

# DRIEHAUS MUSEUM

## The Richard H. Driehaus Museum Offers Reduced Admission in Celebration of Tenth Anniversary

**Chicago, IL (May 2, 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:

- A Ragtime concert on the front porch
- 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 11 a.m. in the Museums historic Ballroom
- The complete schedule of events is available at [DriehausMuseum.org/Programs](http://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. The Museum is located just steps from the Magnificent Mile within the meticulously restored Nickerson Mansion, renowned as Gilded Age Chicago’s “Marble Palace.” The exquisite building was saved twice, first by a collective of over 100 Chicago citizens in 1919, and then by philanthropist Richard H. Driehaus, who sponsored its restoration from 2003-2008. Mr. Driehaus founded the Museum to feature his outstanding collection of decorative arts—particularly Tiffany glass—as well as temporary exhibitions. The Driehaus Museum further illuminates the period through numerous educational and cultural programs.

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