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WAVE HILL TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

Wave Hill, one of more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer

Bronx, NY, May 23, 2011 –Wave Hill announces its participation in Blue Star Museums, a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 1,300 museums across America to offer **free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2011**. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. A public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River, Wave Hill is open Tuesdays through Sundays, from 9AM to 5:30PM.

Blue Star Museums is a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts and more than 1,324 museums in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and American Samoa. Blue Star Families is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, with a mission to support, connect and empower military families. The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts – both new and established – bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Wave Hill is one of five Bronx cultural institutions participating in the initiative.

The free admission program is available to active-duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members. For the complete list of participating museums, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The site also includes a map to help with planning visits.

Location: Wave Hill at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue in the Bronx, New York

Hours: Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday, 9am–5:30pm and major Monday holidays including: Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, Jul. 4 and Labor Day, Sep. 5
Closes 4:30pm, October 15–April 14.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 students & seniors 65+, \$2 children 6–18. *Free Tuesday, Saturday until noon. Free to Members, children under 6*

Directions: Getting here is easy! Located only 30 minutes from midtown Manhattan, Wave Hill’s free shuttle van transport you to and from our front gate and Metro-North’s Riverdale station, the W. 242 St. stop on the #1 subway line, and to and from our free offsite parking lot. *Limited onsite parking is available for \$8 per vehicle. Complete directions and shuttle bus schedule at www.wavehill.org.*

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill’s mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.