Driehaus Museum Announces Upcoming Program Schedule
Including events for Women's History Month and St. Patrick’s Day

CHICAGO (March 2018) – The Richard H. Driehaus Museum (40 E. Erie) will host a wide variety of programs during March and April, including events related to its special exhibition The Art of Seating as well as an Irish concert to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and a book club to honor Women’s History Month.

**A Toast to the Gilded Age: The Speakeasy**
*(Friday, March 9, 7:15 p.m. – 10 p.m.)* History, music, and cocktails merge to create a unique experience in an unforgettable space. Explore the history of the Speakeasy and the Prohibition-era. Then taste a variety of cocktails while enjoying music and light hors-d’oeuvres. Guests must be 21 and older.

**Book Club: The Awakening by Kate Chopin**
*(Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)* We honor Women’s History Month by visiting this landmark work of early feminism. Kate Chopin’s novel shocked her turn-of-the-century readers with a frank portrayal of female marital discontent set in the American South. DePaul University’s Dr. Jennifer Conary will lead the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

**Traditional Irish Aires with Paddy Homan and Friends**
*(Thursday, March 15, 6 – 7 p.m. and 8 – 9 p.m.)* Get in the St. Patrick’s Day spirit as lauded Irish tenor Paddy Homan explores Ireland’s rich history through traditional music and story-telling. Leading Irish musicians David Curley, Mick Broderick, Laurence Nugent, and Brendan Bulger will also perform for this festive (and fun) occasion.

**Family Day – Create a Spring Hat**
*(Saturday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)* Everyone loves a new spring hat, so bring the family, roll-up your sleeves, and let the professionals from Burning Bush Millinery help you make a bonnet or baseball cap at this craft event - just in time for the holidays!

**Musical Chairs: A Concert and Discussion on The Art of Seating**
*(Monday, April 9, 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.)* Chicago’s Civitas Ensemble will play an array of classical music inspired by furniture and chairs interspersed with commentary about the special exhibition, The Art of Seating, from Museum curator, Catherine Shotick.
The Art of Seating Private Collector Diane Jacobsen
(Wednesday, April 18, 6 – 7:30 p.m.) Ever wonder how a great collection gets started? A private collector with passion, Diane Jacobsen tells the story of how and why she began collecting chairs and how that collection became The Art of Seating.

Meet the Experts: Art Rescue 911
(Thursday, April 26, 6:30 – 8 p.m.) Bernacki & Associates is one of Chicago's premier conservation and restoration firms specializing in “saving” period furniture, objects, historic millwork, and architectural elements. This event, featuring founder Stan Bernacki, will include live demonstrations of the work the group is known for as well as an account of some of their favorite “cases.”

Family Day: Marionette Show
(Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Dave Herzog's Marionettes presents “Dragon Days and Knight Time.” Join King Percy the Persnickety as the royal court, and ambassadors from around the world celebrate his majesty's Birthday.

To purchase tickets or for more information about these programs, the Museum, and the current exhibitions, please visit DriehausMuseum.org.

About the Richard H. Driehaus Museum

Immerse yourself in the Gilded Age splendor of the Driehaus Museum, just steps away from the Magnificent Mile. Experience the exquisite opulence of the expertly restored Nickerson Mansion, completed in 1883. The architecture and surviving furnishings are complemented by period pieces selected from the Driehaus Collection. Come and enjoy special exhibitions, educational programs, cultural events and our popular Museum Store—along with our friendly, knowledgeable guides.

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