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**Swing Dancing, Macaron Decorating, Book Club and Other July
Events at The Frick Pittsburgh**

PITTSBURGH – This July, The Frick Pittsburgh will host several programs related to its exhibition, "[French Moderns: Matisse / Renoir / Degas](#)," including a film screening, guided evening tours, macaron decorating and more.

Other programs embrace the warm weather and get visitors out into the Frick's beautiful grounds, including a night of swing dancing, a sitewide scavenger hunt and Summer Fridays.

More details on July events can be found below.

July Events at the Frick

**Lunch Pail Lecture: Modern Nature: France & New Definitions of the Natural,
1860-1900**

July 2 at 12 p.m.

During the second half of the 19th century, France's literature and visual arts redefined the representation of nature and of the human being. The artists of the period retained a few major tropes from the previous tradition, including the interest in the natural environment, the representation of the female body and the rendering of contemporary life. In her presentation, Giuseppina Mecchia will discuss the works of writer Emile Zola. He was a famous "naturalist" writer who talked about the French environment and the reality of women's lives in a revolutionary way, parallel to the work of his painter friends, especially Gustave Courbet and Edouard Manet. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$5 for college students with ID.

Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Lunch-Pail-Lecture-Modern-Nature-France-and-New-Definitions-of-the-Natural-1860-1900.

Film Screening: “The Impressionists and the Man Who Made Them” (2015)

July 12 at 2 p.m.

In this film, meet Paul Durand-Ruel, a 19th century Parisian art collector, who helped to establish artists including Degas, Manet, Monet and Renoir, through his galleries in London, New York and Paris. Decades after the height of his career, a landmark exhibition travelling from Paris to London to Philadelphia brought Durand-Ruel's treasures back together to tell the story of Impressionism. All attendees will receive a complimentary bag of popcorn. The run time for this film is 90 minutes. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$5 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Film-Screening-The-Impressionists-and-the-Man-Who-Made-Them.

Guided Evening Tours of French Moderns

July 15 at 6 & 6:30 p.m.

Get exclusive after-hours access to the exhibition for a guided tour with a Frick gallery facilitator, plus time to explore the galleries on your own. \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members, \$20 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Guided-Evening-Tours-of-French-Moderns-July-15.

Neighborhood Night: Lawrenceville

July 16 at 6 p.m.

An assortment of Lawrenceville-based businesses will set up pop-up locations around the Frick's site to welcome and engage visitors in all that Lawrenceville has to offer, including local artists, restaurants and more. The evening includes exclusive after-hours access to [“French Moderns.”](#) Free for members, \$20 for non-members, \$15 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Neighborhood-Night-Lawrenceville.

Macaron Decorating Class with BB&Bur

July 18 at 2 p.m.

Make memories and bring a taste of France home with you in this hands-on macaron filling and decorating class. Led by founder and owner of BB&Bur Pastry Kitchen and Bakery, Ben Fine, this class will teach the techniques required to fill and finish beautiful macarons. Attendees will work to assemble a dozen macarons to take home and enjoy. Please note that all macarons are made with almond flour, eggs and other allergens. No substitutions can be made. \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members, \$50 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Macaron-Decorating-Class-with-BBBur.

Books and Banter Reading Club

July 21 at 6 p.m.

Tying into the current exhibition, [“French Moderns.”](#) the Books and Banter Reading Club will be discussing “Rodin's Lover” by Heather Webb this month. Join us for refreshments and lively conversations about Auguste Rodin's apprentice and muse, Camille Claudel, and their shared

passion that inspires groundbreaking work. Yet, Camille's success is overshadowed by her lover's rising star, and her obsessions cross the line into madness. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Books-and-Banter-Reading-Club-July-21-2026.

Summer Fridays at the Frick

July 24 at 5 p.m.

For the second night of Summer Fridays at the Frick, [The Polkamaniacs](#), a high-energy group known for blending traditional polka with punk, will take the stage. The Pittsburgh-based band's lively performances feature accordion, guitars, banjo, trumpet, trombone, bass and drums. With Pittsburgh-centric songs and playful stage antics, The Polkamaniacs will bring joyful tunes to Summer Fridays. Free for youth 17 & under. \$5 for both member and nonmember adults. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/summerfridays.

Mid-Summer Swing Dance and Live Music

July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively Lindy Hop Swing Dance Night with the Pittsburgh Swing Dance Community brought to life with live music by Boilermaker Jazz Band. Rooted in the vibrant swing dance traditions of the 1920s–40s, Lindy Hop brings people together through joyful partner dancing and irresistible rhythm. The evening begins with a beginner-friendly lesson from 6:30–7:30 PM, followed by social dancing and live music with the band from 7:30–9:30 PM. No partner or prior experience is needed. Outdoors weather permitting. Light refreshments will be served. BYOB permitted. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$10 for college students with ID. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Mid-Summer-Swing-Dance-and-Live-Music.

Time-traveling Caterpillar Scavenger Hunt

June 20-Oct. 11, Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Travel through history and art with Gustave the Caterpillar! Explore the Frick on a scavenger hunt in honor of "French Moderns." Free and open to all. Learn more at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Time-traveling-Caterpillar-Scavenger-Hunt.

Summer Explorer Series

June 23 – August 29, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Explore the Frick in new ways every Tuesday and Saturday throughout the summer! These free drop-in activities will change each week to engage visitors of all ages in a variety of ways, including artmaking, historical exploration, storytelling, and play. Start your visit at the Grable Visitor Center to receive a free site admission wristband and information about what's happening on site. Grab a Summer Explorer Passport for the first time you join and win a prize when you complete 5 activities! Learn more at thefrickpittsburgh.org/Event-Summer-Explorer-Series.

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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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