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## Winterthur Press Release

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### **WINTERTHUR CELEBRATES THE 40TH RUNNING OF POINT-TO-POINT RACES ON SUNDAY, MAY 6**

Winterthur, DE, April 20, 2018—With the excitement of championship steeplechase racing, the festivity of tailgate picnicking, and the exuberance of thousands of merrymakers, the 40th running of the Winterthur Point-to-Point on Sunday, May 6, promises to be an exciting day for racegoers of all ages.

The races draw the nation's best steeplechase horses, riders, and trainers, and the day's highlights include a raffle for a ruby necklace from Janvier Jewelers in honor of Point-to-Point's ruby anniversary. In addition, local artist Anna Biggs has designed a special necklace in honor of the 40th anniversary. It will be available for purchase in The Marketplace, which also features hats, clothing, jewelry, equine and canine accessories, and more for sale by local vendors.

Skyler Bouchard, food blogger, Food Network host, and Delaware native, will make the rounds to select the winner for Best Presented Tailgate. Sofi Tyler will sing the National Anthem.

Point-to-Point is a day filled with activities for spectators to enjoy in addition to the races. These include:

- A scavenger hunt with 15 locations to find throughout the event, featuring activities presented by local community organizations.

- A “You Bet!” race raffle, featuring a \$500 cash prize for a winner in each race.
- The annual Point-to-Point photo contest; spectators may submit photographs from the day, with winner receiving a family membership to Winterthur.
- A Point-to-Point trivia contest during which a question will be asked via the public address system, and the first person to e-mail the correct answer to [ptp@winterthur.org](mailto:ptp@winterthur.org) will receive services from MagnifaSkin, MedSpa, newly opened on Route 202.
- Stick horse races for children, a parade of River Hills Foxhounds, canine capers, and a display of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars sponsored by the Stanley-Laman Group.

A highlight of the day is the George A. “Frolic” Weymouth Antique Carriage Parade, named in honor of the late artist and founder of the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. It is the nation’s largest procession of antique horse-drawn carriages and takes place at 1:00 pm.

Post time for the Isabella du Pont Sharp Memorial, a maiden timber race with a \$15,000 purse, is at 2:00 pm. Elizabeth “Ellet” Hager Sharp, the great-great-granddaughter of Isabella du Pont Sharp, will make the trophy presentation to the winning owner with a ruby anniversary custom Tervis tumbler, a Tito’s Tailgate Tote, and a special equine gift basket, courtesy of Deer Valley Danes. The Winterthur Bowl, an open timber race with an anniversary purse of \$40,000, takes place at 2:30 pm. Post time for the Vicmead Plate, an amateur heavyweight timber race with a \$15,000 purse, is at 3:00 pm. The steeplechase races are run on a course of approximately 3¼ miles, with a total of eight fences that are jumped 17 times. The Middletown Cup, a flat race, begins at 3:30 p.m. Trophies for the races are adapted from originals in the Winterthur collection. The Alison Hershbell Pony Races, run in two heats, for small and for large ponies, start at noon.

Admission must be purchased in advance. No sales on race day and no will call.

Point-to-Point is a rain-or-shine event. No refunds are issued. The event is Winterthur’s largest one-day fundraiser. Proceeds benefit the continued maintenance and preservation of the garden and estate at Winterthur.

Point-to-Point sponsors include: Capital One, Exelon, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Johnny Walker, Kid Shelleen’s, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Marriott, Weymouth Swayze & Corroon

Insurance Inc., the University & Whist Club, Janvier Jewelers, and the Stanley-Laman Group, Ltd. Media sponsors include: 6ABC, The New Mix 99.5 WJBR FM, iHeart Radio, *County Lines*, *Delaware Today*, *The Hunt*, *Main Line Today*, *The NewsJournal*, and *Out & About*.

### Information about Purchasing Wristbands and Tailgate Spots

- Online at [www.winterthur.org/ptp](http://www.winterthur.org/ptp)
- By phone at 800.448.3883
- At the Point-to-Point office, 4901 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807

### Cost:

- \$40 adult general admission through April 27. \$60, April 28 through May 5. No wristbands will be mailed after April 27. Purchasers will be required to pick up wristbands after April 27 at the Point-to-Point office
- \$25 young adults, ages 12-20
- Children under 12 free, but must have wristband for admittance (not available on race day)

### General Admission Satellite Sales Outlets

- **Brew HaHa!**-Trolley Square and Greenville locations
- **Ellie**
- **Houquette**-Greenville location
- **Janssens Market**
- **ShopRite**-Brandywine location
- **Wilmington Country Store**

Please visit [Winterthur.org/ptp](http://Winterthur.org/ptp) for more details on our satellite ticket partner locations.

**Premium Parking** locations are available for \$15-\$25 per car to shorten the walk to the races.

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Winterthur is open 10 am-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.

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