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## Fortnightly, Reimagined Event at Flagler Museum Reminiscent of a Flagler-era Evening Social Club

The November 19th gathering to feature a musical performance on Whitehall's original 1,249-pipe organ

PALM BEACH, FL - When Henry and Mary Lily Flagler were in residence at Whitehall, their grand island estate between 1902 and 1913, they often enjoyed hosting guests in the home's Music Room. One such group, the Fortnightly Club, was a gathering of locals and special guests who would listen to speakers and discuss current events, as well as enjoy musical performances. On November 19, 2019, at 6:30 pm, the <u>Henry Morrison Flagler Museum</u> will honor the social history of the Music Room by presenting *Fortnightly*,





Matthew Cates and Rachel Barton Pine will be performing at the Flagler Museum's "Fortnightly, Reimagined" event on November 19, 2019.

*Reimagined*, a special engagement featuring a professional musician and a music student from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts who specializes in organ performance.

This year, musician Matthew Cates will be delighting guests with the sounds of Whitehall's 1,249-pipe J.H. & C.S. Odell Co. organ, an instrument original to the home. Rachel Barton Pine will be performing exquisite violin pieces. A reception on the South Porch with both musicians will follow the performance. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and advance purchase is required. As space is limited, Executive Director Erin Manning says she anticipates the performance will sell out.

"Fortnightly, Reimagined is a special evening as it recalls the intimate social gatherings once hosted by Mary Lily Kenan Flagler in this beautiful, gilded room. The sounds of the organ reverberating around the art-lined walls lit by Baccarat crystal chandeliers is an experience completely unique to Whitehall," said Manning. "Supporting emerging and professional musicians with appreciative audiences in this intimate setting is our ultimate goal."

Support for this program is provided by The Randleigh Foundation Trust and is sponsored in part by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (561) 655-2833 ext. 27 or by visiting the Museum's website at www.flaglermuseum.us/fortnightly.

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## The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.



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The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free. Guided tours, audio tours, printed self-guide brochures and the Flagler Museum Audio Tour app are all complimentary with Museum admission. Audio tours and self-guide brochures are available in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.