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WRR begins holiday season at historic Thistle Hill in Fort Worth

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WRR will begin the holiday season this year in Fort Worth at historic Thistle Hill, the 100-year-old mansion at 1509 Pennsylvania. On Sunday, Nov. 28, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., WRR invites listeners to Thistle Hill for refreshments, musical entertainment and a tour of the mansion decorated for the holidays.

“WRR has many listeners in Tarrant County,” WRR general manager Greg Davis said. “We are pleased to bring this special holiday event to Fort Worth. The magnificent rooms of Thistle Hill, all decked out for the holidays, are a perfect setting for the performance groups that will fill the halls and our hearts with holiday cheer. We hope many of our North Texas listeners join us for festivities.”

Thistle Hill, one of the few remaining examples of Georgian Revival architecture in the Southwest, is celebrating its Centennial this year. Thistle Hill was featured on A&E’s “America’s Castles,” and has received a Texas Historical Landmark and a National Register of Historical Places designation.

To reach Thistle Hill from I-30 near downtown Fort Worth (just west of I-35W), take the Summit Avenue/8th Avenue exit and go south. The first street with a stoplight south of I-30 is Pennsylvania Avenue, which is the street that runs in front of the house. Do not turn, but continue south one more block and turn left onto Pruitt Street.

The parking lot for Thistle Hill is halfway down the block on the left, just before the red brick wall surrounding the Thistle Hill property. It has a sign that says "Thistle Hill Parking."

WRR has arranged for the following performance groups, performance times are estimates:

Performance: 1:30 p.m.

THE MEISTERSINGERS—Under the direction of Choral Director Gloria Stephens, The Meister-singers provide first- class entertainment as they represent their school, The Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

Performance: 2:15 p.m.

TEXAS GIRLS' CHOIR—The internationally famous Texas Girls' Choir was founded in 1962 by Shirley Thompson Carter. Over the past 30 years, 20,000 girls have participated. Every year since its inception, the choir has traveled abroad, visiting more than 50 countries and performing in many of the world's great concert halls. Choral director is Debi Weir.

Performance: 3 p.m.

HARPIST GEOFFREY RICKETTS—Owner of The Geoffrey Harp School, Geoffrey Ricketts, right, has an extensive background as part of harp- centered jazz and rock group, Renaissance fair performer and recording artist.

Performance: 4 p.m.

VISAGE INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET—Comprised of international students attending Texas Christian University, the Visage International String Quartet, left, is presented by Clark Educational Services, a non-profit corporation providing volunteer services to International music students.