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Winterfest Returns with Family-Friendly Fun & Other January Events

PITTSBURGH – For the fifth year in a row, The Frick Pittsburgh’s Winterfest, a celebration of the snowy season, returns on Jan. 17 and 18, 2026. Families can beat the post-holiday blues and experience the magic of the new year with wholesome, free and low-cost programs, including an exploration of Clayton, live performances, warm beverages and more. Winterfest is sponsored by UPMC Health Plan.

For the first time, following Winterfest on Jan. 18, families are encouraged to stay and relax with an immersive indoor Winter Sound Bath Concert led by accomplished sound healer and musician Brooke Smokelin. This paid program is the perfect addition to an exciting Winterfest schedule.

More details on all of the Frick’s January events can be found below:

Winterfest

Jan. 17 & 18, 2026, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day

Live Music

- *Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
South Hills Children’s Choir sings songs of light and longing. Free and open to all.
- *Jan. 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

Jazz pianist Royce Hearn plays smooth, soulful sounds – presented by Embertainment. Free and open to all.

Clayton Open House

Jan. 17 & 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visitors are invited to explore the first floor of Clayton, the historic home of Henry Clay Frick and the last of its kind in Pittsburgh. Visitors will deepen their experience with hands-on activities. \$5 non-member; Free for members. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event at the Grable Visitor Center.

Hot Wheels: Glass Blowing with Pittsburgh Glass Center

Jan. 17 & 18, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh Glass Center artists will conduct glass blowing demonstrations, answer questions and talk about the art and science of glassmaking. Free and open to all. Weather permitting.

Art & History Activities

Jan. 17 & 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Add to a collaborative mural and make a snowman puppet and a winter landscape. Visitors can also test their deduction skills at the History Mystery Table to figure out the use of different Gilded Age tools. Free and open to all

Hot Chocolate Bar

Jan. 17 & 18, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beat the winter cold and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate while supplies last. Free and open to all.

Greenhouse & Grounds

Jan. 17 & 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Add a winter wish to the Frick's interactive ribbon sculpture along the trellis outside the Car and Carriage Museum. Free and open to all.

Through a special scavenger hunt, explore the Frick's grounds to find all the hidden snowmen. Once complete, claim a prize at the Grable Visitor Center. Free and open to all.

While wandering around the walking path, scan QR codes stationed throughout the Frick campus and listen to history come to life with the Duquesne Soundwalk. Free and open to all.

Explore the Frick's active historic greenhouse and check out Pittsburgh-based artist Atticus Adams' installation, *Catching Sunbeams from the Porch Swing of Wisteria Castle*. Free and open to all.

Dining at the Café at the Frick

Jan. 17 & 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy picturesque views of the Frick's festive grounds while savoring seasonal foods and warm drinks.

Shopping at the Frick Museum Store

Jan. 17 & 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Shop a curated selection of books, accessories, décor, and more.

The Frick Museums

Jan. 17 & 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

At The Frick Art Museum, experience the Frick's collection of fine and decorative arts, including French eighteenth-century and early Italian Renaissance paintings, Baroque bronzes and Chinese porcelains. At the Car and Carriage Museum, learn about Pittsburgh's role in the developing automobile industry. Free and open to all

More information about Winterfest can be found at thefrickpittsburgh.org/winterfest.

Symphony of Nature: Winter Sound Bath Concert

Jan. 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Visitors can rest and relax in the stillness of winter with an immersive indoor Winter Sound Bath Concert led by accomplished sound healer and musician Brooke Smokelin.

This 75-minute meditation with crystal bowls invites visitors to slow down, reset their seasonal rhythm and renew their connection to themselves at the start of the year.

The concert will be held in The Frick Art Museum Auditorium, with participants in a seated, upright position. Following the performance, visitors can stay for a Q&A with Smokelin to learn more about her instruments, her compositions, and the practice and benefits of sound healing.

\$38 members; \$48 non-members; \$25 students. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Symphony-of-Nature-Winter-Sound-Bath-Concert.

Forest Bathing: Mindful Nature Experience

Jan. 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Inspired by the Scandinavian appreciation for the natural world, visitors are invited to reconnect with nature through a slow, restorative experience facilitated by certified forest bathing practitioners from the Frick Environmental Center. This program includes access to the exhibition and a 90-minute forest bathing experience on The Frick Pittsburgh's grounds. \$20 members, \$30 non-members, \$15 students. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Forest-Bathing-Mindful-Nature-Experience-Jan-6.

SOLD OUT: Culinary Tasting and Talk with FET-FISK

Jan. 6, 2026, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

This very popular event sold out within 24 hours! As *The Scandinavian Home: Landscape and Lore* comes to a close, the Frick is partnering with FET-FISK, a Nordic-influenced seafood restaurant & bar in Bloomfield, to provide an exclusive discussion and tasting with chef and owner, Nik Forsberg, and creative director, Sarah LaPonte. FET-FISK will provide small bites for tasting and share stories about the inspiration and creative process behind the menu. The talk and tasting will be followed by exclusive after-hours access to the exhibition.

Guided Evening Tour of *The Scandinavian Home: Landscape and Lore*

Jan. 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Visitors can get exclusive, after-hours access to the exhibition through guided tours. Tickets for this program must be purchased in advance. Two tour times are available per date. \$30 members; \$40 non-members, \$20 students. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Guided-Evening-Tour-of-The-Scandinavian-Home-Landscape-and-Lore-Jan-7.

Music for Exhibitions: Art and Music of Scandinavia

Jan. 9, 2026, 7:30–10:00 p.m. (90-minute performance with reception immediately following)

Visitors are invited to join the Frick for a unique concert experience of Scandinavian chamber music in conjunction with the Frick's current exhibition, *The Scandinavian Home: Landscape and Lore*. Musical works will be paired with selected artworks that share fascinating and common characteristics of sound and image that capture the unique spirit of Nordic culture. Musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform music of Grieg, Sibelius and Nielsen, among others.

The ticket price includes the concert, post-performance meet-and-greet with the musicians, exclusive after-hours access to the exhibition galleries, and a glass of wine (21+) and lite bites. \$35 member, \$45 non-member, \$20 students. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Music-for-Exhibitions-Art-and-Music-of-Scandinavia.

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About The Frick Pittsburgh

Since 1990, The Frick Pittsburgh has welcomed visitors to its 10-acre cultural campus in the heart of Pittsburgh's East End. Gifted to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick, the campus is home to Clayton, the family's Gilded Age mansion, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The *Gilded, Not Golden* tour of Clayton was honored with a 2024 Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History.

The campus also includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, a greenhouse, gardens, and welcoming café. Through its permanent collections, traveling exhibitions, historic tours, and public programs, the Frick invites all visitors to experience history and art, reframed for today. Discover more about The Frick Pittsburgh at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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