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Treasures of New York: The Frick Collection

Premieres Thursday, February 22 at 8 p.m. on WLIW21

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Synopsis:

Treasures of New York: The Frick Collection explores the legacy imparted by American industrialist Henry Clay Frick, whose voluminous art collection has enticed art lovers from around the world for nearly a century. Preserved in Frick's majestic Fifth Avenue home, the works in The Frick Collection include paintings by great European artists, major works of sculpture, eighteenth-century French furniture and porcelains, Limoges enamels, Oriental rugs, and hundreds of other rare and renowned works. ***Treasures of New York*** will take viewers on a captivating tour of the museum's rich history and treasured assets, and will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the Collection's dedicated provenance research, conservation and education efforts.

Short Description:

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Notable interviewees:

- Xavier F. Salomon, Peter Jay Sharp chief curator at The Frick Collection
- Joseph Godla, chief conservator at The Frick Collection
- Ian Wardropper, director at The Frick Collection
- Susan Grace Galassi, senior curator at The Frick Collection
- Philippe de Montebello, co-host of *NYC-ARTS* and director emeritus, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Notable Quotes from the Film:

- “Unlike most of the museums in New York, which have visitors, when you enter the Frick you feel as a guest,” – Philippe de Montebello, co-host of *NYC-ARTS* and director emeritus, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- “The Frick Collection is very much the vision of one man, of Henry Clay Frick. And it's about his taste in great masterpieces.” – Xavier F. Salomon, Peter Jay Sharp chief curator at The Frick Collection
- “I'm always very proud when people think that nothing has ever changed in the house since Mr. Frick died. In fact a huge amount has changed, but it all feels right and it's all part of the spirit and going forward that's always our intention to keep the house as faithful as we can to his vision and his idea.” – Xavier F. Salomon, Peter Jay Sharp chief curator at The Frick Collection

Noteworthy Facts:

- The Frick Collection was assembled by Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clark Frick and is housed in his former residence on Fifth Avenue. The home was centered around his art collection.
- Mr. Frick wanted his collection to be open to the public and wanted to encourage the study of arts. He included this wish in his will, setting the museum's educational mission in motion.
- The Collection is organized according to aesthetic principals rather than didactic.
- When Mr. Frick passed away in 1919, he gifted 117 million dollars to the public, including his home and art collection.
- The museum opened to the public in 1935, 16 years after Frick's death.
- Adjacent to the museum is the Frick Art Reference Library, founded by Helen Clay Frick as a memorial to her father. Today it is one of the leading institutions for research in the fields of art history and collecting.
- During World War II the library served as headquarters for an operation to persevere monuments in war-torn Europe.
- The Frick Collection hosts a wide range of events including tours, symposia, special exhibitions, lectures with curators and education programs.

Run time:

30 minutes

Series Overview:

Treasures of New York explores New York's cultural heritage by spotlighting its points of interest, distinguished establishments and notable figures.

Production Credits:

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