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**ALENA QUINTET AT McCORMICK MUSEUM FEBRUARY 14**

*Valentine's Day performance opens museum's 2016 concert series*

**Wheaton, Ill., January 14, 2016** — Cantigny Park's historic Robert R. McCormick Museum will host a complimentary performance by the Alena Quintet on Sunday, February 14, at 3 pm.

Alena Quintet is an ensemble of young artists who love sharing the gift of classical music with the community. In honor of Valentine's Day, their Cantigny concert will feature several popular love songs from movies such as "The Lion King" and "Tangled" along with romantic movements from the Mozart and Brahms Clarinet-Quintets.

Named after the Greek word for light, Alena Quintet consists of a standard string quartet and clarinet. All five musicians are students at Metea Valley High School in Aurora but the group itself is not affiliated with the school.

Concert tickets are free, but distribution is by lottery due to limited seating in the museum's historic Freedom Hall. **Those wishing to attend should call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org) by February 5.** E-mails should include a phone number. Cantigny will draw 40 names and contact winners by February 10 (limit two tickets per person). Parking is \$5.

The McCormick Museum is closed in January and will reopen on weekends in February for free guided tours. Hours in February are 10 am to 4 pm Fridays, and noon to 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The museum returns to its regular Tuesday through Sunday tour schedule in March.

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**About the Robert R. McCormick Museum**

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny Park, the Colonel's 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public.

**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails, and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions, and upcoming events, can be found online at [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, clubhouse with banquet and dining rooms, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit [www.cantignygolf.com](http://www.cantignygolf.com).