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Laurel Hill Mansion Hosts archivist and music historian Jack McCarthy



Philadelphia. The public is invited to hear archivist and music historian Jack McCarthy at 2 p.m, Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Laurel Hill Mansion in historic Fairmount Park. His multifaceted talk, **LOST SITES AND SOUNDS: MUSIC OF COLONIAL PHILADELPHIA**, will explore Philadelphia emerging musical culture in the colonial period. The cost of the program is \$15. Free parking is available and light refreshments will be served at the Mansion.

Jack McCarthy explores the music of Colonial Philadelphia from the 1670s to 1770s in a presentation that combines lecture, archival images and recorded examples featuring important individuals, events and sites that shaped the city's emerging musical culture in the Colonial period.

A long-time Philadelphia archivist and historian who has held leadership positions at several area historical organizations, Jack McCarthy is currently project director for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. Jack has a master's degree in music history and specializes in Philadelphia music history. He has served as consulting archivist/historian to The Philadelphia Orchestra and for the 2013 radio documentary *Going Black: The Legacy of Philly Soul Radio*. Jack gives walking tours on Philadelphia music history and writes on the subject for the online magazine *Hidden City Philadelphia Daily*.

Laurel Hill Mansion is one of six historic mansions in Fairmount Park managed by the City of Philadelphia's Parks and Recreation (PP&R) Department that is open for scheduled public tours and programs. The historic mansion was restored in 1976 by the Women for Greater Philadelphia. The non-profit organization's volunteers have been active in preserving and maintaining Laurel Hill Mansion ever since, while also presenting public programs that teach people about Philadelphia's rich cultural history.

All program fees are tax deductible and go toward hosting future educational programs at the Mansion.

For more information about the November 23rd program, please contact Anita McKelvey, tour guide for Laurel Hill Mansion, at authenticphiladelphia@gmail.com.

For directions to Laurel Hill Mansion, go to the website at www.laurelhillmansion.org or contact info@laurelhillmansion.org.