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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK

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Series of twelve dynamic summer Friday evening programs include free entertainment, family-friendly activities and a variety of dining options

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 17, 2018—The Frick Pittsburgh in Point Breeze announces the 2018 season of *Summer Fridays at the Frick presented by UPMC Health Plan*, a summer public programming series that debuted in 2015. Every Friday from June 15 through August 31, 2018, 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. The 12-week, outdoor-focused series features a variety of musical performances, activities for children and families, and other entertainment appealing to all ages and tastes. In addition, the first floor of Clayton—the restored Frick family home—will be open to the public with free admission from 5:00–8:00 p.m. on *Summer Fridays* evenings. Admission-free performances are held on the North Lawn on the Frick grounds each week beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Now in its third season, this highly popular summer series includes a range of Pittsburgh-based performers as well as selected artists from outside the region. (A complete season schedule follows below.) The Frick site—including The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, Greenhouse, Grable Visitor Center and Frick Museum Store—are open until 9:00 p.m. every Friday evening. In addition to free entertainment programming, *Summer Fridays* will provide visitors multiple opportunities to: view the blockbuster exhibition, *Van Gogh, Monet, Degas: the Mellon Collection of French Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*, on view at The Frick Art Museum through July 8; tour Clayton free of charge; visit the Car and Carriage Museum and view the exhibition *Driving the Disenfranchised: The Automobile's Role in Women's Suffrage*, on view beginning July 7 ; and shop the distinctive selection of merchandise at The Frick Museum Store in the Grable Visitor Center.

Frick Executive Director Robin Nicholson says, “We are thrilled to present our third season of *Summer Fridays at the Frick*. This popular series provides visitors with multiple opportunities to spend beautiful summer evenings on our campus, experience our exhibitions at The Frick Art Museum and Car and Carriage Museum, and tour Clayton free of charge. We hope that Pittsburgh residents will plan to make the Frick part of their summer plans.”

General information regarding *Summer Fridays at the Frick* and a schedule of planned activities follow below. More information may be obtained by visiting TheFrickPittsburgh.org , or by calling 412-371-0600.

GENERAL INFORMATION

***Summer Fridays at the Frick* dates: Fridays June 15–August 31, 2018**

Hours: The Frick is open Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Free performances on the Frick grounds each week beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

On each *Summer Fridays* evening, Frick visitors will be able to:

- Enjoy free performances and family-friendly activities.
- View the exhibition *Van Gogh, Monet, Degas: The Mellon Collection of French Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts* at The Frick Art Museum through July 8.
- Tour the first floor of Clayton, the historic Frick family home, free of charge.
- Dine at The Café at the Frick from 5:30–8:00 p.m. Reservations welcomed, and are available to members and non-members.
- Mingle at the wine bar on the terrace of The Frick Art Museum (cash bar).
- Enjoy walk-up service at the new Café Wine Bar, adjacent to The Café at the Frick.
- Enjoy fare from a diverse selection of local food trucks.
- Picnic on the Frick grounds-visitors may bring their own basket, blanket and beverages! The Café offers bottled wine sales.
- Shop at the Frick Museum Store inside the Grable Visitor Center.

COSTS

- Admission to the Frick grounds for everyone—FREE
- All admissions and tours for Frick members—FREE
- Admission to the Car and Carriage Museum—FREE
- Admission to Clayton on Summer Fridays evenings—FREE
- Admission to the exhibition *Van Gogh, Monet, Degas: The Mellon Collection of French Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*—\$15 general admission; \$13 senior/student; \$8 youth ages 6-16; Free for children ages 5 and under and active-duty military and their immediate families.

SCHEDULE

All performances will be held on the North Lawn, between Clayton and Lexington House, unless otherwise noted.

June 15: Hooray for Hollywood—Pittsburgh Concert Chorale

Burgh Bites, Las Chicas, Pittsburgh Po Boy, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Hooray for Hollywood is Pittsburgh Concert Chorale’s salute to the music of the silver screen. This concert includes a little bit of everything, from MGM classics “Singin’ in the Rain” and “Good Mornin’” to themes from blockbuster movies like Titanic, to songs from movie musicals like The Sound of Music and

music from Disney's Pinocchio and Frozen. Sing and dance along with some of your favorites. Perfect for the entire family!

June 22: Diamante Trio with Lilly Abreu + *Loving Vincent* screening

Cousins Maine Lobster, Proper Brick Oven, Pittsburgh Sandwich Society, and Stickler's Ice Pop Co. food trucks

Inspired by the French art on view in *Van Gogh, Monet, Degas*, The Diamante Trio with Lily Abreu will perform a diverse selection of French music, including Classical and Romantic composers, as well as café music and tango, which were popular in 19th-century Paris. The music of French-influenced Brazilian composers Villa-Lobos and Jobim will also be included. Also enjoy a free 6:00 p.m. screening in The Frick Art Museum auditorium of *Loving Vincent*, the world's first fully oil-painted feature film in which the story of the life and controversial death of Vincent van Gogh is told by his paintings and by the characters that inhabit them.

June 29: Family Night—Pittsburgh Festival Opera + The Funky Fly Project

Mac & Gold, Bulldawgs, Bados Pizza, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Join us for Family Night! Pittsburgh Festival Opera will perform *oldie B. Locks & the Three Singing Bears*—a new take on the classic fairytale. This inviting opera for young music lovers includes lessons about friendship, telling the truth, and the importance of respecting others. Also enjoy the contemporary funk and classic jazz stylings of Pittsburgh-based quartet, The Funky Fly Project, whose members are all under the age of 19!

July 6: Phat Man Dee with members of The Cultural District

Revival Chili, Pittsburgh Po' Boy, Vagabond Taco Truck, and Sinkers & Suds food trucks

Enjoy a performance by Phat Man Dee, a cosmic jazz cabaret vocalist, bandleader, events producer, videographer, poet and part time sideshow marvel. She will perform original compositions and an eclectic repertoire of standards in seven languages, including French selections inspired by the *Van Gogh, Monet, Degas* exhibition, with backing provided by members of jazz group, The Cultural District.

July 13: Flashpoint Run + Staff Summer Pop-Up Shop

Cool Beans, Wood Fired Flatbreads, Nakama, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Catch Pittsburgh-based indie rock/pop group Flashpoint Run, featuring vocalist Danny Rossi, guitarist Brian Bastos, guitarist and keyboardist Seth McClaine, bassist Brice Taylor, and drummer Jared Humphrey. From 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., shop the diverse selection of arts and crafts made by Frick staff members at the Staff Summer Pop-Up Shop!

July 20: Charm & Chain

BRGR, Pub Chip Shop and Pittsburgh Burrito Bus food trucks

Groove to the earthy rock jams and psychedelic stylings of Charm & Chain, a local quartet that performs original compositions.

July 27: A (Mid)summer Night Frick Swing—The Jazz Conspiracy Big Band

Mac & Gold, Burgh Bites, Las Chicas, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Aficionados of swing dance and music fans of all ages are invited to have a ball and dig the rhythms of The Jazz Conspiracy, a 16-piece ensemble dedicated to capturing the sound and spirit of the American big bands, from the Swing Era to the present day, cutting no corners to achieve a sound and energy level that both dancers and listeners appreciate.

August 3: Daddy Longleg's Homegrown Revival

Southside BBQ, Las Chicas and The Coop food trucks

Known for their energetic and crowd-pleasing performances, Cleveland's Daddy Longleg's Homegrown Revival specializes in a jazzy mix of musical styles, including rock, soul, gospel, funk, reggae, Latin, and more!

August 10: Kyle Lacy and the Harlem River Noise

Bulldawgs, BRGR, Oakmont BBQ, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

New York's Kyle Lacy and the Harlem River Noise conjure a potion that stirs the soul, bringing you home to the roots of 1950s rock'n'roll and blues. Enjoy a performance of a vast and dynamic repertoire that features infectious rhythms, instrument-switching, upside down upright bass, and more!

August 17: In Bed by Ten Dance Party

Proper Brick Oven, Pittsburgh Po Boy and Vagabond food trucks

Designed for people who can't stay out until 1:00 AM anymore but still want to get down, In Bed by Ten mixes old school classics with new school jams to create a non-stop party. Created in 2015 by Matthew Buchholz and Kelly Beall, the event also raises money for local charities, with over \$16,000 distributed in 2017 alone.

August 24: Michael Christopher

Revival Chili, Bados Pizza, The Coop, and Stickler's Ice Pop Co. food trucks

Michael Christopher performs a mix of original country rock songs and covers, from traditional to modern—Johnny Cash and Garth Brooks to Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan.

August 31: The Buckle Downs

Mac & Gold, Wood Fired Flatbreads, BRGR, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Playing rock, funk and soul, the Buckle Downs deliver danceable grooves, soaring vocal melodies and a high-energy experience that always leaves audiences wanting more. Led by powerhouse vocalist, Kiki Brown, who was named one of twelve Pittsburghers to meet in 2018 by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

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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, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store.

The Frick Pittsburgh 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 Frick is open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Friday; and is closed Mondays and major holidays. The public should call 412-371-0600 for information, or visit the Frick online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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