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## THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES SERVICE-ORIENTED SHIFT IN OPERATIONS

Point Breeze museum to tailor approach to accommodate diverse needs of visitors while contending with nationwide labor shortage

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 16, 2022 – The Frick Pittsburgh announces a change in the museum's services, which will prioritize the Frick's four busiest days of operation, Thursdays through Sundays, while offering a smaller-scale experience to visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This change is prompted by the regional labor shortage which has extended the time needed to fill vacant positions for many employers, including the Frick.

The Café at the Frick and, beginning July 5, the Frick Museum Store, will be closed to visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On those days, tours of Clayton will only be available to groups that have made advance reservations. Public tours, concerts, lectures and other special events will take place primarily on Thursdays through Sundays, when all facets of the Frick are in full operation.

"Although this certainly isn't the summer schedule we had originally planned, these changes may have a silver lining," observed Frick Executive Director Elizabeth E. Barker, Ph.D. "Since school groups don't typically need the Store or Café, we're encouraging K-12 educators and other community learning partners to consider scheduling their field trip visits on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. With luck, those may turn out to be perfect days to spread out for unhurried exploration."

### DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, DEPENDING ON THE DAY OF THE WEEK

The Frick encourages visitors seeking a fully immersive experience to consider visiting between Thursday and Sunday when all three museums—The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, and Clayton—as well as the Museum Store and The Café at the Frick will be open. Conversely, the museum encourages K-12 educators and those convening large tour groups to consider scheduling their visits on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the Frick site is typically less crowded. Nevertheless, all visitors will continue to be welcomed to the museums, regardless of the day they choose to visit.

#### **OVERVIEW OF SERVICES**

Thursday through Sunday, visitors will be able to:

- Visit The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, and the Museum Store at the Grable Visitor Center between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Tour the first floor of Clayton between 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (reservations recommended)
- Grab a bite to eat at The Café at the Frick from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (reservations not accepted)
- Enjoy the Frick's garden campus and historic Greenhouse from 8:00 a.m. to dusk

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, visitors will be able to:

- Visit The Frick Art Museum and the Car and Carriage Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tour Clayton with a group by prior appointment
- Enjoy the Frick's garden campus and historic Greenhouse from 8:00 a.m. to dusk

The Frick is closed on Mondays.

#### ADMISSION AND TICKETS

The Frick offers free admission to its grounds, gardens and Greenhouse, the Car and Carriage Museum, and its own collection in The Frick Art Museum. Two exhibitions are currently on view at The Frick Art Museum: <u>SLAY: Artemisia Gentileschi & Kehinde Wiley</u> (through July 10) and <u>Romare Bearden: Artist as</u> <u>Activist and Visionary</u> (through September 18). Admission to *SLAY* is free, and ticket prices for *Romare* 

*Bearden* are: \$15 for adult non-members; \$13 for seniors/students; \$8 for youth 6-16; and \$1 for those using Pennsylvania's EBT ACCESS card. Admission fees for Clayton tours are: \$10 for adults; \$8 seniors, students, and military, \$5 youth, 16 and under; and \$1 for those using Pennsylvania's EBT ACCESS card. Members of The Frick Pittsburgh receive free admission to all venues and exhibitions, and children ages 5 and under are admitted for free. Timed tickets can be reserved by visiting <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org/tickets</u>, or by calling 412-371-0600.

#### ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the estate of 19<sup>th</sup>-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh offers authentic experiences with art, history and nature that inspire and delight. Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed to explore The Frick Art Museum, offering world-class collections of European art and Chinese porcelain alongside an active schedule of temporary exhibitions; Clayton, the Frick family's French château-style mansion (remodeled by architect Frederick J. Osterling in the 1890s); the Car and Carriage Museum; and a large working greenhouse designed by architects Alden & Harlow—all nestled on six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's East End. Amenities include an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org</u>.

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