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FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER WELCOMES VISITORS TO A COMPLETELY SMOKE-FREE SITE

Smoke-free policy in effect site-wide as of January 1, 2009

PITTSBURGH, PA—The Frick Art & Historical Center, one of Pittsburgh's most important cultural and educational assets, is now a 100 percent smoke-free site. As of January 1, 2009, the Frick's non-smoking policy applies to all indoor and outdoor spaces on its five-and-a-half-acre Point Breeze museum site. This policy is in keeping with the institution's commitment to provide a healthy environment for the well-being of all visitors and employees.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, smoke-free policies are the only effective way to protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers cannot eliminate nonsmokers' exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Frick's smoke-free policy reinforces the institution's efforts to offer a quality visitor experience and to make the Frick accessible to all as a place of beauty.

ABOUT THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER

The Frick Art & Historical Center is the legacy of Helen Clay Frick, daughter of nineteenth-century industrialist 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.

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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.

ADDRESS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

The Frick Art & Historical Center is located at 7227 Reynolds Street. Free parking is available in the Frick’s off-street lot or along adjacent streets. Hours are 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. The site is closed Mondays and major holidays. For information and reservations, please call 412-371-0600, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday–Sunday.

Information is available online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org, or by calling 412-371-0600.

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