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DRAYTON HALL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT THE PREVIEW PARTY FOR THE CHARLESTON SHOW

CHARLESTON, SC FEBRUARY 13, 2023: Drayton Hall Preservation Trust announces exhibit of rare ceramics from Drayton Hall's archaeological and decorative arts collections alongside intact examples.

The Drayton Hall Exhibit features rare ceramics from its archaeological and decorative arts collections alongside intact examples on loan from private collectors who were inspired by these remarkable artifacts. Drayton Hall is the only property in the world, for example, to have recovered black delft archaeologically. Another exceptional vessel, the “Barbarini” or Portland Vase, created as Josiah Wedgwood’s crowning ceramic achievement, was recorded by Charles Drayton (1743–1820) as arriving at Drayton Hall in March of 1802.

Internationally renowned ceramic artist, Michelle Erickson, is also recreating two delft flower urns from archaeological examples discovered at Drayton Hall. Sarah Stroud Clarke, Drayton Hall Director of Museum Affairs remarks, “The objects displayed in the exhibit represent some of the finest ceramics available in the 18th century.”

The Preview Party for The Charleston Show is on March 16, 2023, at Festival Hall in Downtown Charleston, SC; VIP Reception — 6:00 pm; Opening Night Party — 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: www.bit.ly/DHExhibit

About Drayton Hall Preservation Trust

Drayton Hall Preservation Trust is a 501c3 non-profit organization which operates Drayton Hall, a historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation located in the Ashley River Historic District of Charleston, South Carolina. The first fully executed Palladian edifice in North America, Drayton Hall was established by John Drayton in 1738. In addition to the main house Drayton Hall is an active archaeological site that includes a postbellum caretaker’s house, visitor center with orientation hall and exhibit galleries, and a vast landscape complete with ornamental features, rice fields, and the African American Cemetery. For more information about Drayton Hall, visit www.draytonhall.org.

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