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## THE FRICK COLLECTION

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### LAUNCH OF FREE MONTHLY EVENING SERIES *FIRST FRIDAYS* AT THE FRICK COLLECTION

Beginning October 7, 2016



The Frick Collection is pleased to announce that this fall it will launch a series of regularly scheduled free public evenings with First Fridays. Beginning in October, museum admission and gallery programs will be free from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first Friday evening of the month (except September and January). Visitors will have access to the permanent collection and special exhibition galleries, and enjoy talks and lectures by museum educators and curators, as well as music and dance performances and open sketching in the Garden Court (complimentary materials provided by the Frick.) For more information, visit [frick.org/FirstFridays](http://frick.org/FirstFridays).

Director Ian Wardropper comments, “In recent years, the Frick has expanded its education offerings to further engage the public and broaden our audiences. We have seen our evening hours events become increasingly popular for their unique combination of access and engaging programming. These nights have occurred throughout the year at various intervals, and we hope that in offering them regularly at the start of the month,

they will become a beloved and well-known New York tradition. We are therefore delighted to formalize this special after-hours series under the new moniker *First Fridays*”.

Principal support for First Fridays is provided by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation with major funding from Tai-Heng Cheng and Cole Harrell and the Gilder Foundation. First Fridays also are supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.



#### 2016–2017 SCHEDULE\*

October 7, 2016	November 4, 2016	December 2, 2016
February 3, 2017	March 3, 2017	April 7, 2017
May 5, 2017	June 2, 2017	July 7, 2017

\*Information on individual events is available on the Frick Web site [frick.org/FirstFridays](http://frick.org/FirstFridays) and through devoted Facebook event pages [facebook.com/frickcollection/](https://facebook.com/frickcollection/)

## ABOUT THE FRICK COLLECTION

Henry Clay Frick (1849–1919), the coke and steel industrialist, philanthropist, and art collector, left his New York residence and his remarkable collection of Western paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts to the public “for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a gallery of art, [and] of encouraging and developing the study of fine arts and of advancing the general knowledge of kindred subjects.” Designed and built for Mr. Frick in 1913 and 1914 by Thomas Hastings of Carrère and Hastings, the mansion provides a grand domestic setting reminiscent of the noble houses of Europe for the masterworks from the Renaissance through the nineteenth century that it contains. Of special note are paintings by Bellini, Constable, Corot, Fragonard, Gainsborough, Goya, El Greco, Holbein, Ingres, Manet, Monet, Rembrandt, Renoir, Titian, Turner, Velázquez, Vermeer, Whistler, and other masters. Mr. Frick’s superb examples of French eighteenth-century furniture, Italian Renaissance bronzes, and Limoges enamels bring a special ambiance to the galleries, while the interior garden and the amenities created since the founder’s time in the 1930s contribute to the serenity of the visitor’s experience. The Frick Collection also is renowned for its small, focused exhibitions and for its highly regarded concert series and dynamic education program.

## INTERACT

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## BASIC INFORMATION

**General Information Phone:** 212.288.0700

**Web site:** [www.frick.org](http://www.frick.org)

**Building project:** [www.frickfuture.org](http://www.frickfuture.org)

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**App:** [frick.org/app](http://frick.org/app)

**Where:** 1 East 70th Street, near Fifth Avenue

**Museum Hours:** open six days a week: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays; 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Closed Mondays, New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Limited hours (11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Lincoln’s Birthday, Election Day, and Veterans Day

**Admission:** \$22; senior citizens \$17; students \$12; “pay what you wish” on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE TO YOUR READERS:** Children under ten are not admitted to the Collection

**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 Audio Tour of the permanent collection. The tour is offered in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish.

**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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