

NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet Celebrating Restoration and the Performing Arts in 2021

Season Opens on April 1

March 8, 2021– Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens opens for the season on April 1, 2021, with a season exhibit theme of **Restoration: If This Hall Could Talk**, a celebration of the extensive restoration projects completed throughout the estate since 2015. The year also includes a new outdoor tour, a new Performing Arts Series, and a full schedule of public programs and special events.

In 2015, Stan Hywet raised one million dollars for the restoration of 16 spaces and rooms in the Manor House, part of the successful \$6M *2nd Century Campaign* supported by generous donors. After six years of tireless and dedicated work, this season's Manor House exhibit reveals the process of how the historic spaces were conserved and interpreted, including a detailed look at the planning and research needed for such an ambitious undertaking. It is also an exploration of how other areas on the estate were restored, including the perimeter stone wall ringing the estate; the Tea Houses, Lagoons, and Hidden Aspect; and leaded glass windows in all four historic buildings.

New for guests is the Outdoor History Tour, a guided experience in the gardens and grounds. This tour shares information about the domestic staff who lived at Stan Hywet and operated the estate, the builders of Stan Hywet Hall, the state-of-the-art exterior technology during that time period, the service buildings, and the Seiberling farms. It is a companion to the Nooks & Crannies Tour that is expected to return to the schedule with other guided tours in June.

Stan Hywet's celebrates the arts all season long with the new Performing Arts Series, an innovative schedule of special events created with area artists and community arts organizations. The series showcases theater, dance, music, film and visual arts; these collaborations expand and complement Stan Hywet's already robust line-up of popular public programs. Partners include the Akron Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Ballet, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, Nightlight Cinemas, and the Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band, as well as photographer Ian Adams and plein air painter Jessica Henry Gray.

The schedule of public programs includes Founders' Day Weekend, June 11-13; the Father's Day Car Show, June 20; Off the Vine: An Evening Pairing of Food & Wine, July 23; Molto Bella Auto Show, September 12; Ohio Mart, October 7-10; Murder in the Mansion October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; and Deck the Hall, select nights November 26-December 30. More details on all exhibits and events are available at stanhywet.org.

Hours of Operation and Tour Information

Beginning April 1, 2020, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is open for tours Tuesday through Sunday from 10am-6pm; the last admission is at 4:30pm. The estate is also open on Memorial Day and Labor Day with regular operating hours. Guided tours of the Manor House are expected to return in June, depending on the guidelines issued by the state and county public health departments.

Hours of operation for public programs (special events) may be different, and are posted at stanhywet.org. Daytime hours change in December; details may be found at stanhywet.org

Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

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Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, located at 714 N. Portage Path in Akron Ohio. It is the former residence of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company co-founder F.A. Seiberling and his family. In 1957, Stan Hywet became a non-profit historic estate museum so that the public could benefit from the cultural, educational, and inspirational riches of one of the most significant achievements in architecture and horticulture to come out of America's Industrial Age. Open for tours April through December, Stan Hywet is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is Akron, Ohio's oldest National Historic Landmark.