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# THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO HEATHER KING

AWARD PROGRAM: Wednesday, May 2, 2017, 12:00 p.m.

The Frick Art Museum Auditorium

PITTSBURGH, PA, April 27, 2018— The Frick Pittsburgh announces that Heather King, a teacher at Sterrett Classical Academy, will receive the 2018 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities. The award ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018 and will begin at noon in The Frick Art Museum Auditorium.

In 1999, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation worked with the Frick to establish this award. The *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities* is given annually to a teacher or school in recognition of a demonstrated a commitment to participation in the Frick's educational programs and successful integration of the arts into the learning experience.

Heather King has taught for the Pittsburgh Public Schools for 18 years. Prior to joining the staff of Sterrett Classical Academy, she was a teacher at Westinghouse High School, Lincoln Intermediate and Elementary School, and Lemington Elementary School, where she has taught everything from elementary school computer classes to robotics, mathematics and English language arts.

Currently in her fourth year of teaching at Sterrett, Ms. King serves as the 6th grade instructional team leader and is the liaison with the Frick for the School to Museum writing program. Prior to working with the Frick, Ms. King had experience with other collaborative programs, the Culturally Responsive Arts Education program and a partnership with the Center for the Arts in the early 2000s. Ms. King holds National Board Certification and is currently pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Regarding her participation in the Frick's collaborative educational program, Ms. King said, "The School to Museum program has been a wonderful asset to my classroom. Students are able to visit and learn about history and art, and apply the literature skills we learn in class. I strongly support neighborhood partnerships, like the one between Sterrett and The Frick Pittsburgh. This partnership and the School to Museum program fit into my philosophy of teaching and learning, as students should be active learners and involved in multi-disciplinary units of study."

At the May 2 award ceremony, Sterrett Classical Academy will be presented with a plaque for display at the school, and a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be presented to the school to help defray the cost of future field trips and enrichment activities. Additionally, the school's students will receive 150 complimentary admission passes to Clayton to encourage future visits.

A representative from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation will present the award. On hand for the award presentation will be: Charles R. ("Chip") Burke, Jr., Chair, Board of Trustees, The Frick Pittsburgh; Roy A. Hunt Foundation trustee Torrence M. Hunt, Jr.; Jenny Kelly, Executive Director of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation; and representatives from Sterrett Classical Academy and Pittsburgh Public Schools.

## ABOUT THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities was established at the Frick Pittsburgh through the efforts of Torrence M. Hunt, Sr. (1921–2004), a longtime Alcoa executive who was involved with many civic, educational, wildlife, and conservation groups. Following his retirement from Alcoa in 1982, Mr. Hunt served as senior trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, named for his father and established in 1966. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hunt and the Foundation, including Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., who serves as a trustee on the foundation's board,

thousands of students have participated in enrichment activities through support provided by *The Roy*A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities.

#### ABOUT LEARNING & VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

The Frick Pittsburgh offers educational programs for children, students, adults and families. During the Frick's last fiscal year (2017–2018), these programs served more than 14,300 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please call 412-371-0600 or visit TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

#### ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19<sup>th</sup>-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Frick Pittsburgh 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.

The Frick is open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Friday; and is closed Mondays and major holidays. The public should call 412-371-0600 for information, or visit the Frick online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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