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Flagler Museum Announces 2019/2020 Season Programming

PALM BEACH, FL - The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, celebrating its 60th Anniversary, has announced programming for the upcoming 2019/2020 Season. With its Fall and Winter Exhibitions fashioning the theme, the Museum’s “Season of Style 2” has something for everyone: women’s and men’s fashions from the Gilded Age and beyond, live musical performances with champagne receptions, fascinating lectures and educational outreach programs, festive holiday celebrations and of course a collection of art, furniture, and decor that embodies the history of Florida and shares the life of one of America’s most important people during the Gilded Age, Henry Morrison Flagler.

The 2019/2020 Season at the Flagler Museum is sponsored in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

• FALL EXHIBITION:

Inside Out: Women’s Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette

October 15, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Free with Museum admission

Complimentary guided exhibition tours: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm starting October 23

Inside Out focuses on how women have shaped American society and how undergarments have shaped them against a backdrop of fashion, sociological changes and political climate. Visitors will walk through eight key eras in American history, exploring the perceived roles of women in American culture from the 1790s to the present, how those roles have shaped — and been shaped by — what women wear, feminist ideas and movements since the nation’s earliest days, and the outward appearance and silhouette of stylish American women through time.

This exhibition was organized by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts with the support of the Ben and Beverly Stribling Special Exhibition Trust and circulated through GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions. The Fall Exhibition is sponsored in part by The Eliasberg Family Foundation and Templeton & Company.

An illustrated companion volume titled *Inside Out: An Exploration of Women’s Status and Roles in American Society as Reflected in Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette* will be available for purchase in the Museum Store. Visitors to the Museum during our Fall Exhibition will also want to look for Gilded Age-era menswear and accessories interspersed throughout Whitehall’s second floor guest rooms. The menswear, part of the Flagler Museum’s own collection, will include shoes, pocket watches, handkerchiefs, and swim wear.

• FALL EXHIBITION LECTURE

Inside Out: Women’s Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette

Howard J. Taylor, Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in San Angelo, Texas

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Free for Members, Sustaining level and higher and Whitehall Society Members

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\$10 for Members, Individual and Family level
\$28 for Non-members, includes admission
Space is limited, reservations are required

Howard Taylor, Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts since 1984, will be speaking about the origins of the Flagler Museum's fall exhibition.

• FORTNIGHTLY, REIMAGINED

Featuring musicians Matthew Cates and Rachel Barton Pine

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm

\$50 per person

Space is limited, advance purchase required

When the Flaglers were in residence at Whitehall, they often enjoyed hosting guests in the Music Room including the Fortnightly Club, a local group that gathered to listen to speakers and musical performances, and to discuss current events. The Flagler Museum honors the social history of the Music Room by presenting *Fortnightly, Reimagined*, a special engagement featuring both professional musicians and music students from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts who specialize in organ performance. This year, musician Matthew Cates will be delighting guests with the sounds of Whitehall's 1,249-pipe J.H. & C.S. Odell Co. organ, an instrument original to the home. Rachel Barton Pine will be performing exquisite violin pieces. A reception with the musicians will follow the performance.

Support for this program is provided by The Randleigh Foundation Trust.

• A GILDED AGE-STYLE TEA SERVICE in the Café des Beaux-Arts

November 29, 2019 – April 12, 2020

Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Sunday, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$20 for Members, Sustaining level and higher, and Whitehall Society Members

\$22 for Members

\$40 for Non-members

***Prix-fixe* menu prices include Museum admission and tax**

Advance purchase recommended

The Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age-style tea service that features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining at the turn of the 20th century. The *prix-fixe* menu includes a selection of gourmet tea sandwiches, traditional scones and sweets complemented by the Flagler Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea, and served on exquisite Whitehall Collection™ china. Lemonade is also served. The Café des Beaux-Arts is located in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion, which was built adjacent to Whitehall in 2005 but evokes the ambiance of a 19th century Beaux-Arts railway palace. Guests will enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Lake Worth and the West Palm Beach skyline as well as Henry Flagler's private Railcar No. 91.

• MUSEUM STORE GRAND RE-OPENING & MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

November 29 – December 6, 2019

Come and see what's new at the Museum Store! This season, be sure to stop in to peruse the special, exhibition-inspired pop-up shops. Timed to coincide with our fashion-focused Fall and Winter exhibitions, the pop-up shops will feature "foundation pieces" through early January and footwear from January through May. Members who shop at the Museum Store from November 29 to December 6, 2019 will receive a 20% discount on all purchases. Take advantage of this opportunity to find unique gifts! All Members may also enjoy a Gilded Age-style tea service in the Café des Beaux-Arts during Member Appreciation Days for a reduced rate of \$20.

• CHRISTMAS LECTURE

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Aimee Lee Ball, author and journalist, founder of EatDarlingEat.net

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Free for Members, Sustaining level and higher

\$10 for Members, Individual and Family level

\$28 for Non-members

Includes Museum admission and Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities

Aimee Lee Ball of *Eat, Darling, Eat*, an online community of women exploring relationships through the universal language of food, will focus her talk on Christmas cookie baking, telling heartwarming stories of the challenges, pleasures, and traditions of sharing the American Christmas kitchen. Attendees are invited to linger after the lecture for the Flagler Museum's Christmas Tree Lighting festivities. The Christmas Lecture is sponsored by BMO Wealth Management and Hilton West Palm Beach.

• CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND FESTIVITIES

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free with Museum admission

The 16-foot tall Grand Hall Christmas Tree, with its historically accurate trimmings, is the center of Whitehall's holiday celebrations. Festivities include holiday music played on Whitehall's original 1,249-pipe Odell organ and the 1902 Steinway art-case grand piano. This annual performance is the only opportunity visitors have to hear both of Whitehall's majestic instruments on the same day. Special choir performances, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus complete the afternoon's activities. The event culminates with Henry Flagler's youngest descendants lighting the Grand Hall Christmas Tree.

• SPECIAL LECTURE

Transformative Conservation: Returning the Whitehall Dining Room Furniture to its Original Grandeur

F. Carey Howlett, furniture conservator and owner of F. Carey Howlett & Associates

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Free for Members Sustaining level and higher

\$10 for Members, Individual and Family level

\$28 for Non-members, includes admission

Space is limited, reservations are required

Whitehall's original ca. 1900 French Renaissance-style dining room furniture, the work of the noted New York firm of Pottier and Stymus, passed through several owners before its fortunate reacquisition by the Flagler Museum in 2018. F. Carey Howlett will speak on the discoveries made during research and examination of the furniture as well as the massive, multi-faceted project by F. Carey Howlett & Associates to conserve the furniture for its return to the Whitehall dining room. From start to finish the project took over a year, and the results of this transformative conservation will provide visitors to Whitehall with amazing insight into the artisanry and skill of the designers, cabinetmakers, upholsterers and finishers who helped to furnish Henry Flagler's Palm Beach home.

• HOLIDAY EVENING TOURS

December 19 - December 23, 2019

Holiday Reception begins at 6:00 pm

Tours begin at 6:45 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:15 pm and 7:30 pm

Legacy and Whitehall Society Members may reserve 2 free tickets

\$25 for Adults

\$15 for Children ages 17 and under

Advance purchase required

During this beloved annual event, guests will have a rare opportunity to tour Whitehall after hours, lit by the glow of the original 1902 light fixtures, while discovering the wonders of a Gilded Age Christmas. Each evening begins with a festive reception in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion at 6:00 pm featuring carolers, holiday refreshments and activities sure to spark nostalgia for visitors of all ages. Docent-led tours begin at 6:45 pm and continue every 15 minutes through 7:30 pm. The Museum Store will be open for holiday

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• FLAGLER MUSEUM MUSIC SERIES

Select Tuesdays, January 14 - March 10, 2020

Concerts being promptly at 7:30 pm

\$70 per concert

\$300 for the five-concert Series

One free concert ticket for Legacy Members

Advance purchase recommended

To celebrate the Museum's 60th anniversary, the Flagler Museum Music Series will present "The Best of the Best" in concert this season, pulling from its wonderful collection of live performances over the last 21 years. This season's performers include some of the most renowned chamber music groups from around the world, and some of the most beloved in the Museum's Music Series history.

Guests will experience chamber music as it was intended: in a gracious and intimate setting typical of Gilded Age performances. Patrons will also enjoy a special champagne and dessert reception with the musicians following each concert.

1. Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – Ying Quartet
2. Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – Auréole Trio
3. Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Euclid Quartet
4. Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – American String Quartet
5. Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – Claremont String Trio

The Flagler Museum Music Series is sponsored by Roe Green, The MBS Family Foundation and the Palm Beach Daily News.

• WINTER EXHIBITION

Walk This Way: Historic Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection

January 28 - May 10, 2020

Free with Museum admission

Complimentary guided exhibition tours: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm starting February 5

Walk This Way: Historic Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection explores how shoes have transcended their utilitarian purpose to become representations of culture — coveted as objects of desire, designed with artistic consideration, and expressing complicated meanings of femininity, power, and aspiration for women and men alike. Featuring 100 pairs of shoes from iconic designer Stuart Weitzman's extensive private collection assembled over three decades with his wife Jane Gershon Weitzman, the exhibition covers larger trends in American economic history, from industrialization to the rise of consumer culture, with a focus on women's contributions as producers, consumers, designers, and entrepreneurs.

This exhibition has been organized by the New-York Historical Society. The winter exhibition is funded in part by Northern Trust, Templeton & Company, and The Palm Beach Post.

An illustrated companion volume titled *Walk This Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes* by Edward Maeder with contributions by Stuart Weitzman and Valerie Paley will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

• WINTER EXHIBITION LECTURE

Moderator: Valerie Paley, Panelists: Jane Gershon-Weitzman and Stuart Weitzman

Friday, January 31, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Free for Members, Sustaining and higher, and Whitehall Society Members

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In conjunction with the Winter Exhibition, *Walk This Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes*, Valerie Paley, Director of the Center for Women's History at the New-York Historical Society Museum and Library, will moderate a conversation between designer Stuart Weitzman and philanthropist Jane Gershon Weitzman, to explore the couple's spectacular and historical shoe collection.

• WHITEHALL LECTURE SERIES

Transcontinental: American Railroads and the Visionaries Who Built Them

Every Sunday at 3:00 pm, February 9 - March 1, 2020

Free for Members Sustaining level and higher

\$10 for Members, Individual and Family level

\$28 for Non-members, includes Museum admission

\$100 for the four-lecture series

Advance purchase recommended

In a time when the spirit of expansion was sweeping across a growing nation, few men found themselves equipped with the necessary resources to envision and build a railroad empire. Captains of industry Jay Gould, Collis Huntington, and Cornelius Vanderbilt did however, and each of them, in their own time, carved out a legendary place in history. Celebrated and sometimes vilified for bringing industrial progress to new territory, the 35th annual Whitehall Lecture Series will present the fascinating histories of American railroad empires and the powerful industry pioneers who built them.

1. February 9, 2020 - "America's Mainline: The Fight for the Southwest Transcontinental"
Speaker: Walter R. Borneman
2. February 16, 2020 - "The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt"
Speaker: T.J. Stiles
3. February 23, 2020 - "The Life and Legend of Jay Gould: Notorious Railroad Pioneer and Captain of Industry"
Speaker: Maury Klein
4. March 1, 2020 - "Empire Express: The Building of the First Transcontinental Railroad"
Speaker: David Haward Bain

The Whitehall Lecture Series is sponsored in part by The Palm Beach Post and Hilton West Palm Beach.

When possible, a book signing with the speaker follows each lecture. Online visitors can experience each lecture via a free livestream broadcast where visitors may listen live, see the presentation, and ask the lecturer questions. Visit www.flaglrmuseum.us/watch-lectures.

• VALENTINE'S DAY 'TEA IN THE COCOANUT GROVE'

Friday, February 14, 2020 from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

\$40 for Members

\$60 for Non-members

Includes Museum admission and tax

Advance purchase required

"Tea in the Coconut Grove" was a popular activity for those vacationing at Henry Flagler's lavish resort hotels during the Gilded Age. Commemorate this historic tradition with your loved one this Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. Each couple will enjoy a special 'tea-for-two' under the palms while listening to the romantic sounds of a classical harp and enjoying a view of Lake Worth. A token Valentine's keepsake is also included. Prices are per person.

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• **SPECIAL LECTURE**

Marjorie Merriweather Post: The Life Behind the Luxury

Estella M. Chung, author

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Free for Members, Sustaining level and higher

\$10 for Members, Individual and Family level

\$28 for Non-members, includes admission

“The Life Behind the Luxury” is the new biography of Marjorie Merriweather Post, illustrated with a wealth of historical photographs, archival documents, and exquisite works of art and other souvenirs of an extraordinary life. As owner of Postum Cereal Company, and later a director of General Foods Corporation, Post capably created and managed a 20th-century life of luxury. While her good works made the news during times of war and economic crisis, it was not Post’s ability to read a spreadsheet for which was often noted in newspapers and magazines. Instead, her social gatherings, clothes, four marriages, four divorces, and her father’s suicide got more ink. Her life — in all its honorable, glamorous and painful moments — was syndicated news and not a private matter. Author Estella M. Chung goes further, however, in revealing Post to be an astute business executive, a deeply caring and generous humanitarian, and a committed philanthropist.

• **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Gates open at 9:00 am, Hunt begins at 10:00 am

\$18 for Adults

\$15 for Children

Free for Adult Members and their children or grandchildren, Sustaining level and higher

Free for Adult Members, Individual and Family level (Children or grandchildren require a ticket)

Children are invited to hunt for treat-filled Easter eggs on the Museum’s lawn and in the Cocoanut Grove on Saturday, April 11th. The Museum’s grounds will be sectioned off into age-appropriate areas so that everyone, including toddlers, will have the opportunity to participate safely. Museum gates open at 9:00 am. Bring your cameras to snap a photo with the Easter Bunny, plus children will be able to participate in craft projects and games until the Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 am. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter basket. Each child will receive a commemorative wooden Easter egg to remember the day.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored in part by the Palm Beach Daily News.

• **BLUEGRASS IN THE PAVILION CONCERT**

Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Free for Legacy Members

\$35 per person

Advance purchase required

The Flagler Museum is pleased to welcome back the multi-award-winning duo, Dailey & Vincent, to headline its 15th annual Bluegrass in the Pavilion concert. Five-man band Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, who recently won the 2019 International Bluegrass Music Award for Entertainer of the Year, will be opening the show. All proceeds benefit the Museum’s education programs for children.

• **MIXING IT UP: A CELEBRATION OF COCKTAIL CULTURE**

Friday, April 24, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Free for Whitehall Society Members and Legacy Members

\$40 for Members

\$50 for Non-members

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Mixing It Up is a celebration of cocktail culture presented by the Flagler Museum's Whitehall Society in support of the Museum's educational programming for local children. The evening's festivities will include live entertainment and delicious refreshments in an incomparable location — Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate, Whitehall. The Whitehall Society's purpose is to cultivate the patronage of young professionals under 50 who live in the Palm Beaches and have an interest in arts and culture, history, architecture, and the preservation of Whitehall. Guests are encouraged to "dress" for what is considered the Museum's last social event of its 2019-2020 "Season of Style 2!"

• **MOTHER'S DAY TEA SERVICE at the Café des Beaux-Arts**

Sunday, May 10, 2020 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$30 Members

\$50 Non-member

\$20 Children ages 12 and under

Includes Museum admission and tax

Advance purchase required

Prix-fixe menu does not accommodate changes or substitutions

The celebration of Mother's Day in the United States began during the Gilded Age, when in May 1914, Congress established it as a National Holiday. In the spirit of this tradition, the Flagler Museum invites all mothers and their families to enjoy an elegant Mother's Day Tea at the Café des Beaux-Arts. Each mother will receive a special gift, and all guests will enjoy a selection of gourmet tea sandwiches, traditional scones, and sweets complemented by the Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea and served on Whitehall Collection™ china. The Café des Beaux-Arts is located in the beautiful Flagler Kenan Pavilion. Designed in the style of a 19th century Beaux-Arts railway palace, the Pavilion provides guests with spectacular panoramic views of the West Palm Beach skyline across Lake Worth.

• **FOUNDER'S DAY**

Friday, June 5, 2020 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Please note the Noon opening time)

Free Museum admission

The Flagler Museum celebrates its anniversary by opening to the public free of charge in honor of the Museum's founder, and Henry Flagler's granddaughter, Jean Flagler Matthews. Visitors may take a self-guided tour of Whitehall's first floor and climb aboard Henry Flagler's Railcar No. 91 in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion. Thousands of visitors participate each year, viewing the Museum's permanent collection of art and objects relating to the Gilded Age. In 2019, more than 1,625 visitors passed through Whitehall's historic wrought iron gates on Founder's Day.

Visitors on Founder's Day will also be able to shop the end-of-season Pop-Up shop in the West Room, featuring huge savings on popular products from the Museum Store.

Founder's Day is sponsored in party by The Palm Beach Post.

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Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

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The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 12:00 pm until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free. Guided tours, audio tours, printed self-guide brochures and the Flagler Museum Audio Tour app are all complimentary with Museum admission. Audio tours and self-guide brochures are available in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

