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# Free Weekly Musical Performances on Historic Instruments Start on Labor Day Weekend at Flagler Museum

Blue Star Museums free admission program for military families comes to an end

PALM BEACH, FL - The <u>Henry Morrison Flagler Museum</u> (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach) is offering live musical performances to general admission visitors starting this Labor Day Weekend. It is also celebrating the final days of its free admission program honoring America's active-duty military heroes and their families.

## Organ & Piano Demonstrations

Select Sundays at 3:30 pm

#### Starting Sunday, September 5th through November 21st

Listen to live musical performances on select Sundays this Fall while taking a self-guided tour through Henry Flagler's Gilded Age-era mansion, Whitehall. For a limited time, general admission visitors may delight in the sounds of the Music Room's historic 1902 J.S. Odell and Co. organ and the custom-built 1901 Steinway and Sons model B piano on display in the Drawing Room, as they are exercised weekly as part of the Museum's collection conservation program. Local musicians will demonstrate the historic instruments with a variety of popular music including secular and spiritual pieces published or composed during the Gilded Age.

#### Blue Star Museums initiative

### Ends Sunday, September 5th

The Flagler Museum joins more than 2,000 museums and attractions across the country this summer to offer free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families as part of the Blue Star Museums initiative, in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. The Museum is pleased to share that more than 140 visitors have already enjoyed free admission this summer through the Blue Star Museums program since it began on May 15, 2021. Free admission continues to be available through Sunday, September 5th to those currently serving as Active Duty in the United States Military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) as well as Reservists, as National Guardsmen regardless of status, and in the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps and NOAA Commissioned Corps. Qualified persons must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

For more information on both general admission programs, visit www.flaglermuseum.us or call (561) 655-2833 ext. 10.

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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 changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 12 to 5 pm. For more information, call (561) 655-2833 or visit <a href="https://www.flaglermuseum.us">www.flaglermuseum.us</a>.

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