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SUMMER NIGHTS AT WINTERTHUR STARTING JUNE 7, FEATURING MUSIC AND TOURS OF FOLLIES EXHIBITION

Enjoy a brew with a view, special progressive cocktail party on June 21 Explore the Follies exhibition

Winterthur, DE, May 29, 2018—Winterthur comes alive on Thursday evenings this summer with music, a beer garden, and tram tours of our *Follies* garden exhibition. The festivities include a progressive cocktail party featuring themed food and beverage pairings on June 21 to celebrate the start of summer.

Winterthur After Hours: Mix, Relax, and Explore

First Thursday of each month, 5:30–8:00 pm

Join us for live music, a beer garden, a selection of small bites, and more, including our first-ever garden exhibition, *Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden*. These After Hours events take place in the beautiful Winterthur landscape, so visitors can enjoy a brew with a view. *\$15; \$5 per student; 13 and under are free.*

Thursday, June 7, featuring The Stonethrowers

Join us along Clenny Run and soak in the sounds of The Stonethrowers, an Americana band that blends a passion for original and traditional songs with a unique mix of country and popular music. Chris Strand, director of garden and estate, will lead a 30-minute walking tour of the *Follies* exhibition at 6:30 pm. In addition to the beer garden, this is an optional BYOB event.

Thursday, July 5, featuring Los Montros

Gather at the Reflecting Pool and listen to the music of Los Montros, a versatile, multi-ethnic combination of musicians who are dedicated to embracing the roots of the Latin/Tropical sound.

Jeff Groff, director of interpretation and estate historian, will lead a 30-minute walking tour of the Winterthur Conservatory. Learn about the entertaining that happened here in the era of the du Pont families.

Thursday, August 2, featuring Buffalo Chip & The Heard

Enjoy the sounds of Buffalo Chip & The Heard, a Delaware-based acoustic trio, which plays everything from bluegrass to jazz. The evening will also include guided garden strolls at 6:15 and 7:15 pm led by Lauren Fair, associate objects conservator, Winterthur, and assistant affiliated faculty for the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation. Fair helped conserve garden objects as part of a larger museum effort to restore sections of the garden to H. F. du Pont's 20-century garden decorating design.

Thursday Evening Follies and Beer Garden

5:00-9:30 pm

On all other Thursdays, May-August, enjoy a brew with a view at the Visitor Center patio. Take a tram ride or stroll through the garden to see our *Follies* exhibition before dusk. *\$10 per person.*

Follies Summer Cocktail Party

June 21, 5:00-9:00 pm

Celebrate the start of summer amid the follies! Eat, drink, and explore at a progressive cocktail party, featuring food and drink pairings throughout the garden exhibition. *\$10 entry per person. Rain date June 28. (Additional food and drink charges apply.)*

Thirteen fantastic structures await discovery and exploration in *Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden*. From a Gothic-inspired tower, an Ottoman tent, and neoclassical follies to a Chinese pavilion, American summerhouses, an enchanting faerie cottage, and creative contemporary follies. *Follies* can be enjoyed by foot or on the tram.

Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children's garden. Admission costs \$20 for adults; \$18 for students and seniors; and \$6 for ages 2-11. Group rates available. For details, visit winterthur.org or call 800.448.3883.

Winterthur is open from 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Sunday and is located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1. Closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Nestled in the heart of Delaware's beautiful Brandywine Valley, midway between New York City and Washington, D.C., Winterthur is located minutes from Longwood Gardens and other Brandywine Valley attractions—including world-class museums, gardens, and historic sites—as well as wineries, hotels, and restaurants.

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