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Family-Friendly Winterfest Continues in 2025 at The Frick Pittsburgh

*Seasonal celebration brings families and friends together
for free artmaking, performances, and more*

PITTSBURGH – The Frick Pittsburgh is pleased to present **Winterfest**, an annual celebration of the snowy season, for the fourth year in a row this January 18th and 19th, 2025. Visitors can gather with loved ones and beat the post-holiday blues with family-friendly programs including an exploration of Clayton, live performances and artist demos, cozy treats and warm beverages from The Café at the Frick, and so much more!

“We’re excited to welcome families and visitors of all ages to the Frick for our annual celebration of the winter season, Frick Winterfest,” **said Frick Interim Executive Director Amanda Gillen.** “Most events are free, and I’m personally so excited for our community mural artmaking activity. Last year the community mural was so popular that we ran out of space, so this year we will have three! The magical, mural canvases will once again be created by our incredibly talented Lead Studio Arts Educator, C.J. Dawson.”

Frick Winterfest is sponsored by UPMC Health Plan.

Winterfest activities will run 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

A full schedule of daily Winterfest events follows:

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

South Hills Children's Choir presents *In the Bleak Midwinter*

January 18 | 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. | Grable Visitor Center

In the bleak midwinter under the cloak of chilly cold, a fresh start happens. Snow blankets the ground covering its barrenness. Ice crystals sparkle catching timid rays of sunlight. Sleds, snowmen, and snowball fights fill the landscape with cheer. Come listen to the South Hills Children's Choir's winterscape of choral music, celebrating a fresh perspective of this frigid season. **Free and open to all.**

Flutist Gemma Stemley presents *Warm Winter Rhythms*

January 19 | 12–2 p.m. | Grable Visitor Center

Escape the chill with the vibrant sounds of Trinidadian-born flutist Gemma Stemley! Embark on a musical journey across the Caribbean as Gemma brings the infectious energy of Calypso, the soothing charm of Brazilian Bossa Nova, and the lively beats of Jamaican Mento Dance Hall to Winterfest. Let these rich rhythms, rooted in African traditions and blossomed in the Caribbean, fill your heart with warmth and joy amid the wonders of the snowy season. **Free and open to all.**

Clayton Open House

January 18 & 19 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Explore the first floor of Clayton, the last remaining home of its kind in Pittsburgh, standing as a testament to another era and offering unique insights into our city's past. Deepen your experience with hands-on activities! **\$5 per person. Members enter free. Tickets can be purchased at the Grable Visitor Center.**

Hot Wheels: Glass Blowing with Pittsburgh Glass Center

January 18 & 19 | 12–3 p.m. | North Lawn Path

Furnace-fired fun fueled by Pittsburgh Glass Center. Artists will conduct glass blowing demonstrations from this compact travelling glass studio, answer questions, and talk about the art and science of glassmaking. **Free and open to all.**

Greenhouse & Grounds

January 18 & 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Throughout the Frick's Grounds | Free and open to all

- **Winter Wish Sculpture:** Make your winter wish and contribute to our interactive ribbon sculpture in the Education Center courtyard!
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Put on your detective hat and explore the Frick's grounds on a special scavenger hunt! Can you find the hidden snowmen? Visit the Grable Visitor Center to claim a prize once you've spotted them all!

- **Walking Path:** Wander the walking path and explore the Frick's 10-acre site. Turn an ear to history with the Duquesne SoundWalk, adding a new layer of dimensionality to your experience!
- **Greenhouse:** Explore our active greenhouse, a renovation and partial reconstruction of one that served the Frick family from 1897 through the 1970s.

Art & History Activities

January 18 & 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Community Room, Education Center, Grable Visitor Center

Enjoy a variety of artmaking activities designed for visitors of all ages! Add to collaborative murals in the Grable Visitor Center and the Community Room and make yarn animals and other art projects in the Education Center. **Free and open to all.**

Holiday Treats: Hot Chocolate Bar

January 18 & 19 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Community Room

Beat the winter cold and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate! Available while supplies last.

Free and open to all.

The Frick Museums

January 18 & 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Free and open to all

- **Frick Art Museum:** Experience Ebtehal Badawi's community mural, *Pittsburgh Builds Bridges*, and the Frick's permanent collections of fine and decorative arts.
- **Car and Carriage Museum:** Travel back to the time of horse-drawn carriages, see some of the first horseless carriages to have an impact on Pittsburgh, and learn about Pittsburgh's role in the developing automobile industry.

DINING AND SHOPPING

Dining at The Café at the Frick

January 18 & 19 | 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy picturesque views of the Frick's festive grounds while you savor seasonal fare and warm beverages.

Shopping at the Frick Museum Store

January 18 & 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Grable Visitor Center

Find gifts and merchandise at the Frick Museum Store, offering a curated selection of books, accessories, décor, and more, located inside the Grable Visitor Center. Become a member to receive 10% off every purchase.

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ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

The Frick Pittsburgh offers authentic experiences with art, history and nature that inspire and delight. Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed to explore collections of fine and decorative arts, vehicles, historic objects, and buildings – including Clayton, the Frick family home and only intact Gilded Age mansion remaining from Pittsburgh's Millionaire's Row – left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Alongside these treasures, the Frick offers an active schedule of temporary exhibitions and programs on our 10-acre garden campus in the heart of Pittsburgh's East End. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.