color and theme, plants will be carefully placed to add scope to and enliven each scene, from blue and purple flowers representing the blues genre to rainbow-hued blooms.

Spring Flower Show, designed by Hays Landscape Architecture Studio and sponsored by PNC, runs through April 20. 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.

**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: <a href="mailto:phipps.conservatory.org">phipps.conservatory.org</a>.

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