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Frost Valley's Historic Castle Turns 100

Community events celebrate the former home of the Forstmann Family

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CLARYVILLE — Frost Valley YMCA is excited to announce the centennial anniversary of the Frost Valley Castle, former home to early-1900s wool baron Julius Forstmann and his family. In celebration of this milestone, Frost Valley is hosting events that provide an opportunity for the community to honor the rich history and bright future of the Catskills region.

Castle Centennial Community Day

June 11, 2016: 1-4 pm — Families are invited to enjoy early-20th-century games and activities, in addition to tours of this historic mansion, which features antiques, furniture, and architecture from when the home was built in 1916. This event focuses on the local community, including the significance of both the Frost Valley Castle and the rich history of the Catskills region. Guests are encouraged to visit the new Blue Hill Special Events Center & Art Gallery (1471 Denning Road, Claryville) after the event to view artwork inspired by the Castle featuring local artists and students. The art exhibit takes place from 3:30pm until 5:30pm.

Castle Centennial Gala

August 27, 2016: 5:30-8:30 pm — The 100th-Anniversary Castle Gala is a cocktail and music reception to bring awareness to the "Friends of the Castle" endowment, which provides daily care for the Castle, allowing guests to experience this timeless treasure for years to come. For a fee, guests enjoy an evening of live music by pianist Justin Kolb, as well as delicious food, libations, and beautiful views.

About Justin Kolb Justin describes himself as a pianist, educator and performing arts entrepreneur. He has premiered compositions by Robert Starer, John Downey, Peter Schickele, Paul Alan Levi, William Ferris, and Robert Cucinotta. Collaborations include performances with Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Hamburg Philharmonic, Amernet String Quartet, North Shore Concert Band, William Ferris Chorale. A cofounder, Justin serves as Chairman Emeritus of the "Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice". Please visit JustinKolb.com to learn more.

About Frost Valley YMCA Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

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