



NEWS RELEASE

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION

FABERGÉ: THE HODGES FAMILY COLLECTION

PITTSBURGH, PA, October 5, 2011—A variety of programs are offered in conjunction with the current exhibition at The Frick Art Museum. *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* is on view October 23, 2011–January 15, 2012.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunday Lecture:

Style and Artistic Design from the House of Fabergé

Stephen Harrison, Curator of Decorative Art and Design, The Cleveland Museum of Art

Sunday, October 23, 2011

2:30–3:30 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum

\$8 members and students; \$10 non-members and guests. Reservations and pre-payment strongly suggested.

Join us on the opening weekend of *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* as Stephen Harrison, curator of the Cleveland Museum of Art's recent award-winning exhibition, *Artistic Luxury: Fabergé, Tiffany, Lalique*, presents a fully illustrated lecture focusing on the diverse stylistic range of designs created by the House of Fabergé under the direction of Peter Carl Fabergé and his artistic workmasters. From 18th-century French modes of decoration to the indigenous folk traditions of the Russian arts and crafts, the House of Fabergé drew from wide sources of inspiration to produce extraordinary mementos of the Gilded Age. A close look at the artistic influences of American and European competitors helps place Fabergé in context within the history of design at the turn of the 20th century.

Bus Trip: *Russia in Pittsburgh*

Friday, October 28, 2011

9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Meet at The Frick Art Museum

\$60 members (member discount applies for members of the Frick Art & Historical Center as well as for members of Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation); \$75 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

The Frick continues its exploration into the fascinating places that make the region itself a rich cultural resource. Partnering once again with the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, we take in the architecture, art and culture of the Russian and Ukrainian communities in the McKees Rocks area, touring St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the historic Roxian Theater. The day begins with a special tour of the exhibition, *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection*, led by Sarah Hall, director of curatorial affairs. Then we board the bus and head to McKees Rocks for inside talks with church and community leaders. Included in the day is a private lunch, prepared by the St. Nicholas Church Sisterhood, highlighting favorite traditional dishes.

Sunday Performance: *Sounds of Russia*

Sunday, November 6, 2011

2:30–3:30 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh Carpathian Music Ensemble

The Frick Art Museum auditorium

\$8 members and students; \$10 non-members and guests; Advance registration and pre-payment strongly suggested.

Join us for a unique afternoon of music and performance inspired by the homeland of Fabergé. Founded and directed by Professor of Ethnomusicology Adriana Helbig, the University of Pittsburgh Carpathian Music Ensemble offers a special program of Russian folk music as well as folk music from surrounding countries such as Belarus and Ukraine.

Coffee and Culture: *The Tsar's Cars*

Friday, November 11, 2011

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Lexington Education Center

Laura Beattie, Assistant Curator of Education, Clayton/Car and Carriage Museum

\$8 members; \$10 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

Our examination of luxury extends to the automobile during this morning program, which delves into Fabergé patron Russian Tsar Nicholas II's extensive automobile holdings. Come for coffee and a discussion that draws connections to the autos of other crowned heads of Europe, looks at the problems of chauffeurs and garages and touches on the international car culture of the early decades of the 20th century.

Adult Workshop: *Crystal-It*

Saturday, December 3, 2011

1:30–4:30 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum, Lexington Education Center

\$42 members; \$48 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

Holiday gifts could have an extra sparkle this year for participants of this workshop. For insight and inspiration, the class starts with a guided tour of *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection*. Then it's over to the studio, where participants create—with the help of an award-winning Swarovski crystal designer—their own small glittering personal accessories using Swarovski crystals. Project includes a stylish photo frame and compact mirror. Make one for yourself and take the other home to complete as a gift.

WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

Kids Workshop: *Dazzling Diaries*

Saturday, December 3, 2011

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

For kids ages 8–14

The Frick Art Museum *\$22 members; \$18 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required. Call 412-205-2022.*

Turn an ordinary diary into a treasured keepsake. Using sparkly rhinestones and beads, kids embellish their own journal and pencil. Keeping track of your thoughts has never been so fun! The class includes a guided tour of *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection*.

Family Fun Day: *A Fabergé Holiday*

Saturday, December 10, 2011

11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum

Suggested admission for non-members is \$7.50

Family fun takes center stage with a full day of activities. Learn about *Pysanky*, the treasured Ukrainian egg decorating technique, write your name in Cyrillic alphabet and make your own nesting dolls. Be sure to catch a storyteller bringing colorful characters from Russian folk tales to life and watch local performing artists *Music, Magic, and Myth* present a Russian holiday favorite. It's fun. It's festive. It's Fabergé! Check our website for a schedule of events. All Family Fun Day activities are free and open to the public. Admission to *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* is free for kids and Frick members.

Art Kids

First Saturday of each month

11:00–11:45 a.m.

Family program, ages 4–8

The Frick Art Museum

Free

Mark your calendar for the first Saturday of each month for a lively look at a remarkable collection of objects. Each program is free, highlights a different aspect of the Fabergé exhibition and includes a hands-on tour and a related take-home project.

- ***Eye Spy*** | Saturday, November 5, 2011
Track down the animals in the exhibition and find out why so many have that special twinkle in their eyes.
- ***Shimmering Shapes*** | Saturday, December 3, 2011
Sparkly Fabergé objects come in lots of cool shapes. Hunt for ovals, octagons, triangles, and more. How many can you find?
- ***The Firebird*** | Saturday, January 7, 2011
Weave a colossal tale of magic and mischief from a tiny object in the collection. This program includes a special reading of the famous Russian folktale, *The Firebird*.

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

School groups are invited to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* through specially designed tours and programs that are interactive, hands-on, and based on academic standards. Choosing from a variety of tours and workshops, classes can gain insight into Tsarist Russia and Gilded Age America, create Fabergé-inspired artwork and imagine lifestyles of luxury and power at the turn of the last century. Take a look at our school programs on our website or call 412-205-2022 to reserve your tour—available dates are filling quickly!

Just for Teachers: *Fabergé at the Frick (and in the Classroom)*

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

3:00–6:30 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum, Clayton

This special open house, designed exclusively for teachers, offers highlights of the exhibition, *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection*, and the accompanying Clayton tour, *All that Glitters*, and provides insight on instructional and curriculum connections. Meet at the Frick Art Museum. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Free and open for teachers; participating teachers should plan to arrive no later than 4:30 pm. to earn two Act 48 activity hours. R.s.v.p. at 412-205-2022 or education@TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

Act 48 Teacher Workshop: *Russia—Artistic, Regional and Educational Influences*

Saturday, October 29, 2011

OR Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum, Lexington Education Center

\$12 teacher members; \$16 non-members. Includes boxed lunch.

Advance registration and pre-payment required. Call 412-205-2022.

This teacher workshop, worth five Act 48 activity hours, explores *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* and considers the broader context of Russia's presence in our culture, from our art and architecture to our local history and classrooms. Workshop activities and projects address state standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening, civics and government, geography, history, arts and humanities, and world languages.

The House of Fabergé: *Tradition and Transformation*

Special Fabergé tour for grades 6–12

Against a backdrop of industrial revolution and cultural upheaval, the House of Fabergé flourished, creating intricately detailed objects of art for the Russian imperial family and other wealthy patrons. The collection serves as a springboard for multi-disciplinary learning, challenging students to examine the political, art historical and cultural significance of this era.

Creative Craftsmanship

Fabergé studio workshop for grades 6–12

Students immerse themselves in a workshop atmosphere to create their own unique objects of art. Choose from picture frames or keepsake boxes and employ techniques designed to replicate the exquisite craftsmanship of the workshop of Peter Carl Fabergé.

Art and History Unite: *Gilded Age America and Tsarist Russia*

Clayton and Fabergé tour for grades 6–12

Gilded Age America and Tsarist Russia were both eras of excess and change. The history of these societies comes alive through interactive, cross-curricular tours in two museums. Students discover what objects can reveal about their owners as they compare stunning articles created for the imperial court in [Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection](#) in The Frick Art Museum with exquisite decorative arts and luxurious everyday objects in Clayton, the home of the Henry Clay Frick family.

Clayton by Design: *Luxury in the Gilded Age*

Clayton tour for grades 9–12

Take a closer look at the aesthetic side of Clayton. This tour focuses on the architecture, decorative arts and fine art that made this Victorian mansion an exquisite setting for everyday life in the Frick household. During the run of [Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection](#), Clayton is enhanced by the

exhibition of additional decorative and everyday objects reflecting the luxuries typical of an upper-class Gilded Age household.

EXHIBITION ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT

Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection is organized by the New Orleans Museum of Art.

The Pittsburgh presentation is made possible through the generous support of First National Bank of Pennsylvania and the Richard King Mellon Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Laurel Foundation.

ALL THAT GLITTERS: LUXURY IN THE GILDED AGE TOUR OF CLAYTON

As a companion to the Fabergé exhibition, the Frick will feature a special installation and thematic tour of Clayton, which will be offered October 23, 2011–January 15, 2012. *All That Glitters: Luxury in the Gilded Age* artfully uses the historic turn-of-the-20th-century home of the Henry Clay Frick Family as an exhibition area. Items manufactured by Tiffany; Gorham; Bailey, Banks and Biddle; and others will highlight famous Gilded Age manufacturers of luxury goods, while the tour will incorporate these makers and objects into the larger story of Gilded Age life. Clayton admission is free for *Frick* members. Non-member admission: \$12 adults; \$10 seniors, students and the military; \$6 children 16 and under. Reservations are strongly recommended. (Please see separate news release on this tour for additional details.)

THE MOST PERFECT CARS: A ROLLS-ROYCE INSTALLATION

A special themed display at the Car and carriage Museum featuring three Rolls-Royce automobiles will highlight the early history of this prestigious British automaker as part of the *Fabergé at the Frick* celebration. The display includes two cars from the Frick's collection: a 1914 *Silver Ghost* owned by Henry Clay Frick and a 1923 *Silver Ghost Salamanca Town Car*. They will be complemented by a stunning 1929 *Phantom II* on loan from a private collection. Admission to the Car and Carriage Museum is free. (Please see separate news release on this installation for additional details.)

ADMISSION

A suggested donation of \$7.50 is requested of non-members to view *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* at The Frick Art Museum. Frick members receive free admission to the exhibition and *All That Glitters: Luxury in the Gilded Age* tours of Clayton.

EXHIBITION TOURS

Docent-led tours of *Fabergé: the Hodges Family Collection* are conducted on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., and are free with exhibition admission. Groups of five or more are requested to schedule a private tour at an alternate time. Group and permanent collection tours cost \$5 per person, and reservations must be made two weeks in advance. Call 412-371-0600.

GROUP TOURS

Group tours are available during *Fabergé at the Frick*. Combination tours include *Fabergé: The Hodges Family Collection* and *All That Glitters: Luxury in the Gilded Age*. For groups of 12 or fewer, lunch at The Café at the Frick may be arranged, pending availability. Interested parties should inquire with Sylvia Ehler at 412-371-0600, ext. 658, or SEhler@TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

FABERGEATTHEFRICK.ORG

A special website provides information about this exhibition and related museum-wide offerings. Here, visitors can read the behind-the-scenes blog to learn more about the objects, the exhibition, the history of Fabergé, and activities at the Frick. FabergeAtTheFrick.org also provides basic information regarding visiting, programs, scheduling tours, and booking events.

HOURS

Regular Site Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

October 23, 2011–January 15, 2012: Clayton and the site are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Thursdays, the site, including The Café at the Frick, is open until 9 p.m. Dinner seatings are available at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Although reservations are recommended, walk-ins are welcome, space permitting.

November 24, December 24 and 25, January 1: The entire site is closed.

November 25, 26 and 27: Clayton and the site are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE FABERGÉ EXHIBITION SHOP

The opulent and glittering world of Fabergé and Russian decorative and folk art provide the inspiration for The Fabergé Exhibition Shop, which will be open at The Frick Art Museum during the exhibition. Merchandise inspired by the colors and textures of The Hodges Collection includes distinctive jewelry, home décor, holiday decorations, Russian folk art items, and a selection of books that includes the sumptuous, 310-page catalogue that accompanies the exhibition. Beginning October 23, 2011, the Fabergé Exhibition Shop is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun). Thursdays during the exhibition, the shop is open 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Select items from the Fabergé Exhibition Shop are available for purchase online at <http://thefrickpittsburgh.myshopify.com/>. Frick members receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

THE CAFÉ AT THE FRICK

During the run of *Fabergé: the Hodges Family Collection*, a variety of select Russian-inspired dishes created by Seth Bailey, The Café's executive chef, will complement The Café's regular menu items. Soups include: potato and mushroom; shchi (Russian cabbage soup); borscht and kharcho (Russian lamb stew). Entrées include: filet of white sturgeon, boar sausage, sautéed pike filet; and kotlets rissoles (chicken cakes). In addition, The Café will offer such beverages as Baltika Russian Beer from St. Petersburg, Rasputin Russian Stout from North Coast Brewing and several super premium Russian Vodkas.

In addition to regular hours (Tuesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.), The Café will be open until 9 p.m. each Thursday during the exhibition, with dinner seatings available at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Although walk-ins are welcome (space permitting), reservations are recommended, and may be made by calling 412-371-0600. The Café at the Frick's menu is available online at The Café's page at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

ABOUT THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER

The Frick Art & Historical Center is a museum of the Gilded Age located on over five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens in Pittsburgh's East End. Comprising several historic buildings that house its multiple collections, the museum is the legacy of Helen Clay Frick, daughter of Henry Clay Frick, one of America's greatest industrialists and art collectors. Committed to the preservation, presentation and interpretation of fine and decorative arts and historically significant artifacts, the Frick is one of Pittsburgh's most important cultural and educational assets.

The Frick Art Museum houses a collection of Italian Renaissance and 18th-century European art. Special exhibitions are presented on a regular basis, many of which are organized by the Frick's curatorial staff. Clayton, the restored Frick family home, opened to the public as a fully restored historic house museum in 1990. Over 90% of Clayton's furnishings are original, and a dynamic schedule of public tours of the home is offered year-round.

The Car and Carriage Museum displays vintage automobiles and carriages, presents exhibitions on transportation design, and educates visitors about western Pennsylvania's role in automotive history.

In addition to preserving and presenting its collections, the Frick offers programs that interpret them. A dynamic schedule of public programs illuminating the era during which Pittsburgh became one of the nation's most important cities is offered. The Frick's educational programs serve over 14,000 individuals annually, and 125,000 people visit the museum each year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. For information, the public may call 412-371-0600 or visit the Frick online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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