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MATTRESS FACTORY ANNOUNCES 2019 URBAN GARDEN PARTY: SOLSTICE

(PITTSBURGH, PA May 2019) – The Mattress Factory will host its 22nd annual Urban Garden Party on Friday, June 21, 2019 from 6-11 pm. The Factory Fellows, a select group of the museum’s young professional leaders and supporters, will serve as chairs for the event. The party falls on the summer solstice, so the theme this year is Solstice - think druids, Stonehenge, fairies and dancing the midsummer night away!

Guests will be transported to a mystical world, courtesy of Event Architect Thommy Conroy, and will have the opportunity to feast and imbibe on creations from dozens of the city’s best restaurants and bars and bid on one-of-a-kind artwork during the silent auction. Helping to keep the party going all evening will be special performances by Beauty Slap, DJ Samuel Andres, Bad Custer, DJ Dave Zak and Steel City Kitty Burlesque and Variety Show.

Food and beverage sponsors include: All in Good Taste Productions, Bar Marco, big Burrito, Big Spring Spirits, Bistro to Go, Black Radish Kitchen, The Butterwood Bake Consortium, Goat Cheese Roadeo, Grandpa Joe’s Candy Shop, Greek Gourmet, Heritage Craft Butchers, La Prima Coffee, Lorelei, Madeleine Bakery and Bistro, Mediterra Bakehouse, Merchant Oyster Company, Monterey Pub, PA Libations, Penn Brewery, Priory Bakery, Twisted Frenchman, War Street Brewery and more. Signature cocktails for all Urban Garden Party guests will be provided by Big Spring Spirits and PA Libations.

VIP ticket holders are invited to the Ceremonial VIP Party, from 6-7:30 pm. Fare will be provided by All in Good Taste Productions, and VIP ticket holders will have access to an exclusive VIP area for the entirety of the Urban Garden Party, including a dedicated restroom, courtyard and full bar provided by PA Libations and Big Spring Spirits.

General admission tickets for Urban Garden Party: Solstice are $95 [$75 for MF Members], and VIP tickets are $360 [$310 for MF Members]. Tickets are available online at mattress.org. All proceeds from the Urban Garden Party support the Mattress Factory’s artist residency program, exhibitions, public programs and educational outreach.

Midsummer Art Auction
The Mattress Factory will hold a silent auction, open to Urban Garden Party attendees and non-ticket holders alike. Bidding begins online on Monday, June 10 and continues at Garden Party. Bidders can register, view the pieces and bid at mattress.org, beginning June 10.

Sponsors
Generous support for the 2019 Urban Garden Party: Solstice has been provided by UPMC and UPMC Health Plan; 4121 Main; AIO The Eye Surgeons; Big Springs Spirits; CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc.; Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield & Allegheny Health Network; PA Libations; Allegheny General Hospital Staff; All in Good Taste Productions; Central Outreach Wellness Center; Cozen O’Connor; PJ Dick Trumbull Lindy Paving; PNC; Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC; Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh; First National Bank of Pennsylvania;
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Community Garden Party
The Mattress Factory’s annual Community Garden Party will be held Sunday, June 23, from 1-5 pm. Community Garden Party is a free, daytime event celebrating the museum’s neighbors and families. All ages are welcome, and the event is open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of summer activities, including bubbles and cyanotypes by the Mattress Factory Education department, flower crowns by Workshop PGH, face painting by Rikki and more. DJ Dave Zak will provide the day’s soundtrack, and Roadrunner Hot Dawgs & Catering will have food available for purchase.

About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 42 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.

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