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**CANTIGNY APPOINTS MAGAN ASCHER
DIRECTOR OF VISITOR SERVICES**

Wheaton, Ill., November 5, 2014 — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, announced the appointment of Magan Ascher as director of visitor services, effective November 3.

Ascher will oversee the coordination and planning of park events including concerts, festivals, education classes and other special programming. She is also responsible for Cantigny's security operations and the park's membership and volunteer programs.

"We are very pleased that Magan accepted this key position," said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. "Her customer service and organizational skills are well known throughout Cantigny and just what we need to keep delivering the great experiences our visitors expect."

Ascher joined Cantigny Park in 2007 as banquet manager and most recently served as director of catering and assistant director of food and beverage. Her scope included Cantigny Golf facilities and services in addition to those at Cantigny Park.

"I'm looking forward to leading the Visitor Services team and building on the reputation Cantigny Park enjoys as one of the region's favorite destinations," Ascher said. "This is a special place that families visit for many different reasons and occasions. Our goal is to exceed their expectations every time."

Ascher holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) in hotel/restaurant travel administration with a specialization in food and nutrition.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.