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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO BRAD GENTILE

**AWARD PROGRAM: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 12:00 p.m.
The Frick Art Museum Auditorium**

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 7, 2019—The Frick Pittsburgh announces that Brad Gentile, a teacher at Propel Charter Schools in McKeesport, will receive the 2019 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities. The award ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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.

Brad Gentile has been teaching art and design to students from kindergarten through eighth grade at Propel McKeesport for 15 years. Before joining the staff of Propel, he taught art and graphic design at a post-secondary institution for five years. Mr. Gentile holds a master's degree in art education from Carlow University. He is an adjunct faculty member at Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he

served as a co-leader of a Study Group for Project Zero Classroom in the summer of 2017, in addition to coaching an online Visible Thinking study group for Project Zero. In 2015 Mr. Gentile became a research member for Agency by Design Pittsburgh where he continues to research and implement maker-centered education.

Mr. Gentile has worked with The Frick Pittsburgh in an educational partnership since 2010. Propel Schools work to transform the lives of children in underserved communities through innovative, student-centered learning. The Frick joins Propel in this mission through their partnership. Frick educators work closely with Mr. Gentile to plan four school-year visits to the Frick that center on an annual theme. This year's theme, Art's Impact on Our Lives, shaped the Propel sixth grade students' explorations and artmaking at the Frick and connected back to their classroom activities.

At the May 14 award ceremony, Propel McKeesport 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.

Jenny Kelly, Executive Director of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, will present the award. On hand for the award presentation will be: David Burstin, Chair, Board of Trustees, The Frick Pittsburgh; Roy A. Hunt Foundation trustee Torrence M. Hunt, Jr.; Judith Hansen O'Toole, Interim Executive Director, The Frick Pittsburgh; and representatives from Propel McKeesport.

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 (2018–2019), these programs served 15,886 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-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.

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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