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Winterthur's 56th Delaware Antiques Show Is Set to Dazzle

Sixty of the nation's finest dealers join Honorary Chair Robert O'Byrne in Wilmington for a show with an Irish twist this year on November 8–10.

Winterthur, DE, September 3, 2019—Tickets are on sale now for the 56th Annual Delaware Antiques Show, November 8–10, 2019, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware. One of the most acclaimed antiques events in the nation, the show presents sixty of the country's most distinguished dealers of American furniture, paintings, rugs, ceramics, silver, jewelry, and other decorative arts—this year with an Irish twist. For antiques lovers and collectors, it is not a show to be missed.

The fun begins with cocktails and exclusive early, tax-free shopping during the Opening Night Party on Thursday, November 7, 5:00–9:00 pm. Friday begins at 10:00 am with a keynote by author Robert O'Byrne, honorary chair of the show. O'Byrne specializes in fine and decorative arts. He is the author of more than a dozen books and writes for several magazines as well as the award-winning blog www.theirishaesthete.com.

O'Byrne has spent decades crisscrossing Ireland and exploring its architectural heritage—from the justly famous and widely photographed great country houses to the out-of-the-spotlight but equally entrancing private historic homes. His talk, “The Irishness of the Irish Country House: A Private Tour,” will take the form of a journey around Ireland and into her secret country houses while explaining the evolution of Irish architecture and what makes it so distinctive. Saturday features captivating lectures by young scholars from Winterthur and continues the spectacular showcase of art, antiques, and design.

In addition, a special exhibit, *Irresistibly Irish: Decorative Arts from the Winterthur Collection*, provides a look objects that reflect the diversity of America’s colonial and early national history. See a delicate, intricately carved golden buckle, a vibrant needlework Bible cover, and a sampling of decorative arts, including a stunning silver chandelier. Prized and preserved by early Americans, these objects share eloquent public and private stories worth hearing again today.

Tickets are valid for all three days. General Admission tickets include the Keynote Lecture and Young Scholars Lectures on Sunday. Tickets to the Opening Night Party are sold separately and are not included in General Admission. For tickets, call 800.448.3883 or [purchase online](#). For more information, visit winterthur.org/das. Delaware Antiques Show benefits educational programming at Winterthur.

Lectures at the 56th Annual Delaware Antiques Show

Friday, November 8 – KEYNOTE LECTURE

10:00 am – Robert O’Byrne, “The Irishness of the Irish Country House: A Private Tour”

Sunday, November 10

2:00 pm – Winterthur Program in American Material Culture Presents Young Scholars Carrie Greif, Tiffany and Co. Curatorial Intern in the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, “Unity by Design: Midcentury Modernism at Winterthur”

Emily Whitted, Lois F. McNeil Fellow, Winterthur, “Reuniting the Unfinished: The Harrison Album Quilt”

Show Hours

Friday, November 8: 11:00 am–6:00 pm (Keynote lecture at 10:00 am)

Saturday, November 9: 11:00 am–6:00 pm

Sunday, November 10: 11:00 am–5:00 pm

General Admission

\$15; \$13 per Winterthur Member; children under 12 free. Tickets are valid for all three days. They include all lectures and the special exhibition. Purchase tickets online or by calling 800.448.3883.

Opening Night Party Admission

Opening Night Party requires a separate ticket that includes unlimited daily admission to the 3-

day show. Purchase tickets online or by calling 800.448.3883.

Sponsor: \$225 per person. Early entrance at 5:00 pm.

Patron: \$175 per person. Entrance at 6:00 pm.

Young Collector (guests age 35 and under): \$125 per person. Entrance at 6:00 pm.

Group Rates

Special discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Please call 800.448.3883 or e-mail grouptours@winterthur.org for more information.

Location

The Chase Center on the Riverfront is at 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. For directions, visit riverfrontwilm.com and click on [Get Directions](#) or call 302.425.4890.

For additional information and updates on the exciting lineup at this year's Delaware Antiques Show, please e-mail das@winterthur.org, visit winterthur.org/das, or call 800.448.3883.

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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 Henry Francis du Pont's former home 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.

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Museum hours are 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Tuesday–Sunday. \$20 for adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$6 for ages 2–11. Memberships are available for free and discounted admission. Winterthur is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907, or visit winterthur.org.