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Press Release

British-American Connections Pittsburgh (BACP) is pleased to announce:

- 1. Britsburgh Societies launch**
- 2. Britsburgh Performing Arts Society - Prime Stage Theater's collaboration on George Orwell's classic '1984'**
- 3. Britsburgh Art Society – The Frick Art & Historical Center's collaboration on 'Collecting Legacies – Titans in Tandem: Henry Clay Frick and Pierpont Morgan'**
- 4. New Coat of Arms**

Pittsburgh, PA, February 4, 2017: Nonprofit British-American Connections Pittsburgh (BACP), today is pleased to announce the launch of “The Britsburgh Societies”. Britsburgh Societies provide individuals, communities and organizations in Pittsburgh with an opportunity to engage in an interest, cause or purpose related to the UK; meet and associate with like-minded people with similar interests; enjoy and delve into themes or topics of interest, whether they be cultural, educational, historic, etc.

“Following the success of the 2nd Annual Britsburgh festival last September, the Board resolved to redirect the organization to be sustainable and meaningful for the people and communities of Pittsburgh over the next 5 years,” said Robert Charlesworth, Chair of the Board of BACP. “Britsburgh Societies, events and our festival will be designed to build bridges across all Pittsburgh communities. Celebrating the long standing connections Pittsburgh has with all things British!”

Today we are launching the “Britsburgh Performing Arts Society”, the “Britsburgh Art Society” and the umbrella “Britsburgh Society”, which allows members to participate in any and all other societies. During 2017 we will also launch the “Britsburgh Beer Society”, “Britsburgh Tea Society and the “Britsburgh Literature Society”. “We thought of about 15 societies with a British theme that would work well,” said Roger Cranville, Business Development Director and Past President. “Beer is a no brainer, but we need to find enthusiastic Brits and anglophiles to get societies like the ‘Dog’ or ‘Innovators’ societies off the ground. We are definitely looking for people and partners to help.”

Societies are coordinated by the Britsburgh Team, a group of Brits and anglophiles providing opportunities and experiences for individuals, households and corporations (at an affordable monthly membership rate). Societies will meet throughout the year and all societies plan to meet during the week of the Britsburgh Festival (September 5-10, 2017). Members can join one or multiple societies individually or as a household. BACP will also provide a number of free memberships to deserving communities in Pittsburgh.

Joining is simple: <http://bit.ly/Britsburghmembership>

Britsburgh Performing Arts Society

The Britsburgh Performing Arts Society meets for the first time on February 16, 2017 in Lawrenceville. The Britsburgh Team has collaborated with Prime Stage Theater to provide insights on British author George Orwell, an inside the cover look at the book ‘1984’ and a behind the curtain glimpse of the play 1984, to run at the New Hazlett Theatre Center for Performing Arts - March 3-12, 2017.

Discussion leader Jeff Williams (CMU), play director Richard Keitel (Point Park University and Prime Stage) and cast members will present their views followed by a discussion moderated by Jeff Williams. Register for the February 16th event at <http://bit.ly/Britsburgh1984panel>

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Prime Stage Theater presents 1984, the play adapted from Orwell's masterpiece, from Saturday March 4th 2017. On March 5th Prime Stage and Britsburgh present a very special performance of 1984, with VIP tickets available to meet Richard Blair, George Orwell's son.

Britsburgh Art Society

The Britsburgh Team is also pleased to announce the first co-sponsored Britsburgh Art Society event on April 18th 2017 at the Frick Pittsburgh: *Collecting Legacies – Titans in Tandem: Henry Clay Frick and Pierpont Morgan*. Two Brits, Robin Nicholson, Director of the Frick Pittsburgh and Colin Bailey, Director of the Morgan Library & Museum, NYC, will lead the event. Robin Nicholson, a BACP Board Member, will head the Britsburgh Art Society.

New Coat of Arms



The BACP Board of Directors and the Britsburgh Team are pleased to launch its new Coat of Arms. The Coat of Arms highlights the British heritage and connections between the Pittsburgh region and the United Kingdom stretching from General John Forbes, Prime Minister William Pitt the Elder in 1758 to 2017, a 259-year friendship that the BACP and Britsburgh celebrates, promotes, and cultivates.

About British-American Connections Pittsburgh

BACP aka "The Britsburgh team" is a nonprofit 501c6 focused on "Building bridges across communities by driving growth in British-American culture, history, tradition and trade in Pittsburgh". During 2017, BACP intends to establish a 501c3 charitable organization to better facilitate its mission.