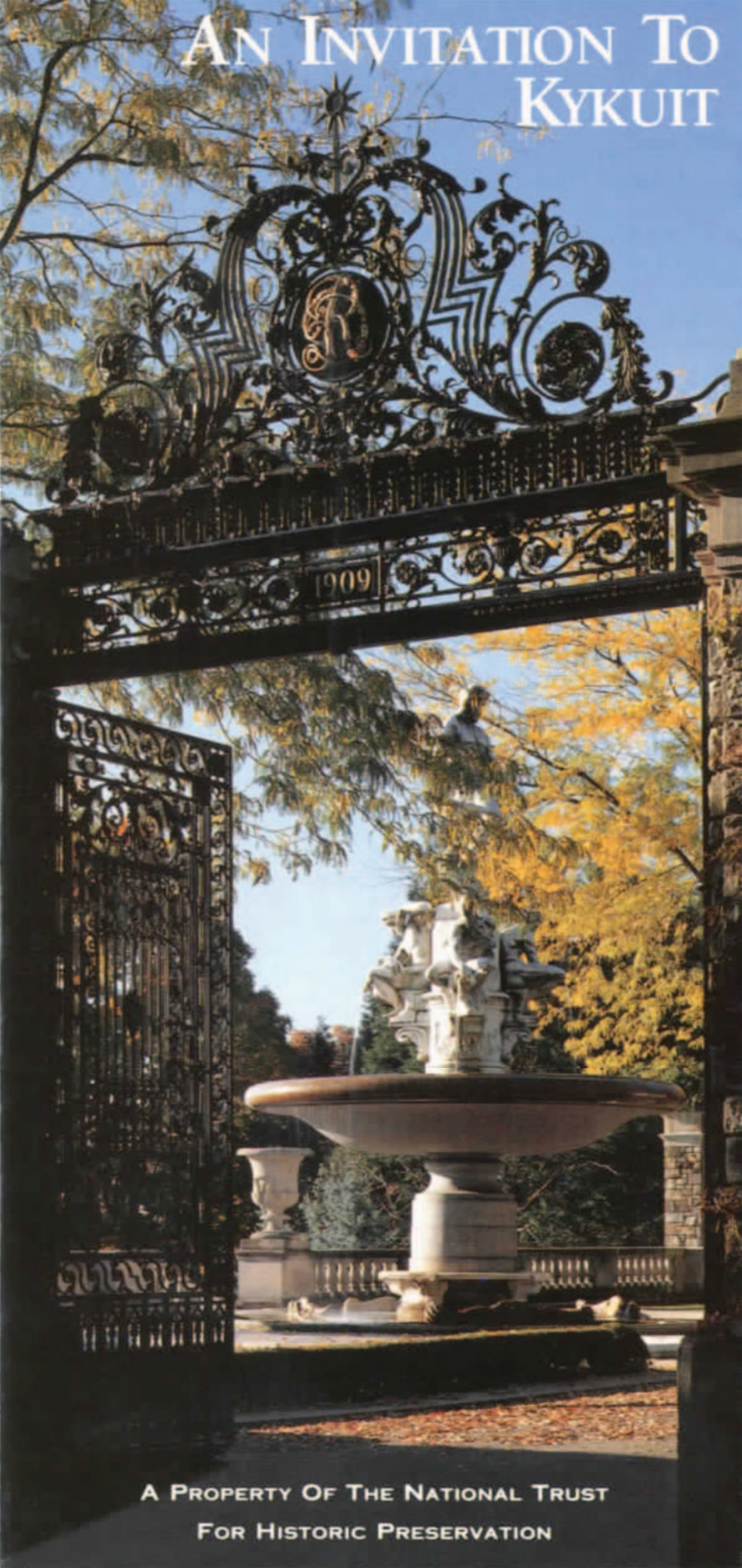


AN INVITATION TO KYKUIT



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*I*N SPRING THE GATES LEADING TO KYRKUIT SWING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. HOME TO FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY, KYRKUIT (PRONOUNCED KYE-CUT) COMMANDS A BREATHTAKING VIEW OF THE HUDSON RIVER AND OCCUPIES A LANDSCAPE OF EXTENSIVE STONE TERRACES, FORMAL GARDENS, AND GLORIOUS FOUNTAINS.

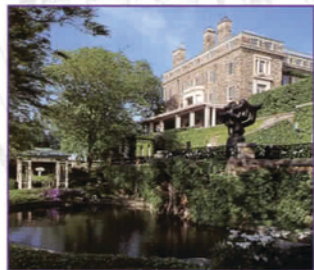
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*T*HE GARDENS INCLUDE GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER'S EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF 20TH-CENTURY SCULPTURE. THE HOUSE ITSELF CONTAINS FASCINATING COLLECTIONS OF ART, FINE FURNITURE, AND CHINESE CERAMICS. HORSEDRAWN VEHICLES AND CLASSIC AUTOMOBILES FROM THE FAMILY'S COLLECTION FILL THE COACH BARN.



— *Kykuit* —

*J*ohn D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Company and a philanthropist of unprecedented generosity, delegated the task of building Kykuit to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Working in close partnership with leading architects Delano & Aldrich and William Welles Bosworth, and architect/decorator Ogden Codman, the younger



West facade. Photo: Ted Spiegel.

Kykuit remains one of the finest and best preserved Beaux Arts houses in the nation.

Rockefeller completed the neo-classical country house and gardens for his parents in 1913.

*J*ohn D. Rockefeller, Jr., himself a renowned philanthropist and business leader, and his wife Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, a distinguished art collector, lived in the house after 1937. One of their six children, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, and his family began a 19 year occupancy in 1960. In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford dedicated Kykuit as a National Historic Landmark.



Music Room. Photo: Ping Amranand.

*T*hrough the years, the Rockefeller family spent relaxed, private country weekends and vacations at Kykuit in the company of friends and

associates. Among them were numerous world leaders, heads of state, four United States presidents, and experts in many fields. Kykuit was often a setting for important discussions and decision-making affecting the Rockefeller family's wide-ranging philanthropic interests. The generously proportioned rooms and three floors of bedrooms, expansive gardens and adjacent recreational facilities (including a golf course) made Kykuit ideally suited as a place for informal gatherings and Rockefeller family events.

Visitors will tour the entire main floor of the house and the art galleries below, and then move to a series of dramatically



The Gallery. Photo: Billy Cunningham
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terraced gardens filled with flowering trees and shrubs, roses, fountains, classical sculpture, and other ornamental features. In the gardens, visitors will find masterpieces of 20th century sculpture by Henry Moore, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, and many others, all collected and carefully placed by Governor Rockefeller.

A stop at the coach



Lippincott II (1969) by James Rosati
Photo: Ted Spiegel.

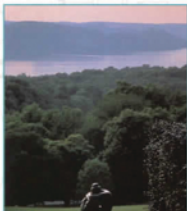
barn to see the carriages and vintage automobiles will conclude the tour.

Visits to the estate begin at historic Philipsburg Manor, on Rt. 9 in North Tarrytown, NY, just 45 minutes north of Manhattan.

An introductory film, cafe, a gift and book shop, and free parking are available. Visitors will then be driven to Kykuit by shuttle for the approximately two hour visit.

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Night (1905) by Aristide Maillol
Photo: Mary Louise Pierson.



A 1918 Cruse Simplex in front of the Coach Barn. Photo: Mich Hales.

Visits to

Kykuit make very special outings and are offered primarily by pre-paid reservation; visitors without a reservation will be accommodated if tickets are available. Please call Historic Hudson Valley at (914) 631-9491, to guarantee your space. Major credit cards are accepted.



The Rose Garden. Photo: Ted Spiegel.



Kykuit, Northeast Elevation
HABS — McCauley

BACKGROUND: Kykuit, Gardens Plan
HABS — McCauley

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Fund's philanthropic programs. Historic Hudson Valley, a network of museum properties founded in 1951 as Sleepy Hollow Restorations by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

administers the visitation program.

*T*o reach the Kykuit visitor center at Philipsburg Manor from the New York Thruway, take exit 9 and go 2 miles north on Rt. 9; via I-95, the Hutchinson River, or the Merritt Parkways, take I-287 West, and follow signs to the Thruway. Philipsburg Manor is also accessible via Metro North Railroad (Tarrytown Station) from Grand Central Station. For information on boat trips to Kykuit from Manhattan and New Jersey call 1-800-53-FERRY.

*F*or reservations or further information, please call (914) 631-9491.