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GET READY TO "GLOW WILD"! TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR CONNECTICUT'S EXCLUSIVE ILLUMINATING LANTERN FESTIVAL AT BEARDSLEY ZOO



(BRIDGEPORT, CT) – It's official—the GLOW Wild Lantern Festival Presented by ASML is returning to Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo for its third year! Tickets are now available for this illuminating event which will run from September 26th through December 15th, on Thursday through Sunday evenings. This vibrant festival will light up the Zoo grounds, with all new lanterns this year. Guests of all ages will be amazed by over 50 large-scale illuminated sculptures and interactive displays.

The GLOW Wild Lantern is back by popular demand and designed for everyone to enjoy, whether a family outing, romantic date, or coworker get together. Timed tickets should be purchased online in advance at beardsleyzoo.org/glowwild. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door, depending upon capacity.



This year GLOW Wild will feature the fan favorite illuminated 100-foot-long dragon on the front lawn of the greenhouse. The festival is broken out into different themed areas that represent wildlife from all over the world including China, America, and Africa.

Adult tickets (ages 12 +) are \$22, and Children (11 and under) are \$20. Children two and under and adults 76 and over are free. Wheelchairs and strollers will be available to rent. Seasonal and limited refreshment offerings will be available at the Peacock Café's side window.

The Glow Wild Title Sponsor is ASML; Glow Wild Sponsor the Ernest & Joan Trefz Foundation; Elite Sponsor Avangrid (UI, SCG); Select Sponsors AARP CT, M&T Bank, R.D. Scinto, Inc.; and Supporting Sponsors -Barker Specialty, Coca Cola Northeast, and LIV IT UP.

"We are incredibly grateful to our GLOW Wild sponsors, whose generous support makes this event possible," said Zoo Director Emeritus Gregg Dancho. "Thanks to them, we're able to bring GLOW Wild back to the Zoo and share this extraordinary experience with so many enthusiastic visitors."

For "Glow Wild" tickets at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and more information: beardsleyzoo.org.

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About Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Connecticut's only zoo, celebrating 102 years, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won't want to miss our Red Pandas, Andean bears, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves, and red wolves. Other highlights include our Spider Monkey Habitat, and a new prairie dog exhibit! As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participant in its Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, the non-profit Zoo is committed to the preservation of endangered animals and wild habitats. Tickets may be purchased on the Zoo's website at beardsleyzoo.org