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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION, NEW PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE AND PATHS, AND EXPANDED SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Museum to remain open Fridays until 9:00 p.m. with permanent change in hours of operation, effective April 1, 2016

New site entrance and paths encourage pedestrian access and visitation

PITTSBURGH, PA, March 29, 2016—The Frick Pittsburgh in Point Breeze announces that it will remain open every Friday evening until 9:00 p.m., beginning Friday, April 1, 2016. All of the Frick's public venues, including the Grable Visitor Center, Clayton, The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, Greenhouse, Frick Museum Store and The Café at the Frick—in addition to the grounds and gardens—will remain open during extended Friday evening hours.

Effective April 1, 2016, the Frick's new hours of operation are:

Tuesday through Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Admission to the Frick and gardens is free.

Regarding this permanent change in hours, Frick Director Robin Nicholson remarks, "Last year we were open on Friday evenings during the summer months, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Along with our expansion of business hours, the creation of a welcoming new pedestrian entrance at the northwest corner of our site and construction of

several new walking paths are intended to make the lush 5.5-acre Frick grounds and gardens even more accessible and further enhance the experience of our visitors."

NEW PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE

The Frick has created a new public entrance at the corner of Penn and South Homewood Avenues, which opens to the public on April 1. This entrance, created by opening a gate door in the historic fence that surrounds the Frick property, provides pedestrians with a convenient alternative to the existing public entrance on Reynolds Street, on the southern end of the Frick's park-like site.

A freestanding site directory and map installed inside the new entrance has been designed to assist with visitor orientation, and a bicycle rack—complementing a larger rack in the Frick's parking lot located on Reynolds Street—has been installed at the new entrance for visitors wishing to cycle to the Frick.

The entrance connects to a new network of asphalt walking paths that circumnavigate the entire site. Visitors can now explore the richly landscaped northeast side of the estate and enjoy fresh vistas and perspectives of Clayton and the surrounding lawns. A second path winds its way from Clayton down the western side of the property, offering an alternative approach to The Frick Art Museum, as well as beautiful views of the historic entrance to Frick Park.

EXPANDED SUMMER PROGRAMS : *SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK*

Beginning in summer 2016, the Frick announces the expansion of *Summer Fridays at the Frick*— a public programming series that debuted last season.

Robin Nicholson comments, "In addition to increasing access to the Frick's museums, grounds and amenities, our expanded public hours allow us to reconfigure and enhance our schedule of public performances. Summer entertainment at the Frick will no longer be limited to the first Fridays of summer months."

Every Friday from June 17 to September 2, 2016, the Frick will offer an exciting and diverse lineup of entertaining performances, family-friendly activities, wine bars and varied dining

options, including dinner at The Café at the Frick, casual food from local food trucks, and the opportunity to picnic on the lush Frick grounds.

In addition to the free entertainment programming, *Summer Fridays* will provide visitors multiple opportunities to view *Killer Heels: the Art of the High-Heeled Shoe* at The Frick Art Museum from June 11–September 4, 2016; tour Clayton, the historic Frick family home; visit the recently renovated and expanded Car and Carriage Museum; and shop the distinctive selection of merchandise at The Frick Museum Store in the Grable Visitor Center.

Summer Fridays at the Frick gives local favorites and innovative new offerings equal billing during a 12-week outdoor series of performing arts, featuring a diverse variety of music, dance, art, fashion, film, children’s programming, and other entertainment appealing to all ages and tastes. These admission-free performances are held at various locations on the Frick grounds each week beginning at 6:30 p.m. Season highlights include: local rock band *Meeting of Important People*, *Bodiography Contemporary Ballet*, *ElectroBelly Dance & Music*, *Trio+* with rapper *Shad Ali*, musical comedy duo *Josh & Gab*, *In Bed by Ten* dance party, Pittsburgh singer-songwriter *Rachel B*, and a Fashion Night with *Cut & Sew Studio*. A complete schedule and details will be announced in May.

ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick’s daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, and historic objects (including buildings).

Built by Helen Clay Frick in 1969, The Frick Art Museum displays an exquisite permanent collection of European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts from the 14th to 18th centuries, and presents outstanding temporary exhibitions from some of the world’s finest collections and museums.

Clayton, the Henry Clay Frick family mansion, is one of the most intact Gilded Age homes in the United States and possesses general significance as an artifact of American social history and a

document of American and regional architecture. Restored to its original glory and opened as a house museum in 1990, an astonishing 93% of Clayton's artifacts are original.

The Frick family's carriages and automobiles provided the inspiration for the development of the Car and Carriage Museum. A museum of transportation design and history, the recently expanded and renovated Car and Carriage Museum is home to a collection of more than twenty vintage automobiles.

Also included on the Frick's five-acre site of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens are the Frick children's playhouse, designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow, a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store, an Education Center, and The Café at the Frick.

The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, The Café, the Grable Visitor Center and Frick Museum Store, grounds, and first floor of Clayton are accessible, and wheelchairs are available on site. Accessible rest rooms are available in The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, Grable Visitor Center, and the Administration building. If requested in advance, tours can be arranged for hearing and visually impaired visitors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Frick Art & Historical Center is located at 7227 Reynolds Street in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot or along adjacent streets. The public should call 412-371-0600 for information, or visit the Frick online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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The Frick Art & Historical Center, a museum, historic site and cultural center serves the public through preservation, presentation, and interpretation of the fine and decorative arts and historically significant artifacts for all residents of and visitors to Western Pennsylvania.