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Ford House Announces New Winter Experience, “Home for the Holidays” and more for 2023

GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI (October 9, 2023) – The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and National Historic Landmark located in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, announces plans for its 2023 winter holiday programming, with “Home for the Holidays at Ford House, presented by Landscape Services, Inc.” as its anchor experience.

It may be October, but Ford House is preparing for a glittering new holiday experience that will surprise and delight visitors as they explore the historic home, grounds, and gardens. “Home for the Holidays at Ford House, presented by Landscape Services, Inc.” combines many visitor-favorite experiences from years past to create a new winter holiday experience. Not only will the enchanting estate be illuminated by thousands of sparkling lights, inviting visitors to stroll amongst the twinkling brilliance. Guests will also enjoy a self-guided tour of the historic home’s first floor, where they’ll hear captivating stories about the estate’s rich history as they take in the understated elegance of the holiday décor, inspired by Eleanor Ford’s tastes and wishes. Each ticket also includes a complimentary hot chocolate. “Home for the Holidays at Ford House, presented by Landscape Services, Inc.” starts on Friday, November 24, and continues each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through December 30. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Ford House members can enjoy the experience for \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. “Home for the Holidays at Ford House, presented by Landscape Services, Inc.” is also sponsored by Northern Trust, Bodman Attorneys & Counselors, The Rivers, Henry Ford Health, D Land Group Property Management, Frank Rewold & Sons, Wahl Tents, Brown & Brown, and Philadelphia Insurance with additional event partners, Grunwell-Cashero, Saros Real Estate Services, SmithGroup, Mary and Ron Lamparter, and PGS Dentistry.

Additional holiday experiences include the annual favorite, “Cookies with Santa,” where children meet the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus, and share their Christmas wishes with him. Parents are invited to

bring a camera to capture this magical moment. Each child receives a cookie from Santa. “Cookies with Santa” takes place on December 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 16 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per child. Ford House members pay just \$20 per child. Parents and guardians are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance as this experience routinely sells out.

Families looking for a unique dining experience can enjoy “Breakfast with Santa,” where the big man himself visits each table to chat and celebrate the season with happy families. “Breakfast with Santa” is available on December 3 and 17, with two entry times at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tickets are sold by table. A table for three is \$165, a table for four is \$220, and a table for six is \$330.

Visitors looking for a refined afternoon can enjoy Ford House’s “Holiday Tea & Tour” on December 10 at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. This traditional English tea, complete with holiday treats, takes place in the Lake Shore Room at the Visitor Center, overlooking the breathtaking views of Ford Cove and Lake St. Clair. After tea, take a stroll at your own pace through the historic home and spend time enjoying the Christmas decor. Tickets are sold by table. A table for two is \$140, a table for three is \$210, and a table for four is \$280.

And for the 21 and older crowd, Ford House invites guests to party the night away at the “Mistletoe Mingle” on Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m. Celebrate an evening of music and merriment while enjoying light refreshments and drinks. Each ticket includes a tour, appetizers, and two drink tickets. Tickets are \$70 per person, and Ford House members can attend for \$55. Guests must be 21 years of age or older on the day of the event.

Tickets for “Home for the Holidays at Ford House, presented by Landscape Services Inc.” are available for purchase online at www.fordhouse.org. Tickets for “Cookies with Santa,” “Breakfast with Santa,” “Mistletoe Mingle,” and the “Holiday Tea & Tour” are currently on sale to Ford House members and will go on sale to the public on Tuesday, October 17 at 10 a.m.

Experience the holidays at Ford House and enjoy an extraordinary celebration of family, love, and magic. Tickets and more information are available at <https://www.fordhouse.org/holidays>.

Images

For high-resolution historical and contemporary images of the shoreline, visit <https://www.fordhouse.org/holidayphotos/>. Photo credit: Courtesy of Ford House.

About Ford House

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and National Historic Landmark dedicated to preserving and sharing the legacy of the Ford Family. Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Rd. in Grosse Pointe Shores. The historic lakeside estate was the family home of Edsel Ford – Henry and Clara Ford’s only son – where he lived with his wife Eleanor and their children beginning in 1928. Since 1978, Ford House has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to share Eleanor Ford’s vision of preserving the estate for future generations through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, gardens, and grounds events. It inspires, educates, and engages visitors by exploring its unique connections to art, design, history, and the environment while celebrating family traditions and community relationships. For more information, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884- 4222, and connect with Ford House on Facebook and Instagram.