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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK

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Series of ten dynamic summer Friday evening programs feature family-friendly activities, free entertainment, and a variety of dining options

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 17, 2019—The Frick Pittsburgh in Point Breeze announces the 2019 season of *Summer Fridays at the Frick presented by UPMC Health Plan,* a summer public programming series that debuted in 2015 and received the 2018 Urban Land Institute Placemaking Award for Excellence, Healthy Place.

Every Friday from June 21 through August 23, 2019, the Frick will offer an exciting and diverse lineup of entertaining performances, family-friendly activities, a wine bar, and varied dining options, including dinner service at The Café at the Frick, casual food from local food trucks, and the opportunity to picnic on the lush Frick grounds. The 10-week, outdoor-focused series features a variety of musical performances, activities for children and families, and other entertainment appealing to all ages and tastes.

Now in its fourth season, this popular summer series features a range of musical performances. (A complete season schedule follows below.) Additionally, the Frick celebrates its growing audience of families this summer by featuring a broader range of activities designed for children. The entire Frick site—including The Frick Art Museum, Car and Carriage Museum, Greenhouse, Grable Visitor Center and Frick Museum Store—is open until 9:00 p.m. every Friday evening.

In addition to free entertainment programming, *Summer Fridays* will provide visitors multiple opportunities to: view the exhibition, *A Sporting Vision: The Paul Mellon Collection of British Sporting Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts,* on view at The Frick Art Museum June 15 through September 8; visit the Car and Carriage Museum and view the exhibition *The Hunt for a Seat: Sporting Carriages in the Early Twentieth Century,* on view beginning June 1; enjoy a docent-led highlight tour of Clayton, the historic Frick family home (advance reservations recommended); and shop the distinctive selection of merchandise at The Frick Museum Store in the Grable Visitor Center.

General information regarding *Summer Fridays at the Frick* and a schedule of planned activities follow below. More information may be obtained by visiting <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org</u>, or by calling 412-371-0600.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Summer Fridays at the Frick dates: Fridays June 21 – August 23, 2019

Hours: The Frick is open Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission-free performances are held on the North Lawn on the Frick grounds beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On each Summer Fridays evening, Frick visitors will be able to:

- Enjoy free performances and family-friendly activities.

- View the exhibition A Sporting Vision: The Paul Mellon Collection of British Sporting Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts at The Frick Art Museum

- View the exhibition *The Hunt for a Seat: Sporting Carriages in the Early Twentieth Century* at the Car and carriage Museum

- Enjoy a docent-led highlight tour of Clayton, the historic Frick family home (reservations recommended)

- Dine at The Café at the Frick from 5:30–8:00 p.m. Reservations welcomed, and are available to members and non-members.
- Enjoy walk-up service at The Café Wine Bar, adjacent to The Café at the Frick.
- Enjoy fare from a diverse selection of local food trucks.

- Picnic on the Frick grounds. Visitors may bring their own blanket and enjoy grab-and-go food and beverages from the Frick or bring their own basket!

- The Café offers bottled wine sales.
- Shop at the Frick Museum Store inside the Grable Visitor Center.

COSTS

- Admission to the Frick grounds for everyone-FREE
- Admission to the Car and Carriage Museum—FREE
- All admissions and tours for Frick members—FREE

- Admission to the exhibition A Sporting Vision: The Paul Mellon Collection of British Sporting Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts —\$15 general admission; \$13 senior/student; \$8 youth ages 6-16; Free for children ages 5 and under and active-duty military and their immediate families.

- Clayton highlight tour admission on Summer Fridays evenings—\$7. Advance reservations strongly recommended. Call 412-371-0600 or register online.

SCHEDULE

All performances will be held on the North Lawn, between Clayton and Lexington House, beginning at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

June 21: Summer Solstice Celebration

Bado's, Cool Beans Taco Truck, Benny's Chicken Shack, Beatnik Sweet Eats, and Stickler's food trucks

If you're wondering what to do with all the extra hours of sunlight, why not roll out your yoga mat, blanket or lawn chair and welcome the arrival of summer at The Frick Pittsburgh? Some of the evening's activities will include a drum circle and chanting led by **Miguel Sague, Jr.**, sun salutations on the lawn with Joanie Barr, fitness manager of **Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center**, young musicians from **Sunburst School of Music**, a sunflower bubble garden and fairy, and more. Come with an open heart and open mind and drum your good intentions into being this summer!

June 28: Name That Tune!

Revival Chili, PGH Po'Boy, Las Chicas, and Graeter's food trucks

The **Pittsburgh Concert Chorale** presents *"Name" That Tune!* Hosted by KDKA's John Shumway and full of popular songs with names in the title, this concert will have you singing and dancing along to some of your favorites. "Sherry Baby," "Help Me, Rhonda," and "Mrs. Robinson" are only a few of the hits you'll hear. Plus lucky contestants will have the chance to play a little "Name That Tune" in a game show segment that will have the whole audience playing along.

July 5: Red, White and Bluegrass

Cousins Maine Lobster, La Palapa, Lone Wolf Grill, BRGR, Sinkers & Suds, and Stickler's food trucks

The Casual Hobos are hard-driving Pittsburgh Bluegrass. Distinguishing themselves from the rest of the Bluegrass hordes, The Hobos take Bluegrass music back to its most elemental and purest form. Following in the footsteps of Pittsburgh's Mac Martin and the Dixie Travelers, The Casual Hobos strive to produce that authentic, traditional Bluegrass sound. Digging deep into the archives of the music, the Hobos never cease to thrill the audience with lesser known tunes as well as exciting renditions of old Bluegrass standards.

July 12: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Wood Fired Flatbreads, Parrot Bay Café, PGH Crepes, Sugar and Spice, and Stickler's food trucks

Fairytale Princess Visits brings us the Enchanted Nanny and Chimney Sweep as they engage our young visitors with storytelling, silly songs, and photo ops. Local musicians **Scott and Rosanna** perform music from their new children's album, *Happy Dance*. Enjoy additional interactive enchantment around the grounds, make a kite or grab some chalk and let your imagination bring our pathways to life in bursting color.

July 19: A Midsummer Frick Swing

Franktuary, Pittsburgh Burrito Bus, Oakmont BBQ Company, Steel City Chimneys, and Stickler's food trucks

For the second year in a row, young and old alike will unite in dance and delight on the lawn. This year, enjoy swingin' on a Friday night with the **Tuesday Night Big Band** as they take you on a nostalgic musical trip to back to the Golden Era of big band swing.

July 26: BEE Yourself

Cousins Maine Lobster, Southside BBQ, Las Chicas, and Sugar and Spice food trucks

Bee Parks and the Hornets will offer rockin' music, puppetry and audience participation to inspire young people to get up and move—both with their feet and in their communities. With all-original songs that promote kindness, equality, self-confidence, social justice, environmental awareness and dancing your heart out, Bee Parks and the Hornets take audience members of all ages on a musical adventure that will open up spirits and imaginations. Stop by **Busy Bee's Arty Party** face painting, bringing fun and color to your world.

August 2: Fine & Funky Friday

Bull Dawg's, Nakama, Uncle Benny's Chicken Shack, and Graeter's food trucks

The **Soul Merchants** excel in capturing the essence of classic soul and R&B songs from the 1960s to the present. Featuring strong vocals and rich harmonies, the Soul Merchants play a heartfelt mix of R&B, soul, funk and blues that encourages audiences to sing and dance along.

August 9: Neighborhood Jazz

The Coop Chicken and Waffles, Bado's, Brisketburgh, Beatnik Sweet Eats, and Stickler's food trucks

Join us as we present a performance by Homewood's **Afro-American Music Institute**, which strives to engage youth in the practice, theory and knowledge of Afro-American musical contributions to the world. Enjoy an inspired evening of the best in jazz with the AAMI faculty jazz ensemble while relaxing on our lawn. The Afro-American Music Institute (AAMI) began in 1982 as a proprietary venture of founders Dr. James Johnson and his wife Pamela Johnson. AAMI provides systematic, specialized instrumental and vocal training in all styles of the African-American music tradition. In addition, the institution provides a forum both in performing and recording opportunities for otherwise undiscovered talent in the greater Pittsburgh Community. The institute conveys the heritage of African-Americans through the medium of music so others will continue to appreciate the Black contribution to world culture. AAMI continues to provide programs of excellence under guidance and tutelage of its committed professional staff. The institution continues to seek out adults, seniors, and especially youth for enrollment and completion of programs and courses offered at AAMI.

August 16: Frickstock

Cool Beans Taco Truck, Evil Swine BBQ, Burgh Bites, and Sinkers & Suds food trucks

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the legendary Woodstock concert, Pittsburgh band **theCAUSE** will perform a selection of music by Woodstock legends, including Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead, Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin, and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. Long hair, flowers, vests, bright, comfy clothes, and thoughts that bring you peace, love and happiness are encouraged!

August 23: Art Social Night

Pittsburgh Sandwich Society, La Catrina, Wood Fired Flatbreads, Sugar and Spice, and Stickler's food trucks

Mingling and artmaking are encouraged in the final installment of the 2019 series of *Summer Fridays*. Bring your own art supplies or use materials provided by us; enjoy local artist demos on the Great Lawn; check out the **Frick Staff Pop-up Shop** in the Community Room (1:00-9:00pm), and music by **Hell's Oasis**, a two-piece band with a big sound.

Throughout the season (June 21, July 12, August 16)

From the imaginative world of Anima! X and I Believe In Fairies Productions comes a series of magical performances. This summer the Frick will host baby dragons, fairy queens, gypsy wagons, and adventures in fantasy. Make merry with a magical movable bubble garden, pet a giant turtle and check

out all the hidden doors for a giggle. The Fairy Queen invites all the kingdom to come join her on this summer's adventures at the Frick!

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ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-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.

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 <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org</u>.

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