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Press Release

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WINTERTHUR MOVES TO SEASONAL SCHEDULE FOR 2010

(Winterthur, DE) – October 2, 2009 – Winterthur Museum & Country Estate will shift its operating schedule in 2010 to focus on a seasonal calendar as a means of better targeting the museum’s programming and services. The change will take place on January 31, 2010, when Winterthur concludes its winter season.

The museum will be closed to the public from February 1 until March 9, 2010 when Winterthur will reopen for its spring season.

“February is traditionally a very slow month for visitation and a February close will thus have minimal impact on visitors,” said David Roselle, Winterthur’s director. “Moreover, the break will allow us to better align our calendar to reflect seasonal offerings and to achieve important cost-savings.”

The March 9 reopening will coincide with the start of the Winterthur Garden’s famed spring bloom cycle, beginning with the March Bank, which features more than a million bulbs creating a lush carpet of color on the wooded hillsides. Winterthur will offer a comprehensive series of spring programming, including the opening of a new exhibition, *Lost Gardens of the Brandywine*, on March 27, 2010.

Winterthur members will have grounds and gardens access during the hiatus on a dawn-to-dusk, Tuesday–Sunday schedule, weather permitting. The Winterthur Library will continue to provide service to scholars and researchers who have made advance arrangements.

Winterthur’s popular Museum Store and Bookstore will be closed during the period, but will offer personal shopping appointments. Arrangements can be scheduled by calling 302.888.4793.

Roselle said that Winterthur will concentrate on completing numerous maintenance and repair projects during the February break in order to minimize disruptions to visitors during regular operating hours. “Our staff will stay very busy during this time, working on a host of projects that will enhance our visitors’ enjoyment of Winterthur when we reopen for our spring season.”

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Winterthur Museum & Country Estate—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American antiques, naturalistic garden, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house, as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children’s garden. \$18 adults; \$16 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11. Tickets are valid for two consecutive days.

Regular operating hours are 10 am–5 pm, Tuesday–Sunday. During Yuletide at Winterthur (November 21, 2009–January 3, 2010), the museum is open daily 10 am–5 pm, with extended Tuesday evening hours until 8:30 pm on December 8, 15, and 22. Winterthur is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, and from February 1–March 8, 2010. Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907. Online, visit winterthur.org.

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