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“Tulip Mania” Takes Over the Cincinnati Zoo

Over 80,000 Tulips on Display this Spring
Zoo Blooms, presented by OLAY, April 5 – 27

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden will transform into a magnificent explosion of color when Zoo Blooms kicks off this spring. From April 5-27, the zoo promises to be a palette of artistic color with a combination of more than 80,000 tulips. As one of only two accredited botanical gardens in Ohio, the Cincinnati Zoo offers one of the largest tulip displays in the Midwest. Dubbed “Tulip Mania,” Zoo Blooms will also feature more than one million daffodils, hyacinths, flowering tress, shrubs and other spring bulbs exploding with color.

While tiptoeing through the tulips, guests can enjoy shows and events that make Zoo Blooms so unique year-after-year. On April 5 & 6, the Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society will present the annual **Daffodil Show, “Daffodils in the Treetops.”** This spring show will showcase hundreds of daffodils in various shades and colors, varieties, shapes and sizes and will take place from 2 – 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 and from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. The Cincinnati African Violet Society will present their **African Violet Show** on April 26 and 27 from 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. **Garden Tours** will also take place each Saturday during Zoo Blooms, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 11 a.m. and kids can enjoy garden activities daily in the Botanical Center.

The Cincinnati Zoo will also feature **FREE** concerts in the garden every Thursday evening during Zoo Blooms from 6 – 8:30 p.m. (Admission is free after 5 p.m.) Sponsored by Coldwell Banker West Shell and presented by WNKU 89.7 FM, **“Tunes & Blooms”** is a collection of Cincinnati’s finest and most-respected music veterans playing together in the Zoo’s beautiful gardens. This year’s concert series kicks off on April 10 with performances by **Comet Bluegrass All-Stars** and **The Rumpke Mountain Boys**.

Visitors can also experience **SpongeBob SquarePants 4-D** in the Zoo’s 4-D Special FX Theater. Join SpongeBob as he desperately pursues a runaway pickle in his heartfelt desire to serve the perfect Krabby Patty.

Wind, bubbles and scent are just a few of the 4-D FX effects that create this amazing experience. The shows begin daily at 10 a.m. and run every half hour. Show admission is \$6 for Non-Zoo Members and \$4 for Zoo Members. Tickets are available online.

Do the Zoo! Zoo Blooms is FREE with general Zoo admission. Admission prices are \$13/adults, \$8/children (2-12), children under two are free and parking is additional. The Zoo opens daily at 9 a.m. Zoo Blooms is presented by OLAY. Entertainment sponsor is Coldwell Banker West Shell and supporting sponsor is Nu-Sash. The media sponsor for Zoo Blooms is WMKV 89.3FM and the media sponsor for Tunes & Blooms is WNKU 89.7FM. For more information, call (513) 281-4700 or, visit www.cincinnati-zoo.org.

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The world famous Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden was rated the #1 attraction locally and one of the top zoos in the nation by Zagat Survey. It has also been recognized by Child Magazine as one of "The 10 Best Zoos for Kids." Over one million people visit the Zoo's award-winning exhibits, and more than 500 animal and 3000 plant species annually. The Zoo is an accredited member of the American Zoo & Aquarium Association (AZA) and the American Public Gardens Association (APGA), is internationally known for its success in the protection and propagation of endangered animals and plants, and engages in research and conservation projects worldwide.