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***Interlude 2018***  
***A Venetian Masquerade***  
Saturday May 12, 2018, 6:30PM

**The Whistler House Museum of Art Presents  
Interlude 2018: A Venetian Masquerade**



Painting by Janet Lambert Moore

LOWELL, MA: The Whistler House Museum of Art will host its annual "Interlude" on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the historic birthplace of James McNeill Whistler on 243 Worthen Street in Lowell.

This year, the Whistler House Museum of Art presents "A Venetian Masquerade," an homage to the beautiful city of Venice that coincides with the 2018 Spring Exhibition, *The Allure of Venice*. A quintessential New Englander, Walter F. Lansil (1846-1925) found some of his richest inspiration and enduring subjects in the time he spent in Venice in the 1880s. At the same time, artists such as James McNeill Whistler and Frank Singer Sargent also found themselves in the highly regarded canal city. For the first time, the most noteworthy maritime and Venetian works of Lansil are gathered in a beautifully curated exhibition presented by the Whistler House Museum of Art and Fry Fine Arts.

The fundraising festivities will open with a cocktail party at 6:30 p.m. and continue with an Italian Feast at 7:30 p.m. The Interlude will feature entertainment by Ralph Funaro and a raffle highlighting an original work of art of Venice by Tom Gill and Janet Lambert Moore.

Dress is Black Tie Optional, and masquerade masks are encouraged. Guests are encouraged to dress in their best for a night of fun on the Grand Canal.

The event, including fine wines, culinary delicacies, and enchanting music of the region is a \$125 per person donation, or \$115 for members. Proceeds from "A Venetian Masquerade" will benefit the Whistler House Museum of Art programs and art restoration projects.

To purchase tickets online: [click here](#).

For reservations or more information call 978-452-7641 or email us at [mtimmins@whistlerhouse.org](mailto:mtimmins@whistlerhouse.org).

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*The Whistler House Museum of Art, located in Lowell, Massachusetts, is the historic birthplace of the famous American artist, James McNeill Whistler. Established in 1878 as the Lowell Art Association Inc., it is the oldest incorporated art association in the United States. The WHMA is known internationally for its distinguished collection of 19th and early 20th century New England representational art, including works by Whistler, Gorky, and Sargent. The historic home hosts many exhibits, lectures, concerts, educational and community programs, and an array of social events in the residence, Parker Gallery, and adjoining Victorian park. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm.*



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