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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS

HOLIDAYS AT THE FRICK

NOVEMBER 17, 2016 – JANUARY 8, 2017

Holiday offerings include: new seasonal tour of Clayton; dining and shopping opportunities; holiday programs for all ages; and Winter Fridays series of evening activities from Nov. 25–Jan. 6.

HOURS:

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday
10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fridays**

WINTER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK:

5 – 9 p.m. on Fridays, Nov. 25 – Jan. 6

PITTSBURGH, PA, October 31, 2016—The Frick Art & Historical Center (The Frick Pittsburgh) in Pittsburgh's historic East End, announces the 2016–2017 season of *Holidays at the Frick*, featuring tours of Clayton, the restored late-19th-century Frick family home, *Winter Fridays at the Frick*, dining at The Café at the Frick, holiday shopping at the Frick Museum Store, and programs for all ages. (*Details regarding Winter Fridays and special holiday programs follow below.*)

ABOUT THE CLAYTON HOLIDAY TOUR: *A FAMILY CHRISTMAS*

Offered November 17, 2016—January 8, 2017

The warmth and cheer of a traditional Frick family Christmas celebration will greet visitors to Clayton this holiday season. Period photographs and archival documents help reconstruct the details of the Frick's holiday celebrations from over a century ago. A particular focus of this year's tour will be Victorian toys and the gift-giving traditions of Christmases past.

The rise of commerce and consumerism during the late 19th century contributed greatly to the commercialization of Christmas and the increasingly widespread observance of the holiday by means of gifts. Contemporary sources cautioned shoppers against excess materialism, affirming that the most appreciated gifts often combined beauty and practicality and should be a tangible demonstration of the gifter's love and kinship to the receiver. The Ladies' Home Journal advised in 1895, "Give with a cheerful heart; give with the pleasant word that makes any gift precious in the sight of a friend, who will value it for the loving intention and not for its intrinsic value."

Adelaide Frick's handwritten holiday shopping lists offer a glimpse of the family's social circle and the many family members, friends, and acquaintances she bought gifts for, including the domestic staff at Clayton. Then, as now, shoppers could turn to the pages of contemporary magazines to find inspiration for their gift lists.

As a family of means, the Fricks could afford extravagant luxuries but their gifts were often the prescribed combination of beauty and usefulness. Mrs. Frick's 1897 shopping list indicates that Mr. Frick received a glass and silver liquor stand, a silver cologne bottle, a brass calendar, and a traveling bottles case. Likewise, Mrs. Frick was often given sterling silver keepsakes like engraved pin trays and crystal vases. The Frick children often received splendid gifts from the magical toy emporium, F.A.O. Schwarz, including bicycles, graphophones and records, toy soldiers, and dollhouses. The Victorian passion for self-improvement perpetuated the idea that toys should educate and exercise young imaginations in providing fun. On view from the collection will be puzzles, books, games, dolls, a toy sewing machine, a Kodak camera, wind-up animals, and other artifacts from a Gilded Age childhood.

Additional touches of cheer will adorn every corner of the house. An abundance of live poinsettias and fresh greens will festoon the first floor of Clayton and, as always, a live decorated tree will bedeck the enclosed porch, where archival photos show the Fricks installed their Christmas tree.

WINTER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK

Every Friday evening from November 25, 2016 – January 6, 2017 (from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), the Frick invites visitors to enjoy some holiday cheer by participating in *Winter Fridays at the Frick*. The series of festive Friday evenings features strolling carolers, warm beverages, holiday cookie decorating, free performances, and much more!

On *Winter Fridays* evenings . . .

- Warm your spirits at the Frick Holiday Bar. Enjoy seasonal beers, wine or cocktails with friends—or have a cup of hot cocoa or warm cider while enjoying beautiful views of the grounds from inside the Grable Visitor Center.
- Decorate holiday cookies in the Community Room.
- Visit Clayton for a special *Family Christmas* tour of the Frick family home
- View the exhibition [The Frick Collects: From Rubens to Monet](#) at The Frick Art Museum.
- Enjoy a luxurious dinner at The Café at the Frick, where Chef Seth Bailey has created a special dinner menu to celebrate the season.
- Create your own holiday memory exploring the grounds, enjoying the sounds of *Holiday Harmonies*, strolling carolers from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Nov. 25 – Dec. 23.
- Don't forget to visit the Frick Museum Store, where finding that perfect unique holiday gift is easy!

Costs:

- Admission to the Frick grounds for everyone—FREE
- Admission to [The Frick Collects: From Rubens to Monet](#)—FREE
- Clayton Holiday Tour admission for Frick members—FREE
- Clayton Holiday Tour admission: \$12 general admission; \$10 senior/student; \$6 children, 16 and under. Reservations strongly recommended.

WINTER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK SCHEDULE:

Free performances begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 2

Improvised History with Steel City Improv Theater and Staff Holiday Art Sale

Dec. 9

Carols and Glad Tidings – Maestri Singers and Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra

Dec. 16

Renaissance City Choir Holiday Concert: *Bach's Magnificat and Empowering the Powerless*

Dec. 23

Acoustic Edge Guitar Duo

Dec. 30

Holiday Love and Jazz – Kea Michaels

Film Night: *Herb & Dorothy* (2008, 87 mins., not rated) at The Frick Art Museum. *Free and open to the public.*

Jan. 6

Urban Impact Jazz Band

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Holiday Tours of Clayton

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COST:

Frick members: Free

General admission: \$12

Seniors and students: \$10

Children 16 and under: \$6

Babies in arms: Free

Register online or call 412-371-0600.

Coffee and Culture: Tidings and Traditions

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Education Center

Amanda Gillen, Director of Education

Late 19th-century Christmas celebrations were remarkably similar to ours today, yet uniquely Victorian. Join us for coffee, pastries and a festive historic holiday conversation. *\$10 members; \$12 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required. Register online or call 412-371-0600.*

Holiday Family Workshop: Build Your Own Gingerbread House

Sunday, December 11, 2016

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 – 12 with an adult

Meet at the Education Center

Calling young designers! Enjoy the fun of trimming your own gingerbread cottage with icing and lots of sweet decorations. From gumdrops on the rooftop to ice cream cone landscaping, adults and children work together to create confectionary masterpieces to take home. A quick tour of Clayton’s holiday finery is included in this special family event. *\$18 members; \$21 non-members and guests, free to accompanying adult. Advance registration and pre-payment required. Register online or call 412-371-0600.*

Cool Yule: Family Fun Day

Saturday, December 17, 2016

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All ages

Join us for our annual celebration of the season as your family enjoys stories, interactive tours, and holiday art-making. Design a dazzling ornament, craft a heartfelt greeting card, and make your own wrapping paper. Take away not only your charming creations, but also memories of a fun afternoon together. Free, drop-in program.

Special Bonus! Add a Clayton family tour to your Cool Yule experience. Special family-friendly tours are offered at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. *Free to children ages 12 and under and to member adults; regular tour rates apply for non-member adults. Tours are most appropriate for kids ages 6 and up. Advance reservations required. Call 412-371-0600.*

Gingerbread Stories: A Holiday Adventure for Preschoolers

Saturday, December 17, 2016

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

All ages

Meet at the Education Center

Storytelling plus games plus a hunt for gingerbread boys add up to seasonal magic for your preschooler. Participate in the adventures of a stowaway gingerbread boy around the site, then decorate gingerbread cookies to take home along with a storybook keepsake. *\$12 members; \$15 non-members and guests, free to accompanying adult. Advance registration and pre-payment required. Register online or call 412-371-0600.*

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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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