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FRICK ASSISTANT CURATOR OF EDUCATION SUSAN BAILS HONORED AS 2010 PAEA OUTSTANDING MUSEUM EDUCATOR

Annual award recognizes excellence in Museum Education field



*Susan Bails, 2010 PAEA
Outstanding Art Museum
Educator Award Winner*

PITTSBURGH, PA, October 15, 2010— The Pennsylvania Arts Education Association (PAEA) recently announced **Susan Bails, Assistant Curator of Education at the Frick Art & Historical Center**, as the recipient of the **2010 PAEA Outstanding Art Museum Educator Award**, which will be presented at The Frick Art Museum on October 30, as part of the annual PAEA conference in Pittsburgh (October 28–31).

As Assistant Curator of Education at the Frick, Ms. Bails trains and supervises the museum teaching staff and writes the “Just for Kids” gallery guides for the younger museum visitors. She is responsible for the school, youth, family, camp and outreach programs related to The Frick Art Museum. These include *School to Museum*; *The Learning Tree*, which services second graders; a *Community Day Camp*; and the *Afterschool Program*, which is been in place for the past 11 years. She has also strengthened the museum ties to community partners by identifying and implementing successful strategies for working with at-risk youth.

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“All participants in her programs, from kindergarten students singing about 17th-century French art to senior citizens trying their hand at block printing instantly feel welcome and excited to be in our museum,” said Pamela St. John, the Frick’s Director of Education. “Susan’s ability to identify different kinds of audiences within a few minutes of meeting them results in experiences which are not only positive for the short term but have life-long learning outcomes as well.”

A Frick Art & Historical Center employee of 15 years, Susan Bails manages the museum’s community and multi-disciplinary programs serving all ages holds. She holds a B.S. in Music Education from Duquesne University and studied music at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2009, Ms. Bails received the Wilkesburg Community Partner of the Year Award. She is the composer of “You’ve Got the Power,” the theme song for a Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh poison awareness educational video. She was a presenter at the PAEA conference in 2005.

The 2010 PAEA Outstanding Art Educator Awards Ceremony will be held in The Frick Art Museum auditorium at the Frick Art & Historical Center on Saturday, October 30, 2010. The afternoon ceremony will recognize 9 awardees, who will again be recognized at the Saturday night gala held at the Westin Convention Center.

ABOUT THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER

The Frick Art & Historical Center is the legacy of Helen Clay Frick, daughter of 19th-century industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Having established The Frick Art Museum in 1969, Miss Frick desired that her family home, Clayton, and the surrounding estate be preserved for, and opened to, the people of Pittsburgh after her death. Her vision was realized in 1990.

Today, the Frick Art & Historical Center houses a galaxy of collections—including fine arts, decorative arts, automobiles and carriages, and historic artifacts— in multiple galleries and venues, many of which are historic objects in and of themselves. These collections, and the programs that interpret them, illuminate the era during which Pittsburgh became one of the nation’s most important cities and also make meaningful connections to contemporary times. Although still a relatively young institution, the Frick ranks among Pittsburgh’s most important cultural and educational assets. The museum is visited by over 130,000 people annually. The Frick provides educational programs for children, students, adults

and families. During the Frick's last fiscal year (2009–2010), these programs served more than 14,000 individuals.

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 Frick is open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission to The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, Greenhouse, and Playhouse is free. 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.