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SOUL CHILDREN OF CHICAGO AT CANTIGNY JUNE 29!

High-energy gospel choir aims to inspire young people throughout the world

Wheaton, Ill., June 12, 2014 — Cantigny is pleased to welcome [Walt Whitman's Soul Children of Chicago](#) to the park for a free concert on Sunday, June 29. The singers will perform outside the First Division Museum at 3 pm.

The Soul Children of Chicago (SCC) serve the community as a non-denominational, non-profit educational organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth in Chicagoland and beyond. The 50-member Grammy Award-winning choir, founded 33 years ago by Walter Whitman, Jr., is known for its precise and energetic performances. Its sound is powerful, magnetic and inspirational.

Whitman developed SCC with a single-minded purpose: to use music as a catalyst to motivate and inspire young people throughout the world to have faith in themselves, each other and God.

Soul Children of Chicago is truly an international phenomenon. It recently finished a three-week European tour to Italy, Spain and Sweden and previous travels included Africa, Denmark, Holland and four visits to Israel. The group has even inspired the creation of more than 100 Soul Children choirs in places such as Scandinavia, Indonesia, Germany and Japan.

During intermission at the June 29 concert, the Robert R. McCormick Foundation will honor the [Chicago Freedom School](#) and members of its 2013-14 Youth Leadership Board. The Foundation will award a scholarship to each student leader and a grant to the school in support of its focus on civic leadership and community change. Chicago Freedom School students, parents, teachers and friends will be guests of Cantigny Park throughout the afternoon.

Concert seating is on the lawn; chairs and blankets are welcome. The performance, like all Sunday afternoon concerts, is complimentary and no tickets are needed.

Cantigny is open every day throughout the summer from 7 am to dusk. Parking fees are \$5 per vehicle or \$2 off-peak (after 5 pm). Annual memberships starting at \$50 include unlimited free parking. The complete schedule of summer events, classes and concerts is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the 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. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.