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THE FRICK COLLECTION

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FREE GALLERY TALKS BEGINNING IN DECEMBER

NEW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – FRICK COLLECTION TO REMAIN OPEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The Frick Collection is pleased to announce that beginning this December – and for the first time in its history – the museum will offer the public an ongoing program of free, regularly-scheduled gallery talks. The talks will be given on the first and third Friday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. Each 20- to 30-minute presentation addresses an individual highlight from the Frick's celebrated collection of paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts. The program will be inaugurated on Friday, December 5, with a talk called *A Gilded Age Studiolo: The Enamels Room in the Frick House*, followed on Friday, December 19, with a presentation on John Constable's painting *Salisbury Cathedral*. Talks continue in January and every month thereafter with different topics. This program will enhance the new Friday evening hours currently offered by the Frick, when the museum remains open until 9 p.m., with refreshments available in the Garden Court from 6 p.m. There is no additional charge for these talks and reservations are not required (the topics are also subject to change). The presentation given on the third Friday of each month will be Sign Language interpreted. Additionally, this December, the Frick will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, for the first time in its history.

Comments Director Anne Poulet, "I am delighted that we can provide the public with additional opportunities to enjoy The Frick Collection. We hope that the program of gallery talks, coordinated by Amy Herman, head of the Education Department, will enhance our visitors' appreciation of the treasures in our holdings. We are thrilled to

initiate this program in December, a month when so many people seek out the cultural offerings of New York

City."

BASIC INFORMATION

General Information Phone: (212) 288-0700

Website: www.frick.org
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Where: 1 East 70th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

Hours: open six days a week, with recently expanded hours: 10am to 6pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays and on Saturdays; 10am to 9pm on Fridays; and 1pm to 6pm on Sundays. Closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and December 25. Limited hours (1 to 6pm) on Lincoln's Birthday, Election Day, and Veterans Day.

Admission: \$12 for the general public; \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students

PLEASE NOTE TO YOUR READERS: Children under ten are not admitted to the Collection, and those under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

Subway: #6 local (on Lexington Avenue) to 68th Street station; **Bus:** M1, M2, M3, and M4 southbound on Fifth Avenue to 72nd Street and northbound on Madison Avenue to 70th Street

Tour Information: included in the price of admission is an Acoustiguide INFORM® Audio Tour of the permanent collection, provided by Acoustiguide. The tour is offered in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish.

Museum Shop: the shop is open the same days as the Museum, closing fifteen minutes before the institution.

Group Visits: Please call (212) 288-0700 for details and to make reservations.

Public Programs: A calendar of events is published regularly and is available upon request.

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