

DRIEHAUS MUSEUM

The Richard H. Driehaus Museum Offers Reduced Admission and Day of Festivities in Celebration of Tenth Anniversary

Chicago, IL (May 30, 2018) – In celebration of its milestone tenth anniversary, The Richard H. Driehaus Museum will reduce regular priced adult admission to \$10, from \$20, for the weekend of June 8. In addition to the reduced admission, a day of festivities has been planned for Saturday, June 9 and will include the following:

- Remarks by David Whitaker, President & CEO of Choose Chicago and Richard P. Townsend, Executive Director of the Driehaus Museum given on the front porch at 11 a.m.
- Live music on the front porch throughout the day
- Vintage cars parked outside the Museum and available for photo opportunities
- An interactive experience with one of the Mansion's "servants" in the Dining Room
- Access to the Billiards Room, usually closed to the public
- A display of never-before-seen Mansion artifacts will be on view
- A magic show at 3 p.m. in the Museum's historic Ballroom
- The complete schedule of events is available at DriehausMuseum.org/Programs

The Richard H. Driehaus Museum explores the art, architecture, and design of the late 19th and early 20th centuries with a focus on the Gilded Age. The Museum was founded in 2008 by philanthropist Richard H. Driehaus, who sponsored its restoration from 2003-2008. The building was originally commissioned in 1879 by Samuel and Matilda Nickerson, whose lives touched many of the most significant events in Chicago's early history, including the Great Chicago Fire, the founding of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

In 2013, the Museum organized and debuted its first exhibition, Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection. The Museum set an attendance record in 2016 when it hosted *Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times*. Currently, the Museum is hosting *The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design* and last month announced the appointment of its new executive director, Richard P. Townsend.

"The Museum presents both its permanent collection and temporary exhibitions in a period context of the same era," said Townsend. "The result is an immersive art experience, something that sets the Driehaus Museum apart from others in the city. We are pleased and proud to celebrate ten years of this significant community treasure."

About the Richard H. Driehaus Museum

The Richard H. Driehaus Museum explores the art, architecture and design of the late 19th and early 20th centuries with a focus on the Gilded Age. Located just steps from the Magnificent Mile, the Museum is housed within the meticulously restored Nickerson Mansion, renowned as Gilded Age Chicago's "Marble Palace." The Museum presents a permanent collection of period decorative arts as well as featuring objects drawn from the collection of Richard H. Driehaus, resulting in an immersive art experience. The Driehaus Museum further illuminates the period through temporary special exhibitions and educational and cultural programs.

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