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Columbus Food & Wine Affair held at newly renovated Franklin Park Conservatory

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Those attending this year's ***Columbus Food & Wine Affair Grand Tasting*** on Friday, September 5, will have the chance to enjoy award-winning wines and delectable food offerings amid the backdrop of the beautifully renovated Franklin Park Conservatory. New features at the conservatory include a special events wing, a brides garden, two rooftop gardens and event support facilities. In addition, guests will have the opportunity to view the new, permanent light installation by world-renowned light artist James Turrell.

According to Gail Baker, Executive Director of the Central Ohio Restaurant Association and one of the event founders, "This will be our sixth year hosting this event at the Conservatory. The venue has always been beautiful, but with the recent changes, it's now even more spectacular. It will make an already wonderful event even more special."

The Columbus Food and Wine Affair showcases the culinary talents and cuisine of more than 25 of Central Ohio's finest restaurants and more than 400 international wines. The evening will also feature a silent auction and music.

Tickets for the event are \$100 and can be purchased online at www.foodandwineaffair.com. The event runs 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Proceeds from the *Columbus Food and Wine Affair* benefit the WBNS-10TV Family Fund, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital, United Way of Central Ohio, Adventures for Wish Kids, the Central Ohio Restaurant Association and the Ian Adams Van Heyde Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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