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RICHMOND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE SELECTS 2018 DESIGNER HOUSE

*Designers Will Showcase Their Visions at Historic Holly Lawn on Hermitage Road,
Now Repaired after 2016 Storm*



Richmond, VA – The Richmond Symphony Orchestra League (RSOL) is delighted to announce the selection of the renowned Holly Lawn estate for the 2018 Designer House. Located in the Hermitage Road Historic District, this gorgeous Queen Anne style home completed in 1901, was once home to the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs and is on the National Historic Register of Places. Virginia’s leading interior designers will transform the 14,500 square foot home on 2.1 acres. The RSOL’s Preview Gala on September 14, 2018 from 6-10 p.m. will kick off the 18th Designer House with a fabulous party, music by Richmond Symphony Orchestra musicians, and a preview of the House. The Designer House will be open for tours from September 17 through October 14, 2018. The popular Thirsty Thursdays featuring beer, wine, live music, and home tours, will be on September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“We are thrilled that the owners have made such a generous contribution to open Holly Lawn as our 18th Designer House to support the Richmond Symphony,” said Ann Burks, RSOL President. “Not only is Holly Lawn famous for its historic significance, more recently, many Richmonders will remember the storm of June 2016 that sent a majestic 175-year-old red oak crashing into the front facade of the home. It took nearly two years to painstakingly repair the home to maintain its historic majesty.”



Holly Lawn has been hailed as “one of the best examples of the Queen Anne style in the state of Virginia.” (Chris Novelli, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond Times Dispatch, 8/23/2016). Holly Lawn’s main home features five bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, a sun porch, a library, a living room, a formal dining room, a spacious foyer, a kitchen with a butler’s pantry, and a sweeping Southern style front porch. An addition with four additional living spaces was completed in 1973. One of the earlier homeowners named the estate “Holly Lawn” for the beautiful imagery provided by the holly trees lining the grounds.

The RSOL will begin the designer selection process by offering Virginia’s top interior designers a walk-through in March. Designers will then submit an extensive application detailing their design proposal. The RSOL will announce designer selections in May 2018.

Proceeds from the Designer House, which attracts 7,000 visitors, will benefit the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. The Richmond Symphony Orchestra League would like to thank Kroger, the Designer House Title Sponsor; *Richmond Magazine/R-Home*, the Media Sponsor; and the Elizabeth G. Schneider Charitable Trust for its generous continued support.

Information, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities for the Designer House and the Preview Gala can be found at www.rsol.org. Follow all Designer House activities and news on Facebook (facebook.com/RICHMONDSYMPHONYORCHESTRALEAGUE), Instagram (@richmondsymphonyorchleague), Twitter (@RSOLLeague) and www.rsol.org.

About the RSOL

Founded in 1958, the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League supports the growth and development of the Richmond Symphony. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization, dedicated volunteers develop robust programs and activities that contribute to Richmond’s cultural vibrancy and cultivate music appreciation and education amongst Richmond’s diverse community. The RSOL provides consistent, substantial financial support to the Richmond Symphony through annual fundraising, and an endowment and loan fund available to Richmond Symphony musicians.

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