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Phipps Tropical Forest Congo Festival Celebrates Culture and Ecology with Family Fun African-inspired activities and more, free with admission.

Pittsburgh, Pa. – On Sat., Feb. 20, families are invited to <u>Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</u> for a day of fun at the Tropical Forest Congo Festival, a celebration of Africa's rich cultures and natural treasures. Free with admission, activities will be held from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Dance along with a group of authentic African drummers and dancers, led by Yamoussa Camara, from 3 – 4 p.m.
- Kids will love potting their own plants and unleashing their creativity with an African—inspired mask craft.
- Families can participate in a collaborative beading activity as they learn techniques from our guest bead artist, Celeta Hickman.
- Curious minds can learn about the Congo by visiting an education station hosted by the knowledgeable students of Duquesne University.
- Festival-goers will be delighted by regional-inspired tastings, provided by Café Phipps.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and \$11 for children ages 2 - 18. Members and kids under 2 enter free. For more information, visit phipps.conservatory.org.

<u>Tropical Forest Congo</u> is sponsored in part by <u>Duquesne University</u>.

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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.