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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK 2017



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

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 5, 2017—The Frick Pittsburgh in Point Breeze announces the 2017 season of *Summer Fridays at the Frick*—a summer public programming series that debuted in 2015. Every Friday from June 23 through September 8, 2017, 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, this summer on *Summer Fridays* evenings, 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. Admission-free performances are held on the North Lawn on the Frick grounds each week beginning at 6:30 p.m. Support for the series is generously provided by KeyBank.

Season highlights include a range of Pittsburgh-based performers as well as selected artists from outside the region, such as folk rock group The Coteries, The British Invasion Experience, singer-songwriter JD

Eicher, singer Elle Casazza, and Pittsburgh own Nied's Hotel Band, and more. A complete schedule follows below.

The entire Frick site, including Clayton, 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 photography exhibition, *Irving Penn: Beyond Beauty* at The Frick Art Museum, on view June 17–September 10; experience the multisensory installation, *Elise Adibi: Respiration Paintings*, in the Greenhouse ; tour Clayton free of charge; visit the Car and Carriage Museum; and shop the distinctive selection of merchandise at The Frick Museum Store in the Grable Visitor Center.

“KeyBank is pleased to be a part of the 2017 season of Summer Fridays at the Frick,” says Todd Moules, market president for KeyBank in Western Pennsylvania. “This series of family-oriented outdoor entertainment is a great way to start every summer weekend and in one of Pittsburgh’s most beautiful settings at the Frick. Supporting this festive summer program is a part of our bank’s commitment to helping neighborhoods thrive in the Pittsburgh community,” added Moules.

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 23–September 8, 2017**

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 Friday* evening, Frick visitors will be able to:

- Enjoy free performances and family-friendly activities.
- View the exhibition, *Irving Penn: Beyond Beauty* at The Frick Art Museum.
- 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 Clayton on *Summer Fridays* evenings—FREE**
- Admission to the exhibition, *Irving Penn: Beyond Beauty*—\$10 general admission; \$8 senior/student; \$6 children ages 6–16; Free for children ages 5 and under and active-duty military and their immediate families.

SCHEDULE

SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK 2017

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

June 23: *The Coteries*

– Mac & Gold, Proper Brick Oven, SS BBQ, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

The Coteries are a female-fronted folk rock trio whose music is steeped in their travels and the back roads of the American countryside. They have performed alongside the likes of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeroes, Blondie, Cold War Kids, and The Fray at major festivals, including Divide and Harmonium Music Fest.

June 30: *The British Invasion Experience*

– BRGR, PGH PoBoy, and Stickler’s Ice Pop Co. food trucks

From the Fab Four to Pink Floyd, The British Invasion Experience delivers a high-energy acoustic performance that pays tribute to the Beatles and includes dynamic renditions of well-known hits from the likes of The Kinks, The Yardbirds, The Rolling Stones, Cream, and Led Zeppelin.

July 7: *JD Eicher*

– PGH PoBoy, Stickler’s Ice Pop Co. and Wood Fired Flatbreads food trucks

Youngstown, Ohio native JD Eicher’s soaring and graceful pop-rock songcraft has garnered favorable comparisons to Coldplay, The Killers, and Death Cab for Cutie. He has shared the stage with such artists as the Dave Matthews Band, Maroon 5, Pete Dinklage, Bryan Adams, and Kelly Clarkson.

July 14: Family Night—*Center for Young Musicians* (north lawn) and *The Emotions* (Community Courtyard)

– Bull Dawgs, Las Chicas, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Join us for family night! Express yourself with The Emotions (characters from Disney/Pixar's *Inside Out*) as they play games, tell stories, and end the evening with a colorful dance party! From *Center for Young Musicians*, a student group composed of young musicians aged 5–18 years playing violin, cello, and guitar will also perform this evening.

July 21: *King Fez*

– Bull Dawgs, PGH Sandwich Society, Proper Brick Oven, and Stickler's Ice Pop Co. food trucks

Pittsburgh-based King Fez is a six-piece belly dance rock band. They perform a blend of original and traditional music that bridges the gap between eastern and western cultures.

July 28: *Elle Casazza*

– Burgh Bites, SS BBQ, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Singer Elle Casazza's music evokes a bygone era, when jazz and soul reigned supreme. She has performed extensively in the Chicago area since 2011, as a solo artist as well as with her five-piece band. Her performance at the Frick will feature the full backing group.

Aug. 4: *In Bed By Ten* dance party (North Lawn) and Frick Staff Art Sale (Community Room)

– Franktuary, Mac & Gold and Stickler's Ice Pop Co. food trucks

Since starting in May 2015, *In Bed by Ten* has taken Pittsburgh by storm with jam-packed dance parties that start and end early. If you don't have time to stay out until 2 AM to get down, this is the dance party for you! Organized by Kelly Beall of Design Crush and Matthew Buchholz of Alternate Histories, we'll have you up on your feet right after dinner, and home in bed by ten. Special family-friendly edition!

Aug. 11: *Tuika's Polynesian Island Magic*

– BRGR, PGH Sandwich Society, and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks

Directed by Samoan native Tuika and Cindy Faumuina, *Tuika's Polynesian Island Magic* delights audiences with engaging performances that feature dancing, drumming, and singing. Prepare for an evening of island-themed fun for all ages!

Aug. 18: *The Mixus Brothers*

– Franktuary, Proper Brick Oven Pizza and Stickler's Ice Pop Co. food trucks

The Mixus Brothers have been performing their unique brand of foot-stomping Americana since meeting in 2011. Typically a duo, The Mixus Brothers will be joined at the Frick by fellow musicians and family members Jed "Sonny Mixus" Dixon on lead guitar, Stephen "Doc Mixus" Weiss on fiddle, and Keith "Cletus Mixus" Reed on Bass.

Aug. 25: *The Optimists*

– Las Chicas, Sugar & Spice Ice Cream and Wood Fired Flatbreads food trucks

Consisting of four veterans of Pittsburgh's rock scene, The Optimists is a roots pop band whose members have performed in such groups as The Aviation Blondes as well as local legends Hector in Paris, Affordable Floors, and The SPUDS, among others.

**Sept. 1: *The Pitt Pendulums* (north lawn) and *Emily French* (The Frick Art Museum terrace)
– **Mac & Gold, Pgh PoBoy and Stickler’s Ice Pop Co. food trucks****

University of Pittsburgh-based co-ed acapella group The Pitt Pendulums performs music from variety of genres, such as pop, rock, jazz, and hip hop—including material by Chance the Rapper and Adele. Singer Emily French performs cover versions with a folky twist. At the Frick, she will be accompanied by Thomas Nicholson on guitar.

Sept. 8: *The Nied’s Hotel Band*

– **Burgh Bites, Onion Maiden and Sugar & Spice Ice Cream food trucks**

The Nied’s Hotel Band delivers the hardworking, blue collar, muscle that has made Pittsburgh a legendary rock and roll city. A recent review by The Pittsburgh City Paper proclaimed, “The Nied’s Hotel Band could be called The E-Street Band of Pittsburgh.”

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 buildings and objects.

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 and Grable Visitor Center. If requested in advance, tours can be arranged for hearing and visually impaired visitors.

ABOUT KEYBANK

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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.

Information and reservations are available by calling 412-371-0600.

For details and updates regarding Summer Fridays at the Frick, the public should visit the Frick online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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