



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Stan Hywet Presents its Annual Gala Friday, June 23**

22nd Annual Midsummer Night's Celebration is "Starry, Starry Night"

May 15, 2017 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens hosts its annual black-tie Gala at the historic Estate, on Friday, June 23, 2017, beginning at 6pm. This year's theme, *Starry, Starry Night*, is generously presented by The Lehner Family Foundation and The J.M. Smucker Company. The celebratory occasion is chaired by Pam and Patrick O'Neill.

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

Guests are invited to enjoy the expansive gardens and grounds in and around the West Terrace of the historic Manor House. To honor the season theme of *Community – Not For Us Alone*, the evening under the stars is a reminder that everyone is part of a larger community, world and galaxy.

The evening includes a uniquely designed multi-course menu, champagne and cocktails, served on shimmering table décor — as well as dancing to live entertainment and abundant opportunities to socialize with friends, family and colleagues. It takes place at the close of a midsummer's day, as shadows dance on the hills and a palette painted in blues gives way to the first glimpse of twinkling stars. Evoking a sense of community and togetherness, the occasion will be marked with all the elegance and splendor this signature fundraising event has come to represent.

A highlight of the evening is the opportunity for guests to bid on a one-of-a-kind Stan Hywet experience, the exclusive *Dinner in the Dining Room*, an exquisite formal dinner party staged in the elegantly appointed Dining Room of the Manor House.

Proceeds from the annual celebration help ensure the continued preservation of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

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